

April 12, 2016

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on April 12, 2016 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 official and appointed staff in attendance:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor	Absent
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember	
DEBRA COSTELLO	Councilmember	
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember	
SETH FREACH	Councilmember	

Also present:

JO-ANN DYCKMAN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
ROSEMARY B. LASHER	DOTS/Asst. to Director

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Deputy Supervisor Farrell led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS

Deputy Supervisor Farrell introduced the Director of the Town of Cortlandt’s Youth Center, Katherine Sclafani who was there to introduce the children from the Youth Center who created Earth Day posters. Ms. Sclafani explained that every year, as part of the Town’s Earth Day celebration, the Youth Center holds an Earth Day poster contest to help raise awareness on what can be done to help the Earth. This year’s theme was “Earth Day, everyday” and the children were asked to depict 3 items that can be done on a daily basis to protect the Earth on their poster. Ms. Sclafani commented that it was a very difficult decision to pick the winners. She asked all the participants to come forward with their posters and she and Deputy Supervisor Farrell announced the winners and presented their awards. The winners were:

3rd – 5th Grade

1st Place

- 1. Margaret Nee 4th Carrie E Tompkins Elementary

Runner Ups

- 1. Morgan Parks 5th FGL

- 2. Sophia Jackson 5th FGL
- 3. Tony Ciampi 5th FW
- 4. Caroline Clark 5th FGL
- 5. Joshua Erenberg 3rd George Washington
- 6. Samantha Garry 4th Van Cortlandtville
- 7. Eliza Spyropoulos 3rd Lincoln Titus

6th – 8th Grade

1st Place

- 1. Adora Chen 6th Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School

Runner Ups

- 1. Cailee Tisinger 8th BMMS
- 2. Jacob Klein 7th Copper Beach
- 3. Dailecy Panama 6th BMMS
- 4. Parker Piccolo-Hill 7th BMMS
- 5. Amaari Miryagalla 8th Copper Beach

Ms. Sclafani stated that the posters will be on display at the Cortlandt Youth Center til the end of the month.

Deputy Supervisor Farrell congratulated all the participants. He explained the absence of Supervisor Puglisi at tonight’s Town Board meeting was because she was out of town with her son and attended a taping of “Dancing with the Stars”. Many residents were able to see her on TV and called the office asking about it.

The Town of Cortlandt will be hosting an Earth Day Hike Saturday, April 16th at Croton Point Park. He asked residents to call the Supervisor’s office to reserve a space.

The DEC will be conducting a river and stream monitoring project focusing on the lower Hudson River basin which encompasses the Town of Cortlandt. **Deputy Supervisor Farrell** stated that anyone who would like to volunteer to contact the DEC. He and his daughter once worked for DEC to test the waters of Lake Meahagh and it was a great experience. He thanked Matt Logerfo for posting the link to the DEC wave program where the residents can find out all the information to get involved.

The opening of Holy Smoke, a new restaurant in the Town of Cortlandt. **Deputy Supervisor Farrell** stated that it is a very good restaurant for BBQ foods and that it had been vacant for a long time. The owner has done a wonderful job renovating it and he was pleased that the owner mentioned all the help he received from the Town of Cortlandt.

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ROLL CALL

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Dyckman all Town Board members indicated their presence with the absence of **Supervisor Puglisi**.

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TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Freach: No report, only concurred that the ribs at Holy Smoke restaurant are delicious.

Councilmember Costello: congratulated the youth on their wonderful Earth Day posters and that it's always great to give recognition and take interest in the Earth and importance of recycling, etc.

Earlier this month, the Cortlandt Community Coalition joined forces with the Croton Coalition and discussed the opium and heroin epidemic that is going on. She urged residents with any concern to contact the Cortlandt Community Coalition for information.

Councilmember Costello attended the NY Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital 10th anniversary no wait ER ceremony and commented that it is always good to see that we have hospitals that are growing and being prosperous in the community.

Councilmember Becker: Showed a photo proving that Supervisor Puglisi was indeed on the set of Dancing with the Stars.

Tonight they will be voting to allocate funds to complete the Broadway Sidewalk Project. Councilmember Becker said when he started with the Board they had begun the first phase, so it's satisfying to see it is finally coming to completion.

They also will be voting on the approval of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Dock. It's just not a case of allocating funds, but it is Councilmember Farrell's personal project for many years so it is with please that it will be approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of March 15, 2016 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed. Councilmember Freach seconded the motion.

BID REPORTS

- 1. Receive and File bids opened on April 7, 2016 with respect to the demolition of a structure at 2 Lafayette Street in Verplanck; and Award a Contract for same.

RESOLUTION NO.126-16 RE: Award Contract TE 2016-02 with respect to the Demolition of 2 Lafayette Street, Verplanck.

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REPORTS

For the month of March, 2016 from the Office for the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

none

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

- 1. A letter from Ibrahim Iliyan requesting to purchase vacated property next to 27 Gabriel Drive; and refer to the Legal Department, Town Assessor, DOTS and DES.
- 2. Letter from the Friends of Old Croton Aqueduct, Inc. requesting the Town lift parking restrictions on Quaker Bridge Road for a special event on May 7, 2016 (rain date May 8th) and authorize same.

RESOLUTION NO.127-16 RE: Authorization to permit parking along the west side of Quaker Bridge Road on May 7, 2016 and May 8, 2016.

- 3. Memo from the ZBA requesting the Town Board consider amending the Table of Permitted Uses to allow compost manufacturing in the M-1 Zone and refer to the Legal Department and DOTS/Planning.
- 4. Letter from the family of Michael Selazzo and refer to the Recreation Department.

Discussion: Deputy Supervisor Farrell stated that on the letter to the ZBA about the permitted uses, that is concerning the applicant who wants to have a compost business on Roa Hook Road. He would like to take food waste and mix it with plant materials to create mulch. The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to determine if this is permitted in an M1 zone, so will be studied and reported back.

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

RESOLUTION NO.128-16 RE: Authorize a medical Leave of Absence for a DES employee.

RESOLUTION NO.129-16 RE: Appoint seasonals for DES.

RESOLUTION NO.130-16 RE: Authorize the settlement of a Tax Certiorari with respect to Croton Enterprises, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO.131-16 RE: Authorize the Implementation and Appropriation of funds with respect to the Broadway Sidewalk Project 5th Street to the Hudson River.

RESOLUTION NO.132-16 RE: Authorize the Purchasing Director to coordinate an online auction for scrap and surplus of vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO.133-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to apply to Westchester County for Phase 1 funding for storm water mitigation projects.

RESOLUTION NO.134-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals to resurface the Skate Park located at the Town Community Center, 29 Westbrook Drive.

RESOLUTION NO.135-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit bids for the Cortlandt Community Rowing Dock at the Verplanck Waterfront.

RESOLUTION NO.136-16 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to sign a license agreement with WCDEF to monitor flow in the sanitary county trunk line behind the New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital.

RESOLUTION NO.137-16 RE: Authorization for the installation of underdrains and miscellaneous construction work for a portion of Gabriel Drive and Fairview Place.

RESOLUTION NO.138-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals for the installation of fencing around the Sprout Brook Park multi-purpose field.

RESOLUTION NO.139-16 RE: Authorize the Purchase and Lease financing of DES vehicles.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.140-16 RE: Authorize the replacement of a failed storm drain on Knollwood Road.

RESOLUTION NO.141-16 RE: Authorize Duct Cleaning in various Town Buildings.

RESOLUTION NO.142-16 RE: Resolution in support of Teen Brain Day.

RESOLUTION NO.143-16 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for May 17, 2016 to consider modifying Special Permit language (Section 307-4) of the Zoning Code.

Discussion: Deputy Supervisor Farrell pointed out that the rowing dock is being placed in pursuance of the rowing club’s needs and desires, but it is like the dock at Lake Meahagh accessible and open to everyone to use. It is a low profile dock and ideal for canoes, kayaks and small crafts.

All voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Becker moved that the following resolution be adopted. Councilmember Freach seconded the motion.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO.144-16 RE: Authorize the modernization of the Dickerson Pond Sewer Plant (Valeria) at a treatment capacity of 55,000 gallons.

RESOLUTION NO.145-16 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for May 17, 2016 to consider the adoption of the 2016 Stormwater Report.

RESOLUTION NO.146-16 RE Schedule a Public Hearing for June 14, 2016 to consider a Local Law requiring fencing and screening at construction sites.

All Voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

NONE

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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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Costello, seconded by Councilmember Becker.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

JO-ANN DYCKMAN
Town Clerk