

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall 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

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn. Deputy Town Clerk Hedwig (Hattie) Brush, Deputy Highway Superintendent George Turner, Karen Turner, ZBA Chair Lewis Powell, Sophia Martynec, Don (Bosco) Hunt, Jr. and Ron Thiele.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she did not have time to review the Minutes yet.

The Board members reviewed the Monthly Reports. Supervisor Rajsz questioned the Highway Monthly Report and the total for General Repairs? Councilman Shafer reported that the report shows the Highway Dept. has used \$48,000 in that line so far this year. Deputy Highway Superintendent George Turner stated they only have \$12,000 left for the purchase of sand and that is why they are requesting a budget modification to put more monies into that fund for September and October. Supervisor Rajsz reported that monies are in a couple of cd's that they can draw from, if needed.

The Town Board members reviewed the Correspondence. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the HCAP grant is for the new carpeting in the offices, noting the Assessor, Code Enforcement, and Court offices were done today and they will be doing the carpeting in the Supervisor's office and tiling in the Constables office next week. Supervisor Rajsz reported they had to hire the movers to come in to move the heavier items out of the offices but she hasn't gotten any quote from them for the cost. Councilman Shafer questioned when they would be doing the tile in the main office room? Supervisor Rajsz reported the offices will close down early a week from Friday so they can come in and rip out the old tile and come in on Saturday to

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put the new tile down. Supervisor Rajszy reported that this will complete all the renovation work scheduled except for the roof project.

Supervisor Rajszy reported Camp Simcha had sent her a letter inviting her to participate in their event of breaking the record for establishing the longest ribbon, which they did. Supervisor Rajszy noted she attended the event.

Supervisor Rajszy reported that the letter from Sullivan County Risk Management was informing the town that their share of the cost of Workmen Compensation is \$51,480. Supervisor Rajszy noted that last year the Association of Supervisors looked into another source for Workmen Comp. but couldn't find one.

The Town Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions. Supervisor Rajszy reported the Assessor has to purchase another computer because her existing computer got fried during a recent electrical outage.

Councilman Carr questioned where the historical plaque was going that Frank Schwarz was getting through a grant? Supervisor Rajszy reported it will be placed at the parking area on Rt. 97. Councilman Shafer noted that this grant had been tabled for a while.

Supervisor Rajszy reported that the youth football league was requesting permission to use the town ball field for practice, noting that area kids belong to this league. The Town Clerk noted that she also received a certificate of insurance with the request. Supervisor Rajszy questioned if there had been any previous complaints with the Mohican Lake Resort noise permits? The Town Clerk noted that she has not received any complaints. Supervisor Rajszy reported that the bookkeeper needs to modify the way we make the Highway Dept. truck lease payments.

Supervisor Rajszy reported they have a Proclamation for the Ukrainian Independence.

Councilman Akt questioned the proposed rules & regulations for the use of the town pavilion? Supervisor Rajszy reported that the Town Clerk has drawn up the proposed rules & regulations and the Board members need to review them before making an approval. Supervisor Rajszy suggested having a fee for the use to ensure cleanup is done for the use. Councilman McKerrell suggested asking the maintenance man to check the barbeque pit to make sure it has been cleaned out after use. Supervisor Rajszy stated that if a fee was imposed then they would not

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receive the deposit back if it is not cleaned up. The Town Clerk suggested notifying the Constables about who is using the pavilion and have them police it. Supervisor Rajsz stated that they will have to check with the Town Attorney to see if we can establish a fee for the use of the pavilion.

Supervisor Rajsz questioned if we need a resolution to have a Special Town Board meeting? The Town Clerk reported they did not need a resolution and only have to put a legal ad in the newspapers.

Supervisor Rajsz stated that they are still looking into getting a lock box for tax collection. Councilman McKerrell questioned checking with Jeffersonville Bank about the lock box? Councilman Shafer agreed that we should be checking with the local bank too.

Supervisor Rajsz reported Councilman Carr will be meeting with a representative from Keystone Engineering on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. to go over what will be needed to fix the walkway from the Senior Center to the pavilion.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Town Attorney has not found out anything about the Knight Cemetery. Supervisor Rajsz suggested they look into declaring the cemetery abandoned. Lew Powell reported the town would have to advertise that they are looking for any relatives of the cemetery before declaring it abandoned. Powell stated he would contact the Town Attorney about this issue.

Supervisor Rajsz Thanked everyone that worked on the war monument across from the Town Hall. Councilman McKerrell reported 3 Renaissance scholarships have been awarded to kids from the Town of Lumberland. Councilman McKerrell also noted that they will know tonight the results of the judging that took place.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Highway Dept. will be ditching tomorrow to get rid of some of the water in the basement in the Town Hall. Deputy Highway Superintendent George Turner reported they will start the work tomorrow, and noted they are hauling stone and working on the roads.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that they are doing something on the Rio Dam Road by the dam. Supervisor Rajsz noted a notice had been put in the Times Herald Record regarding the closing of the road for the work but not everyone gets that paper. The Town Clerk reported that she has the Times Herald Record delivered to the offices during the work week.

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Supervisor Rajszyk reported she spoke to Chris White in Congressman Hinchey's office in regards to the possibility of obtaining help from the Army Corp of Engineers to repair the damage to Hollow Road.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Town Engineer has confirmed he was wrong and that the roof on the municipal building is only a 20 year roof, not a 30 year roof, as originally reported. Councilman Akt noted the shingles are 21 years old and he will get bids on it. Supervisor Rajszyk requested they also get a price on the shingles for the pavilion roof.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Fire Dept. is requesting the town look into the LOSAP retirement program again, noting that the paperwork they have submitted shows they are requesting the lowest estimate to start for getting a retirement program for the volunteers. Supervisor Rajszyk recommended the insurance person come down to talk with the Board members. Councilman Akt reported this issue was already put to a vote and it was voted down by the community.

Supervisor Rajszyk stated they will need to advertise that the Town Board will need to hold a Special Meeting on August 31st to discuss scheduling a Public Hearing for the Local Law to approve the new zoning laws, to discuss the lock box option for tax collection, the LOSAP program and any other town business deemed necessary.

Councilman Carr stated he gave Councilman Akt the name of the contractor that did the Town Hall roof. Councilman McKerrell reported he will contact Leigh Sherman to see what he needs for the pavilion roof. Councilman Akt stated he would get the specs from the Town Engineer for the municipal building. Councilman Shafer stated the shingles should be lifetime shingles, noting they will cost more but last longer.

Supervisor Rajszyk questioned when the next zoning rewrite meeting was. Lew Powell reported they will have another informational meeting on September 1st. The Town Clerk noted she will put an advertisement for the meeting out later in the month.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she completed the paperwork for the indemnification that the Pythian Camp has been waiting which was for the final paperwork giving the town the property by the Glen Spey Cemetery. Councilman McKerrell reported they are still waiting for a signature to get the deed for the property.

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Councilman McKerrell questioned if the paperwork was done that was needed for the part time Highway Dept. help? Supervisor Rajszyk reported the paperwork has been completed and sent to the County.

Sophia Martynec questioned if the church at the former Belair property has submitted for tax exemption? Supervisor Rajszyk reported they have submitted to the Assessor, noting that the people are from the Philadelphia region and claiming religious exemption.

Supervisor Rajszyk noted Hedwig (Hattie) Brush was present, who is in training to become the Deputy Town Clerk.

Sophia Martynec questioned the tax roll cap issue? Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Governor is shutting down 7 prisons and re-routing prisoners and felt that they should be going after the tax exemption issue instead. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that this is a problem in most counties and she has talked to the other counties, noting she took the issue to the Association of Towns but is not sure how to solve the tax exempt problem.

The Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

The Board members discussed options for the request from Chapin Estates to gain access through their Town of Lumberland portion of their property.

Councilman McKerrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk