

**LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 6, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz  
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr  
Councilman James Akt  
Councilman Ron Thiele  
Councilman David Leamon

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Hedwig Brush, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Sophia Martynec, Martha Tully and Caroline Akt.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. The Board members reviewed the Minutes and Monthly Reports and the Correspondence. Supervisor Rajsz reported they will need to do a Resolution to amend the Noise Permits for Camp Lokanda, noting the owner has requested they extend the time limit on three days to 11:30 p.m. as they had done last year. Supervisor Rajsz reported they received Noise Permits request from the Mohican Lake Resort and will be receiving ones from Brookwood Camp.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she received an email from Joan Rosenfelt again regarding the feral cat issue in her neighborhood, noting Rosenfelt has repeatedly asked the Town to do something and Rosenfelt is saying nothing is being done. Supervisor Rajsz reported Rosenfelt does not want the DCO to take the cats to the Humane Society because they will euthanize them and Rosenfelt has suggested the Town supply a low cost spaying and neutering at the Town's expense. Supervisor Rajsz stated she would not spend taxpayers' money for this kind of program and cannot singlehandedly make any decisions regarding this issue. Supervisor Rajsz noted the Town Board has empowered the DCO to take the cats to the Humane Society. Sophia Martynec reported there was an article in the newspaper that stated Port Jervis was holding a fund raiser to pay for a spay/neuter program for the feral cats and Sophia suggested Rosenfelt hold a fund raiser campaign to help control the feral cat population. Councilman Carr agreed that was a good idea. Councilman Leamon questioned if there were any grants available for this kind of program?

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Supervisor Rajszyk reported the UDC held an Anniversary celebration and she received an award as a past chair of the UDC. Supervisor Rajszyk noted she is still the chair of the Scenic Byways.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported on the Pond Eddy Bridge replacement project, noting the recent article in the newspaper released information that they have come to an agreement that the bridge replacement will not be as big as originally planned and cost a little less than originally planned. Supervisor Rajszyk reported they met as a subgroup of the actual design group put together by PennDot, noting that the group consists of the Town of Lumberland, Town of Highland, John Connelly, County Historian, Glen Pontier of the Renaissance and Laurie from the UDC to fight the replacement of the bridge. Supervisor Rajszyk reported Senator Bonacic and Aileen Gunther were also there. Councilman Carr noted they were suppose to hear back in January of any further decision but did not hear anything until now. Supervisor Rajszyk reported Pennsylvania wants to replace the bridge at all costs. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that New York State came up with a newer design for a 40 ton bridge, 32 feet high, with one lane and a walking path. Supervisor Rajszyk also noted that this newer version is coming in at \$9 million cost which is considerably lower than the original plan. Supervisor Rajszyk reported the work will interrupt the flow of traffic on Rt. 97 and river traffic on the Delaware, noting work should start in 2014.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Grant Writer got an \$800 grant from the DVAA for the Cultural Series Concerts. Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Sullivan County Pride Awards ceremony was yesterday and Alex Grech had a representative accept his award for him. Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Sullivan County RSVP award this year will go to Sophia Martynec, with the ceremony being next week. Martynec noted that she will not be able to attend the ceremony. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that, she, along with Councilman Carr and the Town Clerk will be attending the ceremony next week.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that on Friday the Scenic Byways held a meeting with the DOT regarding signage along Rt. 97. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that they would like to do a sign directing people to the Town Hall and that the Kadampa Meditation Center has discussed putting up a sign for their facility. Supervisor Rajszyk reported they are looking into having signs made, noting that the Scenic Byways signs would go in the parking area and along Rt. 97. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that a guiderail is needed at the Brown Carr site and that they will be fixing the picnic areas.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she is on the transportation committee that is looking into what kind of transportation is available in the Sullivan County area, noting the Town of Lumberland has no public transportation. Councilman Carr noted we are not the only town without any form of

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transportation other than family and friends. Supervisor Rajsz reported they are looking for people to serve on the transportation committee.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they are looking for people to work on a committee to look into forming an access site to the river within our town.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Councilman Leamon is on the committee that is reviewing the zoning law, noting she has talked to Dave Sparling who is recuperating from surgery and would like the committee to wait until Sparling is able to attend the review meetings. Councilman Leamon reported he met with the Town Clerk to review the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the codification of our town laws. The Highway Superintendent stated he would be available for the zoning review when he is needed.

Supervisor Rajsz questioned what the status was on the bond issue and whether we could pay off the last existing bond early? Councilman Leamon reported he sent it out for review and is waiting for a reply.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Highway Dept. employee Skip Schroeder is retiring at the end of the month and questioned if they should be advertising for this position? The Highway Superintendent reported he will talk to the Town Board when he is ready to advertise, noting that his budget is getting short and he would have to cut his road repair budget to put more monies into personnel. The Highway Superintendent stated he would go through the interview process. The Highway Superintendent stated that he will look for qualifications such as they must have a CDL and equipment and plowing experience, with being 21 years old and have a clean driver's license.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they have been reviewing the Constables' manual and are noting a couple of changes: #1 –the limit for purchases needs to be changed from \$200 to \$500 to coincide with our updated Procurement Policy, and #2 – hiring requirements should include training from an accredited police academy. Councilman Leamon also recommended noting the distinction between a police officer and a peace officer with actual experience with a police agency. Supervisor Rajsz noted the Chief Constable recommended prior police training and experience. Supervisor Rajsz reported that they have not found any reference to how many constables are allowed but discussed this with the Chief Constable who has recommended designating per diem officers. Councilman Akt noted that at one time we had

11 constables. Councilman Leamon questioned if they would have to increase the cost for uniforms and equipment if we have more officers? Supervisor Rajsz noted they increased

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from the current number of 7 to bring on any additional personnel at a limited cost. Supervisor Rajsz noted we only have part time officers and do not offer benefits.

Supervisor Rajsz questioned the status of the new section of the cemetery? The Highway Superintendent reported they are doing all right, that the next phase will be to level off the area for the relocation of the shed. Supervisor Rajsz requested the Highway Superintendent arrange for someone to come in to move the shed, noting it has to be someone that is insured. The Board members agreed it would be worth spending the money to have someone come in and move the shed.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she talked to Ronen from Camp Lokanda regarding the decrease in the time limit on the requested Noise Permits submitted. Supervisor Rajsz noted Ronen verified that 3 days had been extended last year and was requesting 3 days the time frame be extended again this year. Councilman Carr stated that Ronen should submit the 3 days he is requesting that the time limit be extended to 11:30 p.m. and they can approve the amended days.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she met with Steve Kaufman from P&N Alarm Systems to review what we would need for alarms on the buildings and the Highway Garage. Supervisor Rajsz reported she made Charlie Fallon in charge of security for the buildings, noting his suggestion was to have a secure inside door and alarming all of the rooms, with key pads for the outside doors. The Highway Superintendent questioned using the security cameras. Supervisor Rajsz stated that security of equipment is a priority. Councilman Akt stated they should have motion detectors, especially if someone were to throw a rock through a window the alarm will go off. Councilman Leamon noted they should get a discount on insurance once the alarms systems are installed. Supervisor Rajsz noted the amounts of the cost for installation and the cost for annual monitoring, noting the installation for the offices would be \$2,500.00 with an annual fee of \$264, optional keypad by Court Room would be \$255 and additional motion sensors would be \$165, installation and labor & materials for the Senior Center area would be \$665 with no annual monitoring charge for the senior center. Supervisor Rajsz reported there is an option for security cameras would cost \$2,000.00 for the buildings here and the perimeter of the Highway garage would be \$3,000.00. The Highway Superintendent stated they could not do the salt shed building, only the entrance to the garage and the parking lot. Supervisor Rajsz requested the Board members review the alarm system that is proposed, noting these are separate quotes for the security system and the camera system.

Supervisor Rajsz requested the Board members review the Ethics law that the Town Attorney has submitted and they will address it at next month's meeting.

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The Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions. Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Town's part time maintenance personnel performed the river corridor trash pickup last year and they are willing to do it again this year. Martha Tully reported they were charged for parking their vehicle last year while doing the trash pick up. Councilman Leamon questioned if the trash pick up was along private or public property? Supervisor Rajszyk noted we used to get monies from the NPS to do the trash pick up on the public lands but those funds are no longer available and we still want to continue to beautify the Town of Lumberland. Supervisor Rajszyk noted we are getting less monies for the Constables to do the river corridor patrol.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Summer Youth Program was not on the list of appointments in January because we do not know who will be working until it gets closer to the season. Supervisor Rajszyk noted this year's appointments will be the same as last year, noting they had between 107-109 kids last year and the Program Director has requested we add the names of the 2 additional aides used last year to be used this year, if needed. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the Girls and Boys Clubs got more funding than the local Summer programs. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that our Summer Youth Program is not exclusive to Town of Lumberland youths, noting that we have a lot that come in from out of town for the summer.

Councilman Carr reported he was approached about having the Constables working 2 nights during the week in the summertime, and it was requested that if the Town has to call the 911 center they should not be calling the Sheriff's or the State Police because it takes too long for them to get here. Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Sheriff's Dept. is short help and they have to handle the whole County. The Highway Superintendent reported that when a call goes into the com center the nearest car responds, whether it is the Constables, Sheriff's or State Trooper. Councilman Carr also reported there have been complaints about the airplanes on the weekends and he was told they have to get the airplane number to report it. Supervisor Rajszyk noted they do not know where these airplanes are coming from. Councilman Carr reported he checked with some of his contacts at the airport where he used to work and they will check with other airports to see who is flying in Sullivan County. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that Camp Simcha runs helicopter rides for the sick kids and they have agreed to no longer fly over the area but stay along the river. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that a town on Long Island enacted a law that prohibits flying over residential neighborhoods and it is a recourse they may have to look into.

The Town Clerk reported that at their recent Town Clerks' Conference they were presented with a program that would allow the Town Clerks' offices to sell EZ pass packets. The Town Clerk noted they were very interested in this program and will have the Town Attorney review the paperwork before proceeding with a request to the Town Board to approve going ahead with the program.

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Councilman Leamon reported he attended the hearing on the Sarna bankruptcy case, noting Mr. Sarna did not show up for the hearing. Councilman Leamon noted there is another hearing set for this week, noting Sarna has not paid people he owes money to. Councilman Akt stated that if the bills are not paid the property could be auctioned off.

The Highway Superintendent questioned using security cameras at the highway garage. Supervisor Rajsz stated that the first phase of the security system is to secure the buildings. The Highway Superintendent reported he has INVIRO CLEAN coming in to go over their program and the DEC plan for the bus garage, which is not considered a bulk storage facility. Councilman Leamon questioned if there were any requirements to keep records on security cameras? The Deputy Town Clerk will check the records retention schedule for any requirements.

Councilman Thiele reported that Billy McKerrell has requested permission for the Shafer Brothers to bring in equipment to Circle Park to remove the trees that have fallen on the nature trail. Councilman Thiele noted there will be no charge for this service. The Highway Superintendent reported that someone from the highway dept. will be going to Pennsylvania to pick up the material for the ball fields.

Supervisor Rajsz reported there will be no Workshop Meeting in June because the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk will be away at a Records Management School. Supervisor Rajsz made a recommendation that, instead of having a monthly workshop meeting, the Town Board have 2 regular meetings, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month, with the first half hour of each meeting to go over the agenda and the regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. The Town Clerk noted that if you change the dates of your meetings it will have to be done by resolution and be advertised.

The Board reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn Town Clerk