

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The Lumberland Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board members met at 6:45 p.m. and reviewed and initialed vouchers.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Jenny Mellan
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman
Councilman Joseph Carr
Councilman James Akt
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Rose Carr, Sarah Mitchell from the Sunshine Free Library, Cathy & Bill Konival, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, Code Enforcement Officer David Sparling, , Historian Frank Schwarz, Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Supervisor's Clerk Heidi Spannos, Supervisor's Bookkeeper Jeanne Mulcahey, Cathy Sterling, Susan Gregg, Helga Rupnick, Sigrid & Robert King, Yaron Fidler, Allison Wagner, Amardor Laput, Christine Smetanuik, Griffin Major, Bohdan Kandiuk, Zangmo and Amy Schwartz from Kadampa Meditation Center, David Riley, Dave Hulse from the River Reporter, Kaitlin Haas from the Sullivan County Democrat and a couple of unnamed residents.

Supervisor Mellan reported that before they commence their regular meeting there was a representative from the Sunshine Free Library that would like to give a presentation. Sarah Mitchell from the Library reported that this year will be the 100th Anniversary of the Library and they will be holding a dinner dance at the Carriage House in Barryville on June 30th to commemorate the birthday of the Library. Mitchell noted they will have a buffet dinner with a band, with other activities throughout the night and they will also have a journal that anyone can put an ad in. Mitchell thanked the Town for their support and the Town Board for giving her time tonight.

MINUTES

Councilman Carr made a motion to accept the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2016 as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. Town Clerk
 - c. Buildings
 - d. Highway Superintendent
 - e. Constables

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2. Code Enforcement Officer letter recommendation
3. UDC River Cleanup Grant Availability notification
4. Planning training notification
5. SC Community Health & Tax Abatement Forum
6. SC Litter Pluck Schedule
7. Eldred School District Newsletter
8. Grant Writer Update
9. SC DPW notification – end of Snow & Ice Watch

Councilwoman Gingold made a motion to accept Correspondence #1 through #9, seconded by Councilman Sherman, all in favor, so carried.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

- # 70 - Bid Award – Bldgs. Door & Window Replacements
- # 71 - Bid Award – Stone & Gravel
- # 72 - Noise Permits- Camp Lokanda
- # 73 - Spring Cleanup Day
- # 74 - Noise Permit – Massey & Miller
- # 75 - Amend Resolution #3, 2016 – Salaries – Planning & Zoning Boards Clerk
- # 76 - Board of Assessment Review Member Appointment
- # 77- Planning Board Member Appointment
- #78 - Approved at Workshop Meeting
- # 79- Schedule Public Hearing – Removal and/or Demolition of Unsafe Structure
- #80 - Highway Dept. Equipment Rental Approval
- #81 - Planning Board & Zoning Board members Conference approval

Supervisor Mellan reported that they only received one bid for the door and window replacements and the Town Board has discussed this with the Grant Writer who has deemed it necessary to amend the bid specs. Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported that the original grant allowed for 17 window and 7 door replacement, whereas, Schwarz noted he originally asked for 8 doors and 23 windows in the bid specs. Supervisor Mellan reported that it was discussed that because the bid was only advertised on the website that not a lot of people know that our website is now up and running so the bid did not get out to the community for more bids received. Councilman Sherman made a motion to reject the only bid received, seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Sherman made a motion to have the bid amended and rebid, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried. The Town Clerk recommended an ad be placed in the newspapers that future bids will be advertised on the town website. The Board members agreed to advertise that all future bids will be posted on the town website.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the Town Board discussed at their Workshop meeting last week that they may have to amend the Noise Permits for Camp Lokanda, however, the Town Clerk verified that last year the Town Board allowed the Camp 3 nights until 11:30

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p.m. and those 3 nights were during the middle of the week. Supervisor Mellan stated there is no further need to amend this year's Noise Permits request from Camp Lokanda.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the Town Clerk's Office will have Spring Cleanup passes available starting tomorrow and requested the Spring Cleanup rules be posted on the website. Supervisor Mellan noted a correction to Resolution #76, noting that the effective date for the BAR appointment should read 09/30/2015, not 2016.

Councilman Carr requested verification that Van Krzywicki who is requesting appointment to the Planning Board still lives in Town? The Town Clerk verified that she has seen him here.

Supervisor Mellan reported that she was notified this afternoon by the Code Enforcement Officer that the owner of the property in question listed on Resolution #79 was complying with having her damaged house torn down so there is no need to proceed with approving Resolution #79 tonight, however, the Board will follow up at the next meeting to see if the owner complied and had the house torn down.

ABSTRACTS

Councilman Carr made a motion to approve Audit and Approval of General Fund & Highway #4, 2016, General Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$ 22,445.64, General Fund Claims G16-#163 through #224, in the amount of \$ 20,190.82, Highway Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$ 14,060.50, and Highway Fund Claims #H16-#145 through #201 in the amount of \$ 16,701.06, with a total of Abstract #4, 2016 of \$ 73,398.02, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor so carried.

Proclamations

New Business

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Akt reported that they are in the process of getting the bottoms of the overhead doors at the bus garage fixed. Councilman Akt reported that they are looking at the grant for the replacement of the buildings windows and doors.

Councilman Sherman reported he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and the County Legislature has put the brakes on paying the townships a ratio of the sales tax, noting that the County is looking at budgeting more for a new jail than planned. Councilman Sherman noted the County is on a wait and see what happens.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the accountants have completed the annual financial report and everything is in good shape. Supervisor Mellan reported they are getting ready for the Youth Summer Program.

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Councilwoman Gingold reported Little League is having opening day on April 23rd, noting that the Little League has installed the new score board at the ball field. Supervisor Mellan noted she will throw out the first pitch for the Little League games.

Councilman Carr reported the Senior Club has a new President who is now Sheila Hocker. Councilman Carr reported the Parks Committee has not had a meeting yet this year and the Fire Dept. will give their own report.

Supervisor Mellan reported that they have talked about the replacement of the street light bulbs to a more energy efficient one, however, they got a cost comparison and we would be charged more for installing the LED lights. Supervisor Mellan stated this issue is put on the back burner until more information comes in.

The Town Clerk reported the tax season is over and the books have been handed over to the County. The Town Clerk noted they almost made it through the season without one bounced check but got notified the day after turning the books over to the County that one of the last checks deposited bounced, however, the property owner promptly called and is making good on the check and the town got the \$20 charged for the bad check.

The Town Clerk stated that she would like to personally Thank the Fire Department and the Constables for their response during a recent 911 call to her house. The Town Clerk stated that she was amazed at the overwhelming response and had a houseful of personnel who quickly assessed the problem and transported her boyfriend to the hospital with back issues. The Town Clerk noted that Constables Moeller and Maas responded as well and while Moeller was brushing the snow off her car Maas was shoveling the snow off her deck steps for the ambulance crew. The Town Clerk stated we have an amazing group of volunteers that are there when we need them and she couldn't thank them enough.

The Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Sparling, reported his department has been busy and the second house is going in for this year. Sparling noted that there is a listing of expired permits has been posted on the town website that everyone should check to see if they might have one that was forgotten. Sparling noted that if you try to sell your house and have an expired permit it then becomes an issue. Sparling stated you can call his office if you have an outstanding permit. Supervisor Mellan noted there were quite a few permits on the listing. Sparling reported that over the years letters were sent out but some were not acted on or forgotten.

The Chief Constable, Patrick Cahill, noted the Constabulary Monthly activity. The Chief Constable reported that one of his Constables had a good observation and arrested someone who was wanted in the Town of Highland for burglary. Supervisor Mellan noted that this is the second time Constable Maas has been involved in an important apprehension over the years.

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The Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported he received a letter from Senator Bonacic notifying the Town they have been awarded a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of a Highway Dept. tandem truck.

Historian Frank Schwarz reported that he switched the date of a scheduled lecture because the town is a part of Path Through History and NYS "I Love NY Parks" is celebrating the weekend on June 18th & 19th. Schwarz reported he will have a lecture and exhibit on June 18th at 11 a.m. in the Town Hall. The Historian also reported that he has been keeping an eye on the energy efficiency in the buildings by comparing electric bills from last year to this year, noting our bills this year were down by about \$500. Supervisor Mellan reported she has all the offices keeping their heat at the same temperature so it is more consistent. The Historian noted he dropped down his heat in his office.

Cultural Series Director, Frank Schwarz, reported the first Cultural Series Concert will be held on May 1st at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall, noting the first program will be a program by the Middletown Choral with various music. Schwarz also noted there will be a Memorial Day Service held on Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Highway Superintendent, Don Hunt, Jr. reported his department is busy and hoping Mother Nature cooperates so they can continue working on the roads.

Fire Department President, Ann Steimle, reported they have logged in 100 calls already this year, noting they are now looking at their trucks and doing a facelift to the inside and outside of their firehouse building. Steimle reported she, along with Terry Knibbs, did a CPR course for the municipal personnel and it was one of the best classes she has given with everyone interested in participating in learning to work with the new defibrillator. Supervisor Mellan stated she receive many emails from the office personnel complimenting both Steimle and Knibbs on the class they gave.

Ann Steimle noted that the Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be hold a Penny Social soon.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Yaron Fidler reported that about a year and half ago the school district tried to get a bond to do extensive repair work to their athletic field but the bond did not go through, however, recently the field was redone by volunteers and there was no cost to the taxpayers. Supervisor Mellan reported that the work being done to the Town ball field was done by the Little League at no cost to the Town.

Griffin Major reported that the High School Student Council passed various resolutions with the Board of Education.

Supervisor Mellan noted the Special Announcements.

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Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk