

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 9, 2012

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012, 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 Jay Shafer

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Code Enforcement Officer David Sparling, Sophia Martynec, Martha Tully, Caroline Akt, David Leamon, Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr. and a resident of Hollow Road.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. The Board reviewed the Minutes, the Monthly Reports and Correspondence. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if there was a Constables Report, whereas, the Town Clerk verified she had not received one yet but should receive it by Wednesday. Supervisor Rajsz noted the Chief Constable is back at work from his temporary leave of absence.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she got a letter from the DOT giving approval for the placement of the sign along Rt. 97. The Highway Superintendent reported that he was just waiting for the final approval to place the sign.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Item #13 was received today which was a letter that was sent from the Upper Delaware Council to the Sullivan County Planning & Environmental Management Commissioner regarding support for a Pond Eddy River Access Parking Study Project.

The Board members reviewed the Resolutions. Supervisor Rajsz reported Resolution #103 was to schedule a Public Hearing for the extension of the Smallwood-Mongaup Fire District to include the Chapin Estates subdivision that is located in the Town of Lumberland. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the Attorney for the Chapin Estates subdivision will be at the Wednesday night Town Board meeting.

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Supervisor Rajsz noted each Resolution, noting the last one was a late file for the Mohican Lake Resort Noise Permits request. Supervisor Rajsz reported that there was a Proclamation as a memorial to Greg Bodnaruik.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the Town Attorney emailed an updated Ethics Law, which has been given to all the Board members along with the old Ethics Law and requested the Board members look them over to discuss at next month's meeting.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that resident Carl Henschel will be 105 on August 16th and she is working on a celebration in honor of his birthday.

Supervisor Rajsz discussed the need for security cameras in the vicinity of the park and the back parking lot where people are dumping garbage. Martha Tully reported she had seen someone dumping garbage and reported it because it had paperwork with names on it. Councilman Akt stated we should get a quote from P&N Alarm Company. The Town Clerk noted there had been a previous incident where she watched a woman dump household garbage in the Town dumpster in the back parking lot and she got the license plate from the vehicle and gave it to the constables. Councilman Shafer stated they should have the Constables and the Town Attorney come to the Board meeting and explain the what they can do about security.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the letter that was sent regarding the study for river access sites is in support of identifying the Pond Eddy area as an access site, which is near the Pond Eddy bridge. Supervisor Rajsz reported there is grant monies from OSI, town sources and other sources for the study to establish more parking. Councilman Shafer questioned how this would affect the town? Supervisor Rajsz reported it would not affect the Town because the property being used is owned by the County.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she attended a meeting on June 27th with Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Gunther, Town of Highland Supervisor Andy Boyar, Glenn Pontier, Councilman Carr and several others to discuss the Pond Eddy bridge project. Supervisor Rajsz reported they all felt the same way about the replacement of the Pond Eddy bridge and that it is a one way project, noting it would only serve the people of Pennsylvania. Supervisor Rajsz noted that if the project were to take place it would block river traffic and traffic on Rt. 97. Supervisor Rajsz reported the project is now on hold for 6 months.

Supervisor Rajsz requested Board members look over the climate smart pledge that had been previously tabled and address any issues or concerns they have with the pledge.

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Supervisor Rajsz noted there is money at the state level if the pledge is approved, noting Carol Roig will be here August 6th to discuss this issue.

Supervisor Rajsz noted the UDC is doing their annual raft trip on August 5th. Supervisor Rajsz reported that there will be an reenactment of the Battle of Minisink on July 26th with the celebration starting on July 20th.

Supervisor Rajsz reported there is a new TAG grant due August 31st which she has asked the Grant Writer to look into to write an update of our emergency plan for the town. Supervisor Rajsz reported that Sullivan County had updated their plan 2 years ago, noting she will look into having Glen Gadalia to do the update.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she received a projected plan from Plen Plex regarding the LOSAP program for retirement for the Fire Dept. volunteers. Supervisor Rajsz noted that Resolution #106 was for approval for the contract with this company to proceed with putting together the LOSAP program. Councilman Shafer stated they should decide what amounts they want to do before signing any agreement. Supervisor Rajsz recommended a 5 year buy back program, noting nothing has been voted on yet. Supervisor Rajsz stated they need to decide by September so that this can be put on the ballot in November. Councilman Akt noted that they missed it last year because they did not have enough time. Councilman Shafer recommended going with the \$600.00 per member annually, with a total of \$21,867.00 the town would have to put in annually, and a 3 year buy back plan. Councilmen Akt and Carr agreed with the 3 year buy back. Ann Steimle stated that they will rely on the Town Board's decision regarding the financing of the program, noting they would take what the Town Board wants to give them. Councilman Shafer stated, again, that they need to make these decisions before signing a contract. Steimle noted that not everyone will qualify so we would not be buying back every member. Supervisor Rajsz noted there are 22 active members, and Steimle reported that only 16 will qualify. Steimle noted that only those that have been in service longer will benefit from the buy back. Supervisor Rajsz reported she will call the Town Attorney and verify the terms agreed upon.

Councilman Akt reported he called the school bus garage and will have the maintenance man and the Town Engineer look at the building to assess what needs to be done. Supervisor Rajsz requested Councilman Akt call the Town Engineer.

Councilman Akt reported he called the crane guy and is waiting to hear from him as to when he can come to place the generator onto the pad. Councilman Akt noted that there will be a difference from \$500 to \$1,200 to get a crane and is hoping the first guy can

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come in for the \$500. Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Sparling, reported the cement on the pad is cured.

Sophia Martynec questioned if there had been any more problems from last year with smells and other issues from Camp Simcha? Supervisor Rajs reported they have not received any complaints so far this year other than noise, noting there will be a meeting set up with the owner of the camp and the surrounding residents.

David Leamon questioned the proposed Local Law #3, 2012 which was for an amendment for the new zoning, noting that it seems this Local Law will only benefit one person, which would be Ed Gavalla who is a Planning Board member. Supervisor Rajs stated she was told there were a few applications before the Planning Board that would be affected and recommended Leamon ask the Planning Board Attorney for clarification. Leamon stated that a section of the new law already permits the Planning Board to waive the zoning. Leamon questioned why do we have to do a Local Law to benefit one person? Supervisor Rajs stated that Leamon should pose that question to the Town Attorney who will be at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday night. Councilman Shafer noted that Gavalla attended some of the zoning rewrite committee meetings. Leamon stated it looked as though we were creating 2 classes of people, one on the inside and those on the outside and looks like we are creating a law for a Planning Board member which sets a dangerous precedent and opens the town to a lawsuit.

A resident reported her neighbor had two eagles on their property, one of which was injured and didn't know who to call. The resident noted they called the DEC and the Parks Service but by the time anyone responded the eagles were gone. Ann Steimle recommended contacting the Milford Raptor Rescue unit.

The Board reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk