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A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on October 23, 2018 in the Vincent F. Nyberg Meeting Room of the Cortlandt Town Hall located at One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY (10567) with the following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor	
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember	ABSENT
DEBRA COSTELLO	Councilmember	
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember	
JAMES CREIGHTON	Councilmember	

Also present:

TOM WOOD	Town Attorney
LAROE ROSE SHATZKIN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Puglisi led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag

SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi gave her report.

OF NOTE:

Attended various events:

- Jane E. Lyle Arboretum ceremony dedicating their boardwalk and tree trails of 20 years of which the Supervisor is a charter member.
- Peekskill Rotary Horse Show and Croton Rotary Car Show both of which do wonderful things for the community.
- Annual Charitable Golf Outing. All the proceeds this year (\$5000) went to Hurricane Relief.
- Realtor’s Forum. Realtors were invited to give information helpful for selling properties in the Town. All departments gave presentations and

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

how it is implacable to the Realtors. The **Supervisor** thanked her staff for organizing the event.

Upcoming Events: (all this information is on the Town’s website)

- October 27th: 5K Run at the Waterfront Park ; Hobgoblin Parade at the Cortlandt Town Center; Halloween Dog Parade at the dog park on Sprout Brook Road
- October 31st: Halloween Party at the Community Center
- October 28th: Open House at the Community Center for senior citizens from 11-1
- November 11th: Town’s Veteran Ceremony at the Community Center. There will be several Veteran events that weekend in Peekskill, Croton on Hudson, and others.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that she and Town Comptroller Patty Robcke are working on the 2019 annual budget for the Town government mandated by New York State to be done by the end of October. There will be a recorded meeting on the website and will continue on for low Town taxes.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Shatzkin all Town Board members indicated their presence with the absence of Councilmember Farrell.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Creighton gave his report

OF NOTE:

- Felt there was a great response from the Realtors at the Realtor Forum and that the staff did an excellent job explaining what the Town offers to prospective buyers. On the commercial side, Councilmember Creighton noted the Grand Opening of **Homesense** bringing new jobs and then the opening of the **Super Shoprite**.
- Scheduling a public hearing for a new Solar law based on a New York State model but meant to be tweaked to fit our community. There will be 3 tiers to the regulations and Councilmember Creighton explained what level of solar technology constituted each tier.
- Spoke about the Rowing Club and the great job they did in Passaic, New Jersey and that they are getting ready for a full weekend event in the Philadelphia area with more than 250 clubs.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Councilmember Creighton encouraged women to consult their medical providers and be checked.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

Councilmember Becker gave his report

OF NOTE:

- Spoke regarding the use of plastic bags and commented that they had waited to see if the State or the County might do something. Councilmember Becker stated that they don't want to put local businesses at risk with more expenses and then there's the issue of enforcement and the problem of different localities of large chain stores with different regulations. The Town is going to take a "wait and see" attitude towards it as we need to see what other community's success rates and issues are and see if the County and State take action. Councilmember Becker urged residents to meanwhile use a reusable bag.

Supervisor Puglisi added that having the County do this countywide makes more sense. The Town has written letters, emails and passed resolutions asking them to do that.

Councilmember Costello gave her report

OF NOTE:

- Congratulated the members of the Arboretum for their ceremony.
- The last weekend in September was the Hudson Valley Irish Festival.
- There will be a Veteran's Ceremony for Brian Cook for his service at the gazebo in Montrose.
- Reminded everyone about Daylight Savings Time and to change their batteries in the smoke alarms.
- News 12 reported that Hendrick Hudson High School was nominated for their school spirit in the competition.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Minutes for the September 12, 2018 Special Meeting, the September 17, 2018 Special Meeting, and the September 25, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Becker

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BID REPORTS

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Councilmember Becker moved that the following Reports be received and ordered filed. Councilmember Creighton seconded the motion.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

For the month of August from the Office of the Aging, Receiver of Taxes, Purchasing Department and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter from the Director of DES responding to resident’s request for auditory traffic signal.
2. Memorandum from the Assessor regarding valuation of Town owned parcel; refer to Legal.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from the Director of DES regarding standardized sizes for garbage cans and recommendations for changes; refer to Legal.
2. Memorandum from the Attorney regarding updating the sexual harassment and social media policies.
3. Letter from SPCA of Westchester regarding 6 month contract; refer to DOTS.
4. Letter from Peekskill Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps requesting an annual increase; refer to Legal & Comptroller.

RESOLUTION NO.262-18 RE: Increase Annual Fee for Peekskill Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

5. Petitions from Dutch Street residents and send on their behalf, copies to the County Executive, County Legislators and to the County Parks Commissioner.

Discussion: none

All voted **AYE**

RESOLUTIONS

(All resolutions adopted at this meeting are to be found attached to the end of the original document.)

Councilmember Creighton moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Costello

RESOLUTION NO.263-18 RE: Adopt the 2019 Town Board Meeting Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO.264-18 RE: Authorize service contracts with respect to snow plowing and ice control.

RESOLUTION NO.265-18 RE: Authorize a contract with New York State Thruway Authority – E-Z Pass On-the-Go Program.

RESOLUTION NO.266-18 RE: Authorize New York University student to film in the Town of Cortlandt, contingent upon contract parameters.

Agenda Items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO.267-18 RE Award contract for Veterinary Care/Animal Control for 2019

RESOLUTION NO.268-18 RE: Award contract for Super Food Town/Amberlands Drainage Repair.

RESOLUTION NO.269-18 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals for Construction Inspection Services for the Route 9A Sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO.270-18 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare plans for decorative street lighting at the intersection of Kings ferry Road/Albany Post Road and along Albany Post Road to Travis Avenue and bids for the same.

RESOLUTION NO.271-18 RE: Authorize the settlement of a tax certiorari with Shoprite Supermarkets.

RESOLUTION NO.272-18 RE: Authorize settlement with resident of Cordwood Road for water damages due to water main break and fire hydrant malfunction.

RESOLUTION NO.273-18 RE: Appoint one Seasonal Laborer.

RESOLUTION NO.274-18 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence for various DES employees.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.275-18 RE: Schedule Public Hearing for November 13, 2018 to consider adopting a Law to Regular Solar Energy Systems within the Town.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi said they have all the meeting schedules set for 2019. Councilmember Becker thanked the Town Clerk for the EZ Pass and stated it will make life easier. Town Clerk Shatzkin stated that the Town Clerk’s office will now offer EZ Pass for purchase for \$25 and depending on which program chosen, they will receive a \$25 credit which ends up as no cost to the resident. The Town Clerk will earn \$4 for every EZ Pass purchased.

Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer, explained the planned sidewalk project.

All Voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Sebastian Wilkenson

Mr. Wilkenson asked where the EZ Pass can be purchased. Town Clerk Shatzkin responded that it might be 30-60 days before available but perhaps can be gotten sooner.

Mr. Wilkenson also asked about how much money the Charitable Golf Outing raised to which **Supervisor Puglisi** responded it was about \$5000.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Creighton

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**Laroue Rose Shatzkin
Town Clerk**

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Town Hall website address: www.townofcortlandt.com