

July 19, 2006

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on July 19, 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:

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| LINDA D. PUGLISI | Supervisor |
| FRANCIS X. FARRELL | Councilmember |
| DEBRA COSTELLO | Councilmember |
| RICHARD BECKER | Councilmember |
| SETH FREACH | Councilmember |

Also present:

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

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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 AND REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi stated that each month the Town honors a department or a Board, Council or Committee. Tonight the Town is honoring the Planning Board members, many who have been on the Board for a long time. The **Supervisor** explained the important role of the Planning Board, where applications go for a site plan review. They can refer to the conservation advisory counsel and to the architectural review consul. And consult with staff members of the engineering, planning and legal departments to help advise them. **Supervisor Puglisi** commented that they have been an important part of the Town’s government for years and collectively they have worked to control development in the community to have a rational growth plan and abide by the environmental laws.

The **Supervisor** presented the Chairperson, Loretta Taylor with the proclamation who has been involved since 1990 and Thomas Bianchi, Vice Chairman. Councilmember Farrell then introduced Jeff Rothfeder and Peter Daley. **Supervisor Puglisi** commented that they have a cross section of the community on the Planning Board, different frames of reference, different geographical parts of the Town and together collectively they corroborate on giving wonderful points. Councilmember Freach introduced Bob Foley, a member since 1998, and Jim

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)

Creighton, a member of the Planning Board since 2013. Councilmember Becker stated that Steve Kessler could not be here tonight but also has been a long term member since 1989. He then introduced John Klarl, Deputy Town Attorney. Councilmember Costello introduced advisors Michael Preziosi and Chris Kehoe and read their proclamation.

Loretta Taylor thanked **Supervisor Puglisi** and the Town Board for acknowledging their contributions to the Town. She commented that the payback is helping to guide the Town and to help fulfill the vision for now and for the future. They are gratified by the results that they see. Ms. Taylor stated she's seen members come and go but it has been fun and kiddingly she stated that she really thinks they deserve this!!

Supervisor Puglisi thanked them for all they do for the Town.

The **Supervisor** stated that Councilmember Farrell came up with the idea of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association. Councilmember Farrell said it was his pleasure to introduce some of the members of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association here tonight to express their support and gratitude for the dock which the Town will be constructing shortly on the Hudson. This will allow the launching and recovery of small crafts. Rowing shells are used for racing with 1-8 members. Councilmember Farrell stated that at one time, the sport of rowing was tremendous on the Hudson River and was famous in the 1930's. The Cortlandt Community Rowing Association is working to bring this sport back to life on the Hudson River and is very popular up and down the river for the youths and adults. Councilmember Farrell commented how fortunate we are to have the Hudson and the CCRA is leading the way for the rest of the citizens of the Town to enjoy the Hudson River. He introduced Amy Rosenberg and many of the other members of the club.

Ms. Rosenberg read a letter by Dina Tompkins, President of CCRA thanking **Supervisor Puglisi** and describing the beginnings of the CCRA and how they couldn't have done it without her support. She stated that they now have 27 youth rowers, 25 master rowers, 12 indoor rowers and 9 young rowers ages 8-11 and that they see continued growth. Ms. Rosenberg spoke of the rowers who have taken it forward to college level and that she is proud to say that it is because of this club they have found paths to enrich their futures. Because of the support, this club will prosper and perhaps will be in the Olympics someday. Ms. Rosenberg thanked everyone again on behalf of the President of CCRA. A video was then viewed.

Supervisor Puglisi commented what comes to her mind watching the video is that they are learning and becoming leaders and that it is a team effort that is important with terrific people as mentors. She said they are very proud of Councilman Farrell for coming up with this idea and for all of the participants for fulfilling this journey.

Councilmember Farrell stated that it wasn't an original idea but he saw it elsewhere and thought that Cortlandt could certainly do this also. He was fortunate to meet others who had the same dream and thanked the Board for their support. **Supervisor Puglisi** also commented on how it might lead to college scholarships.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

Supervisor Puglisi hoped everyone was enjoying the summer. This year the new water spray park was opened at the pool.

Last weekend they attended the Verplanck Fire Dept. Annual Parade and then went to the Mt. Carmel Society’s Feast. **Supervisor Puglisi** asked residents to remember to join them at their next outdoor free concert and movie on July 28th. On August 11th the movie will be Kung Fu Panda, all taking place at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park, all free events. The **Supervisor** thanked the staff who puts this all together.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that in early July they closed on purchasing 100 acres of land in Verplanck from Con Edison for various purposes. She urged residents to send their ideas for this property to be considered.

The Town just completed their final payment from 20 years ago for a 6 million dollar bond for major water projects bringing down the Town debt.

The new Lacrosse All Purpose Field at Sprout Brook Park is just about complete and should open in mid September, as confirmed by Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer.

Supervisor Puglisi added that they submitted papers on time.

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ROLL CALL

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

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TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Farrell: spoke of an item on the agenda regarding opposition to the Coast Guard’s plans to anchor barges along the shores of Verplanck and Montrose. He stated that this is something that appeared on June 9th in the Federal Register but the Town wasn’t aware til there was an article that got the Town’s attention. Councilmember Farrell indicated that this proposal might be further along than they know due to a drill performed in May and what concerns him was not only the view, but the impeding of recreational boating and fishing, what will be stored on these barges, which is often oil, and what plans to deal with a breaking loose of the barge. The Town intends to have a public hearing and learn more about this proposal.

Councilmember Freach: Congratulated and thanked the current Board and CCRA for all that was being done and he was glad that Councilmember Farrell discussed the barge issue and the Town’s opposition. Councilmember Freach feels the same way and to see the river with the anchorages would be a setback from all that is being done to enjoy the River.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

On the agenda, Councilmember Freach will be voting NO again on authorizing and funding the DARE program. He feels it doesn't work and anyone can contact him for his reasons that he has discussed previously.

Of the 100 acres that the Town has acquired, there could be many options for use and they have been having talks about uses for the quarry area and what it could turn into. Councilmember Freach indicated he has seen uses in neighboring states that run different uses and he's been having talks with them giving many promising leads and looking very positive.

Councilmember Becker: Also congratulated CCRA. Councilmember Becker stated that there is a proposal from NY Indoor Sports and it looks very exciting and can help the middle of the Town on a major corridor of Rt. 202 and will be referred to the Planning Board for their input. He thanked the Planning Board for their service to the community.

Councilmember Costello: Congratulated the CCRA and commented how she enjoys watching them on Lake Meahagh. Councilmember Costello thanked Councilmember Farrell for spearheading this program.

Councilmember Costello thanked the Planning Board members and commented that they do so much and people have no idea what they do. They have to make sure that the projects that come before the Town are done right or done at all.

This past weekend the Croton Arboretum had their annual garden tour again and she urged residents to go next year and see all the beautiful gardens in the community.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of June 14, 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 July 8, 2016 with respect to the Construction of a Rowing Dock in Verplanck, and Award a Contract for same.

RESOLUTION NO. 195-16 RE: Award Contract TE 2016-04 with respect to the installation of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Dock at the Verplanck Waterfront.

REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Memo from the Planning Division of DOTS with respect to Policies from the 2016 Master Plan.
2. Memo from DOTS and DES with respect to a request for a License Agreement for a stone wall on Town property on Sough Hill Road.
3. Memo from DES with respect to a stop sign at the intersection of Hill and Dale Road and Maple Avenue; and authorize same.

RESOLUTION NO. 196-16 RE: Amend the Vehical and Traffic Code to provide for “Stop” Sign along Hill and Dale Road at Maple Avenue.

4. Memo from DES with respect to parking restrictions on Baker Street; and authorize same.

RESOLUTION NO. 197-16 RE: Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Code to provide for “No Parking” signs along Baker Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from William and Christine Dakin with respect to the purchase of property at 2 Lafayette Street; and refer to the Legal Department.

NEW BUSINESS, (cont.)

- 2. Letter from the Peekskill/Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association Inc. requesting placement of a radio repeater on a water tank; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.
- 3. Petition from Zarin and Steinmetz with respect to a Zoning Map and Text Amendment in regard to NY Indoor Sports, Inc; refer to DOTS/Planning and the Legal Department; and Declare the Town Boards intent to be Lead Agency with respect to same.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-16 RE: Declare the Town Board as Lead Agency with respect to a Zoning Map and Text Amendment in regard to NY Indoor Sports.

- 4. Letter with respect to the formation of the proposed Cortlandt Boulevard Central Sewer and Drainage Districts; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.
- 5. Requests from the Lakeland School and Hendrick Hudson School Districts with respect to the lack of cell phone service in the Furnace Woods and Watch Hill Road and Jacob Avenue areas; and direct the Town Engineer and Town Attorney to solicit the possibility of a cell tower(s).

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi said that the new Master Plan, which has received awards from NY State and Westchester County, is now being worked on with 206 policies, one starting to be implemented around the hospital area. There will be meetings on this.

The Supervisor thanked the Peekskill/Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association for doing such a good service for the community.

Supervisor Puglisi commented that more cell phone service is needed in the area indicated.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199-16 RE: Award a Contract with respect to HVAC Services at Town Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 200-16 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to enter into a supplemental Agreement with NYSDOT for design services with respect to Westbrook Drive/Rt. 6/Cortlandt Town Center entrance intersection project.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO. 201-16 RE: Authorize a Lease renewal for property located on 8th Street and Broadway in Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 202-16 RE: Authorize a Grant application with respect to implementation of a clean transportation initiative as part of the MOD District.

RESOLUTION NO. 203-16 RE: Resolution in opposition of the Coast Guards plans to anchor barges along the shores of Verplanck, Montrose and Cortlandt; and receive and File a letter from the Supervisor requesting they hold a public meeting in the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-16 RE: Resolution confirming the final form of a Bond Resolution adopted on March 15, 2016 with respect to a water tank.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-16 RE: Authorize a neighborhood block party event on a portion of Birch Brook Road on September 24, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 206-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to retain a construction monitor with respect to Cortlandt Crossing (paid for by the applicant)

RESOLUTION NO. 208-16 RE: Authorize DES to rent a screener and excavator.

Discussion: none

All voted AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 207-16 RE: Authorize the DARE Program for the 2016/2017 school year.

A motion to poll the board was made by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Costello

Councilmember Farrell commented that previously Councilmember Freach expressed his desire to vote no and Councilmember Farrell said he respectfully disagree. While he appreciates some of the criticism that has arisen over the years about DARE not as effective as hoped but he's always felt it was worthwhile and important with today's suspicion of the police, it is important to know students are able to interact with the police

Councilmember Freach commented that he does not feel it is effective and it's ok to disagree.

Supervisor Puglisi also said one is entitled his opinion but she also respectfully disagrees with Councilmember Freach. The program has been funded by the Town since 1992 and she's attended many DARE graduations. She commented that if it helps one or two students, then they've done their job.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

Councilmember Becker commented that his head is with Councilmember Freach and his heart is with Councilmember Farrell, so he will vote yes as he feels that every little bit helps and it's good for the kids to meet the police officers.

Councilmember Costello indicated she also will be voting yes and feels that 5th graders begin to hear more about drugs so it's important to give them information while they are still young and effective. If you can save one life, it's worth it.

- Councilmember Costello: Yes**
- Councilmember Becker: Yes**
- Supervisor Puglisi: Yes**
- Councilmember Freach: No**
- Councilmember Farrell: Yes**

The motion **passed**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Farrell moved that the following be received and filed and the following resolutions be adopted. Councilmember Costello seconded the motion.

Receive and File the Following:

1. A Petition from residents of Taylor Avenue requesting parking restrictions: and refer to DES, DOTS and the Legal Department.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 209-16 RE: Appoint one seasonal for the Recreation Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 210-16 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for August 16, 2016 to consider amending the Local Law establishing the Department of Finance.

All voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilmember Costello moved that the following Transfer be approved. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-16 RE: Authorize Budget Transfers.

BUDGET TRANSFERS, (con't)

Patty Robcke, Town Comptroller explained that after doing the reviews they go through the budget and see if any accounts that need adjusting. There are contingency accounts for that purpose. The transfers include covering costs approved by the Town Board, water issues, equipment costs, allocating funds for equipment and supplies, and in the water department allocating funds for equipment and supplies.

All voted **AYE**

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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

Supervisor Puglisi commented that there were drought issues needing water conservation and she is grateful to the community for cooperating. Jeff Coleman explained that they have had record demand due to lack of rain so they urged residents to conform to the odd and even days of scheduling water usage.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Becker and Councilmember Freach

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**

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