

PRE-APPROVED

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor 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 Jay Shafer

Councilman James Akt

Councilman William J. McKerrell was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn and Sophia Martyneec.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the fuel tanks for the Town Hall are done and Councilman Carr stated he would contact the Bisland Insurance Agency tomorrow.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

#144 - Fire Dept. Contract Approval

#145 - Advertise Public Hearing – Local Law #1, 2010

Entitled Dog Licensing Law

#146 - Advertise Public hearing – Local Law #2, 2010

Entitled Cold War Veterans Exemption

Supervisor Rajsz read the Fire Dept. contract, noting that part of the agreement was to assist the Fire Dept. in acquiring funding for new radios when they are needed.

Supervisor Rajszyk stated that the other two resolutions were to approve to advertise for Public Hearings for Local Law #1, 2010 for the Dog Licensing Law and Local Law #2, 2010 for the Cold War Veterans Exemption. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Assessor has verified that there are only 8 to 10 people eligible for the Cold War Veterans Exemption which will be a minimal impact on the Town. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the exemption is for 15% of the assessed taxable property.

Supervisor Rajszyk noted that Local Law #1, 2010 is for the Dog Licensing Law and the proposed law is a draft which may need to be worked on. Supervisor Rajszyk stated they would need to set the dates and times for the Public Hearings for both Local Laws. The Board members agreed to have the Public Hearing for Local Law #1, 2010 on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. and the Public Hearing for Local Law #2, 2010 on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Rajszyk stated that they had previously discussed the possibility of doing a referendum vote on gas drilling. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that they can zone for mineral extraction but not for gas or oil extraction. Councilman Shafer stated they would not be able to do anything until the DEC sets their guidelines. The Town Clerk reported that the segment on Sixty Minutes on Sunday night was on gas drilling and they broadcast from Dimock, Pa. Supervisor Rajszyk is recommending everyone write letters opposing the gas drilling.

Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the Dog Licensing Law is in draft form and needs to be changed from saying Animal Control to Dog Control only. The Town Clerk noted that a change to the Town website needs to be done, noting it reads animal control for our Dog Control Officer. The Town Clerk noted the Town Board will need to do another resolution by the end of the year establishing the dog licensing fees, noting that we have to add \$1 for the license for spayed/neutered dogs and \$3 to the license for unsprayed/unneutered dogs and those monies will be sent to the State for the enumeration fund.

Supervisor Rajszyk noted they had a notice from the Town Clerk's office about the scheduling of the use of the buildings. The Town Clerk reported that everyone needs to let her office know if they would like to request the use of the buildings since most of the requests already come through her office and it would avoid any conflict if her office knows who put in a request first.

Supervisor Rajszyk read an article regarding gas drilling. Councilman Shafer reported that Damascus Pa. took the gas company to court and won. Councilman Shafer stated the Town should be able to zone for what they can do, however, he noted they still cannot do anything until the DEC does their regulations. Supervisor Rajszyk

noted that she received an email from the Association of Towns that certain bills are now up for a vote.

The Town Clerk noted her office took in more than \$1,200 today for hunting licenses and the Town's portion of the monies was \$19.40.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she received a call from Advantage 3 who will come to the municipalities to help find ways for the municipalities to make money, noting she is not sure how it works.

Councilman Shafer questioned if the health plan issue was resolved since he was absent at the last meeting? Supervisor Rajsz reported they have settled for a new plan and everything is changing as of December 1st.

Councilman Carr reported that the Board members will have to meet with the Highway Dept. workers next year to start negotiations for their new contract. Supervisor Rajsz noted a lot of places are now having their employees pay for a portion of their health benefits.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Court Clerk has been on vacation and nobody was here for anyone to pay their fines to. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if our part time clerk could fill in for the Court Clerk? Councilman Akt questioned if the part time clerk would have to be certified? Councilman Shafer recommended finding out what qualifications are needed. Supervisor Rajsz stated she would talk to the judges. Councilman Carr noted that the cost of having the part time clerk come in to cover the clerk would have to come out of the court's budget. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the Court Clerk is salaried and therefore gets paid whether she is working or not.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shafer, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn

Town Clerk