

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
February 3, 2016

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Those members present were: Supervisor Jenny Mellan
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman
Councilman James Akt
Councilman Joseph Carr
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Rose Carr, Kathy Konival and Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr.

Supervisor Mellan stated they would review their meeting packets. Supervisor Mellan noted that there was problem with scheduling the Public Hearing that was suppose to be tonight, however, it is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. at next week's regular Town Board meeting.

The Board members reviewed the Minutes, the Monthly Reports and Correspondence. Supervisor Mellan reported she, along with Councilmen Sherman and Akt held the 2015 Departmental Book audits on January 18th. The Town Clerk reported she talked to the company that does our online programing for tax collecting and found out they ran tests on our system for online tax payments and that is where the extra monies came from in the tax collecting bank account. The Town Clerk noted that the program representative stated they put the \$6.09 in for November and another for December for testing purposes and figured it was too much to ask for it back so the town gets to keep it.

Supervisor Mellan reported the Supervisor's Monthly Report and the Highway Monthly Report will be available at next week's regular meeting.

Supervisor Mellan reported the Cultural Series Report was for the upcoming 2016 schedule. Supervisor Mellan reported there was a letter request for support against the proposed millennium pipeline compression station, noting she also received several emails with requests for the Town of Lumberland to show support against the pipeline project which she would like to add to Correspondence #6. Councilman Akt reported he went to the Town of Highland meeting where they went over the issue regarding the pipeline

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project and they will be addressing it at their next Tuesday night's main meeting. Supervisor Mellan stated she would be interested in attending next week's meeting because she would like to know what is going on. Supervisor Mellan stated that the Town of Lumberland already has the pipeline running through our town.

Councilman Akt reported he attended the meeting on the new Pond Eddy Bridge project, noting the work will begin this year and will not be finished for 2 years.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the correspondence from O&R was to coordinate their projects with our highway road projects. Supervisor Mellan noted that we received notification from Kadampa Meditation Center regarding their Fun Fair. Supervisor Mellan stated there will probably be people parking in our back parking lot for that event.

Supervisor Mellan stated that the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 will be next Wednesday night and is for increasing the income levels for senior citizens. Supervisor Mellan noted that there was some confusion as to how the proposed law was written up but it has been clarified. The Town Clerk noted that the sliding scale does not have to be included in the law. Supervisor Mellan reported the Local Law #3 was to have the regulations for GeoThermal systems to be removed from Planning and have Code Enforcement do.

Supervisor Mellan stated she has proposed a resolution removing the \$2 additional fee that was added to the TARA law for the spaying/neutering of cats. Supervisor Mellan reported she has become aware of a recent incident where someone took someone else's cat and had it neutered and when the original owner found out who had the cat they were charged \$180 for having the cat neutered. Supervisor Mellan stated the issue becomes how do you prove the cat is yours when taking it to TARA and would the Town be liable if the person taking the cat was proven not to be the legal owner? Supervisor Mellan stated it was possibly an abuse of the TARA law. The Town Clerk noted that when an owner comes in to purchase a certificate for the spay/neuter they will sign an affidavit that they are the owner, noting that if they falsify the document it could be considered fraud.

Supervisor Mellan reported she had a Proclamation drawn up for Susan Morley who was very active in our community.

The Town Clerk reported that January was an extremely busy month with tax collecting, noting she has made the town whole and written a \$1.5 million check to the County.

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Supervisor Mellan stated she drew up a new Liaison list, noting the listing was consolidated the last few years but a former list was found that broke down the various offices and she redistributed the responsibilities among the Board members. Supervisor Mellan noted she put herself in as the Liaison for Grants.

Councilman Sherman reported that the Code Enforcement Officer contacted the Port Jervis Code Officer regarding their Zombie Law and put the new info in the Town Board's file cabinet drawers. Councilman Sherman reported the Attorney for the Town is also looking into it and will have more info on the law. Councilwoman Gingold questioned what the difference was from the abandoned buildings law and the Zombie Law? Supervisor Mellan stated the existing law does not have enough teeth into it for the Town to recoup the cost of demolition and the steps the Town needs to take. Councilman Sherman stated that the issue is if the town takes down the building how do we get the money back.

Councilman Carr stated the Board needs to start working on negotiating the new Fire Department contract that expires this year.

Councilman Carr made a motion to recess the Workshop Meeting at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Carr made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel issue at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

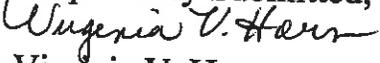
Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Carr made a motion at 7:32 p.m. to reopen the Workshop Meeting, seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

The Highway Superintendent questioned the tarp that was over the roof of the Records Room? Councilman Akt reported the maintenance man put it there because the roof needs to be fixed and wanted to prevent any possible leaking. The Board discussed the options into expanding the Records Room. The Town Clerk noted that last year when she got back from vacation they had installed the new air conditioner/heater in the Records Room and someone had disconnected the hose to the dehumidifier which caused water damage to some of the records books. Councilman Akt will talk to the Town Engineer who has all the plans for the existing room to see if there is any possibility that it could be expanded by putting in a top floor off of the Town Clerk's Office.

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The Town Clerk reported there have been several issues regarding the Cemetery, notably that there are a couple of people that are interested in getting a plot but the existing map is not clear as to where there are any available plots. The Town Clerk noted that the Board needs to consider getting someone to oversee the Cemetery. The Town Clerk noted that Lew Powell is out of town until April so the Cemetery Committee will not be meeting until he gets back and we are in need of at least 3 new members on the Committee. The Town Clerk reported she had someone come in to see if she could let someone else other than family use one of her plots, however, they were informed that it is only to be used by a family member and they would have to meet with the Cemetery Committee to see what their recommendation would be.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk