

**FEBRUARY 25, 2019  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on February 25, 2019 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:

<b>LINDA D. PUGLISI</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>FRANCIS X. FARRELL</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>DEBRA COSTELLO</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>RICHARD BECKER</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>JAMES CREIGHTON</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>

**Also present:**

<b>MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM</b>	<b>Assistant Town Attorney</b>
<b>LAROE ROSE SHATZKIN</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
<b>CHRISTINE B. COTHREN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>PATRICIA ROBCKE</b>	<b>Comptroller</b>
<b>MICHAEL PREZIOSI</b>	<b>Director, DOTS</b>
<b>CLAUDIA VAHEY</b>	<b>Human Resources Coordinator</b>
<b>STEPHEN FERREIRA</b>	<b>Interim Director, DES</b>

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

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**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

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**SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS**

**Supervisor Puglisi gave her report.**

**OF NOTE:**

The meeting was regularly scheduled for February 12, 2019, but due to a winter storm it was moved to tonight. There were two public hearings held over from the January meeting. The public hearings will not be voted on or addressed this evening. They will be adjourned to the March 12, 2019 meeting.

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Supervisor Puglisi attended a USO show at the VA Hospital on February 14, 2019 for Valentine's Day. George Latimer, County Executive also attended. There are pictures on the Town website.

There have been a lot of winter storms this month and she commented Steve Ferreira is now the Acting Interim Director of DES and has done a great job managing the storms.

The Town Website has a lot of interesting items and information for Town residents, for example a new Beautification Committee. It's an expansive website that was redone last year.

February is Black History month. There have been events in the community and most importantly give recognition to African American population, who have done so much for society, as well as in the Town.

The Washington St. Bridge has now reopened. Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer stated that it was completed ahead of schedule. Supervisor Puglisi thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation with this. Mr. Preziosi concurred, and added that the repair was about \$130,000, and will hopefully last 50 plus years.

Town finances will have some additional revenue this year, which is the fourth quarter 2018 sales tax. There will be a surplus. Patty Robcke, Town Comptroller stated they are anticipating for 2018 finishing the year with about a surplus of \$400,000 in sales tax. Supervisor stated it goes into the Town General Fund, and can be used for various community purposes.

Pondview Commons is a new development off of Rte.6/Cortlandt Blvd. Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer stated it is going to be constructed at the intersection of Rte. 6 and Regina Ave. There will be 56 new residential units with the extension of the Town water and sewer utilities. As part of their approval they contributed  $\frac{3}{4}$  million dollars to the traffic signal at the Baker St. intersection. Supervisor Puglisi added that about \$370,000 will be benefited from this development, and different portions of this will go to different funds throughout the Town.

The County Executive is proposing an additional 1 percent sales tax to taxpayers, and has asked all Towns, and Villages to comment on this. The additional 1 percent sales tax will help Westchester Co. to be able to raise their low fund balances. It will also be divided up amongst all of the Villages, Towns, the County, and School Districts. Also, the Westchester Co. sales tax is lower than Putnam and Rockland Co. currently.

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**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Shatzkin all Town Board members indicated their presence.

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**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Farrell gave his report**  
**OF NOTE:**

The final MKW report for the Discovery Center at Cortlandt Waterfront Park will be filed tonight. Part of the vision of the park is reusing the historic seaplane hangars that are on sight. The Cortlandt Community Rowing Club was successful in receiving a grant for \$50,000 from the DEC to go toward the renovation.

Attended the Association of Towns meeting, and many Towns expressed concerns about State funding.

Town roads and state roads are in bad shape, particularly state roads, and wonder if it may have to do with the money spent to build the Tappan Zee Bridge. The Town will be focusing their attention on the roads. Albany Post Rd. (state road) will be repaved in conjunction with the sidewalk project, and would like to work with NYSDOT to ease traffic flow patterns on that road, and will be looking forward to working with Steve Ferreira on these paving projects.

**Councilmember Costello gave her report**  
**OF NOTE:**

Announced she and Councilman Creighton attended the grand opening of Hudson Valley Ophthalmology.

Congratulated three new DES Laborers on joining the Town of Cortlandt Family.

**Councilmember Becker gave his report**  
**OF NOTE:**

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Attended the Association of Towns in Manhattan last week. Many Towns concerned about State Aid and tax cap. The Town has always been well below the tax cap, and State should put a tax cap on themselves rather than pass it down to the municipalities. Other Towns concurred.

**Councilmember Creighton gave his report**  
**OF NOTE:**

Reminded non-profits and Senior Citizens that the tax exemption application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting in 2019, NYS Law provides that they must apply for the exemption. It will not just roll over, as it had in the past. Please see Tax Assessor if you have any questions.

Attended the Association of Towns, and found it very helpful, and training to be critically important. The training was especially helpful and included the Overdose Prevention funding plan, Collective Bargaining, Ethics, LED Smart Street lighting, and much more.

Joe Scordato a great friend and neighbor passed away at 93 years old. He was a Town resident for over 60 years and loved his Cortlandt neighborhood, Evergreen Knolls, and will be truly missed.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Costello moved to approve the Minutes for the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting and the January 28, 2019 Special Meeting seconded by Councilmember Becker.

All voted **AYE**

**DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS**

1. To consider evidence that 270 Furnace Dock Road is a dangerous building.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public Hearing to consider a Zoning Map Change for property located at 2226 Crompond Road.

Supervisor Puglisi reiterated that due to the inclement weather, and postponement of the Regular Town Board Meeting, **both** Public Hearings will be postponed to the March 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. It will also be on the Town website.

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**HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**REPORTS**

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

**Receive and File the following:**

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

2018 Report from DOTS including Code, Zoning and Planning

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Receive and File the following:**

1. Final MKW Report for the Discovery Center, Cortlandt Waterfront Park; adopt Resolution regarding additional grants and funding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the following:**

1. Letter to Governor Cuomo regarding the Town's opposition for the State to cut aid and incentives to local municipalities.
2. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation denying requests for evaluation of future needs of 9A corridor.
3. Letter from Ciarcia Engineering, P.C. regarding VS Construction Corp and 180 Roa Hook Road; refer to DOTS and Legal.
4. Letter from Nancy Kennedy regarding offer to purchase 31.7 acres for open space preservation; refer to Legal, DOTS and CAC.
5. Letter from Mishwaka Land & Timber Company regarding cell tower; refer to Legal.
6. Memorandum from Director of DES regarding Traffic Calming on Lafayette Avenue; Authorize Same.

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7. Memorandum from Director of DOTS regarding donation of 38 Jean Drive.; refer to Legal (AS AMENDED)
8. Letter from Cortlandt, Croton, Ossining and Peekskill Indivisible regarding legislation to make all drivers in the State of New York eligible to apply for driver's licenses regardless of immigration status; adopt Resolution in support of same.

All Voted **AYE**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO.78-19 RE:** Authorize CCVAC Service Awards Program.

**RESOLUTION NO.79-19 RE:** Authorize 2019 Contract Partners and Safety.

**RESOLUTION NO.80-19 RE:** Intent to accept land from Westchester Land Trust.

**RESOLUTION NO.81-19 RE:** Authorize VFW Post Payment

**Agenda Items for DOTS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.82-19 RE:** Award Contract for Parkway Drive Water Main Replacement

**RESOLUTION NO.83-19 RE:** Award Consulting Contract for Route 9A Sidewalks – Construction Inspection and Administration.

**RESOLUTION NO.84-19 RE:** Petition Consolidated Edison stating the utility relocation at Charles J. Cook Pool is a Public Improvement and request waiver of all fees.

**Agenda Items for DES:**

**RESOLUTION NO.85-19 RE:** Authorize purchase of two 3,000 gallon poly tanks to replace aging tanks for Calcium Chloride at Arlo Lane, with a recommendation to replace the remaining two in 2020

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**RESOLUTION NO.86-19 RE:** Authorize the purchase of materials for repairs at Letteri Field and Seabolt field as requested by Cortlandt National Little League.

**RESOLUTION NO.87-19 RE:** Appoint three Laborers for DES.

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res. #80-19 regarding Westchester Land Trust. It is a not for profit organization in Westchester Co. in Northern Cortlandt, and is at no cost to the Town, and they will make sure it is cleaned up before the Town takes it over.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res. #81-19 regarding a \$500 payment to the Wm. F. Boyle VFW Post for the veterans to go to Washington DC. The Town is very proud to do that for our veterans.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res. #86-19 regarding materials for the Cortlandt National Little League. The Town is pleased to help them out, as they have done over the years for the Cortlandt American Little League.

Supervisor Puglisi asked the three newly hired DES Laborers to stand up to be recognized.

All Voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the following:**

1. Letter from resident regarding water runoff; refer to DES and DOTS.

Councilmember moved that the following Resolutions be adopted.  
Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-19:** Authorize renewal of an IMA for a Recycling Transfer Station in Cortlandt.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-19:** Authorize acceptance of security for Pondview Commons.

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-19:** Authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Mike Cullen

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for substitute videography services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-19:** Appoint Daniela Decca and Jeffrey Boudin to the PRC Advisory Board.

**Agenda Items for DOTS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-19:** Authorizing surveying services for Sherwood Rd.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-19:** Authorize design and consultant services for repair of Sprout Brook Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. 94-19:** Appoint two seasonal laborers for DES.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-19:** Appoint Lisa Anderson to the Youth Employment Services Position.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-19:** Appoint three interns under the WISE program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-19:** Authorize a Leave of Absence for a DES employee.

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res.#88-19 regarding the Recycling Transfer Station with Westchester County and several other local municipalities. It has been a real plus for Cortlandt since recycling was mandated in 1992. This is a shared service on Town land at Roa Hook Rd.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res.#90-19 regarding substitute videography services. She wanted to emphasize that this is just a substitute only in the case that Alan George was not able to work.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on Res.#91-19 regarding new members to the PRC Advisory Bd., emphasizing that they are volunteers.

All voted **AYE**.

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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**

Mr. Srinivasan Ramaswamy, 5 Lakeview Rd., Cortlandt Manor, NY. He questioned the parking at the Cortlandt Train Station.

Councilmember Farrell explained that the parking is handled by Metro North, not the Town of Cortlandt.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned in Memory of Joe "Big Joe" McGuire, and Joseph Scordato.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Creighton, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**Laroue Rose Shatzkin  
Town Clerk**

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**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Town Hall Web Site address: [www.townofcortlandt.com](http://www.townofcortlandt.com)**

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