

MARCH 12, 2019
TOWN BOARD MEETING

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A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on March 12, 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:

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

Also present:

THOMAS WOOD	Town Attorney
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM	Assistant Town Attorney
LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller - ABSENT
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
STEPHEN FERREIRA	Interim Director, DES - ABSENT
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator

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:

March is Women's History Month. A time to pay tribute to all of the women in our County, Region, Community, and in our lives.

Supervisor Puglisi and some Town Board members attended St. Patrick's Day events and parades over the past weekend.

A proclamation was presented by Supervisor Puglisi and Councilmember Creighton to Daniel Marrero, Eagle Scout, Troop 165. Councilmember Creighton

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stated that Daniel put in over 248 hours of work for his project. Daniel explained that he made benches on the porch of the John C. Hart Memorial Library.

The Senior Citizen Center received an important grant for \$9000 from the Field Hall Foundation for new computers for our seniors to use. She thanked Dawn Mahoney, Director of Senior Center for applying and receiving this grant.

Supervisor Puglisi reminded everyone to go on to the Town website and Facebook pages to get updated notices and information about the Town.

The Rte. 9A/Albany Post Rd. Sidewalk Project will be underway. Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer stated that it should begin at the beginning of April, and will be from Kings Ferry Rd. to Roundtree Lane. A total of 1500 feet of sidewalk that will be ADA accessible.

Supervisor Puglisi commented that the winter has been difficult, and wanted to thank the Highway Dept. of other departments that have done a terrific job.

Supervisor Puglisi announced that the three Public Hearings on the agenda will be adjourned to the 4/16/19, 7:00 p.m.

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:

Councilmember Farrell attended two parades for St. Patrick's Day in Buchanan and Peekskill. He gave special recognition to HHHS band who played under the pavilion at the Buchanan parade.

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Councilmember Farrell recognized the Highway Dept. of and other departments who work during the Winter storms. He gave praise to Stephen Ferreira, Interim Dir. DES and the Highway crew for doing such a terrific job.

Councilmember Farrell commented on Mrs. Kay Winter, the former head librarian at the HH Free Library when he was in school. He wanted to recognize her, and how much of a positive impact she had on his life as a young person.

Councilmember Creighton gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilmember Creighton thanked the Scouts, and is happy to see so many continue on to Eagle Scouts, and Gold Star for Girl Scouts.

Councilmember Creighton concurred with the fabulous job the Highway Dept. did this Winter.

Councilmember Creighton also attended the Peekskill and Buchanan St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councilmember Creighton wanted to recognize his mother, and wife for Women's History month, both of whom are nurses.

Councilmember Becker gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilmember Becker reminded the public that the Town television show, "Taking Care of Business" has been resurrected and is available to watch on Channel 78 and on the Town website.

Councilmember Becker spent many hours walking Mohegan Colony where Cortlandt PITCH is proposed to be located. The Board and the developer are looking at alternative sites. He understands the issues of having development like this being located in this community.

Councilmember Costello gave her report

OF NOTE:

Councilmember Costello congratulated Daniel, Eagle Scout.

Councilmember Costello stated that there was a Child Sex Abuse Forum last year at this time. She also stated that on 4/4/19, 6:00 p.m. the Cortlandt Community Coalition, and SADD will be holding an event called LIGHT UP THE SKY. This a community gathering of Hope, Healing, and Remembrance for those affected by addiction

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved.

DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

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

- a. Adopt an Order to Demolish

NOTE: This Proceeding will be adjourned to April 16, 2019

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that the property owner is working with the Town at this point to remedy the property to rebuild the structure. So it is recommended to adjourn this matter to the next meeting

Councilmember Becker moved to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 16, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Creighton.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider the creation of a Montrose Business Sewer District.
 - a. Close Public Hearing
 - b. Adopt Negative Declaration
 - c. Establish Sewer District

NOTE: This Proceeding will be adjourned to April 16, 2019

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that the Public Hearing was to consider the creation of a sewer district in Montrose primarily for the businesses along the Rte. 9A corridor with an interconnection to the Buchanan treatment plant.

Councilmember Creighton moved to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 16, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

2. Public Hearing to consider a Zoning Map Change for property located at 2226 Crompond Road.
 - a. Close Public Hearing
 - b. Adopt Negative Declaration
 - c. Adopt Resolution regarding Local Law

NOTE: This Proceeding will be adjourned to April 16, 2019

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that his Public Hearing was to consider an application to rezone property on Crompond Rd. for a facility known as Cortlandt PITCH. The Town

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Board and staff have been working with applicant since the last Public Hearing, and the applicant is very seriously engaged in negotiations for a different site in the community for this project. There is currently not an agreement, there are some details to still work out.

Hopefully by the April meeting we will be able to announce that the application is withdrawn.

Linda Puglisi, Town Supervisor stated that they will now entertain comments from the public regarding this matter.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Paul Buckout, 40 McGregor Lane, Crompond. He stated that thanked the Town Board for doing such an excellent job of listening to the concerns of the residents. He wanted to just point out the size of Cortlandt PITCH project compared to other indoor fields in Westchester. The proposed project is huge and does not conform with the Zoning designation.

Mr. Lyle Puente, 94 Briar Lane, Crompond. He wanted to thank the Town Board for their time in their hard work, and for listening to the residents regarding this project.

Mr. Fred Omidvarin, Crompond. He is concerned about additional traffic in the area of Mohegan Colony, and thanked the Town Board for their effort in transferring the applicant to an alternative location.

Mr. Max Glantz, 16 Paulding Lane, Crompond. He wanted to make sure that there was going to be public awareness as to how they will know about the project details from now until April 16th.

Tom Wood, Town Attorney stated that if the applicant withdraws the application, it will be on the Town website, and it will be on the Town Board agenda.

Councilmember Farrell moved to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 16, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Costello.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

REPORTS

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

All voted **AYE**.

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Receive and File the following:

For the month of January from the Department of Recreation.

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

2018 Annual Youth Attendance Report from the Department of Recreation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from Director of DOTS in response to letter from Circa Engineering regarding 180 Roa Hook Road.
2. Memorandum from Director of DOTS in response to letter from Tom Keesler Sr. regarding License Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter from Zarin & Steinmetz petitioning to include Cortlandt Crossing in the Westchester Mall Drainage District; refer to Legal and DOTS.
2. Petitions from residents of Laurie Road regarding speed bumps; refer to DES and DOTS.
3. Request from resident of Dimond Ave to evaluate traffic calming measures; refer to DES, Legal, State Police and County Police.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98-19 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute contract with various Libraries servicing the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-19 RE: Accept the 2018 Member List of Volunteer Ambulance Workers for the Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Award Program

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-19 RE: Award the Grass Cutting Contract for 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 101-19 RE: Authorization for NorWest to purchase a passenger bus.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-19 RE: Authorize extension of Landscaping and Beautification Contract for 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-19 RE: Authorize extension of special Westchester County Police patrols for the Montrose area for six months.

Agenda items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 104-19 RE: Authorize DOTS to obtain proposals for professional design services for the reconstruction of Gallows Hill Road at the intersection with Pumphouse Road along the frontage of 40 Gallows Hill Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-19 RE: Award NYSDOT PIN 8103.50/TE Contract 2018.03(R) – Route 9A Sidewalk (Kingsferry Road to Roundtree Lane).

RESOLUTION NO. 106-19 RE: Authorize implementation and funding for NYSDOT PIN 8103.50/TE Contract 2018.03(R) – Route 9A Sidewalk (Kingsferry Road to Roundtree Lane).

RESOLUTION NO. 107-19 RE: Award Engineering Consultant Contract for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Route 9A Sidewalk (Kingsferry Road to Roundtree Lane).

RESOLUTION NO. 108-19 RE: Award Contract for Drainage Maintenance and Re-Lining at the Charles J. Cook Pool Complex.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-19 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare an RFP for Property Maintenance for “Zombie Properties” Town-wide and execute contracts at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-19 RE: Authorize DOTS and Legal to revise Town Code Chapter 277 – Telecommunication Towers and obtain a proposal for consultant services for same.

Agenda items for Legal Department

RESOLUTION NO. 111-19 RE: Authorize exchange of parcels of land between the Town of Cortlandt and St. Patrick’s Church.

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RESOLUTION NO. 112-19 RE: Authorize an agreement with respect to the removal of billboards on Route 6, Route 202 and Buttonwood Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-19 RE: Authorize the Town to enter into a settlement agreement for the tax certiorari proceeding filed by Pine Lake Park Coop.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-19 RE: Authorize the Town to settle two claims.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-19 RE: Authorize the fee schedule for cell service within the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-19 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence for an employee in the Legal Department.

Discussion:

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that regarding Res. No. 112-19 that there about 4 more billboards in the Town that need to be taken down. The agreements give the businesses a few months to fulfill their advertising contracts with the current advertisers.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Costello moved that the following Resolutions be adopted.
Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter from resident requesting to have 11 Casparian Road reinstated into the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District; forward same to Westchester County for their consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Forward letter from East Main 16, LLC petitioning to have 3200 East Main Street reinstated to Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District to Westchester County for their consideration.
2. Authorize one intern under the WISE program.

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Discussion:

Supervisor Puglisi stated that the WISE intern program is a terrific program where various High school students work in various departments in the Town.

All voted **AYE**.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Creighton, seconded by Councilmember Becker.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com