

**May 14, 2013**

**Town Board Meeting**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on May 14, 2013 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:

<b>LINDA D. PUGLISI</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>FRANCIS X. FARRELL</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>ANN LINDAU-MARTIN</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>RICHARD BECKER</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>JOHN E. SLOAN</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>

**Also present:**

<b>JO-ANN DYCKMAN</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
<b>EDWARD VERGANO</b>	<b>DOTS, Director</b>
<b>CLAUDIA VAHEY</b>	<b>Human Resources Coordinator</b>
<b>CHRISTINE B. COTHREN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>ROSEMARY B. LASHER</b>	<b>DOTS/Asst. to Director</b>
<b>JEFFREY COLEMAN</b>	<b>Director, DES</b>

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Girl Scout Troop 2428 from Lincoln Titus Elementary School led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

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**SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS**

**Supervisor Puglisi** introduced the Cortlandt Regional Paramedics who recently on the Westchester County Emergency Services Award, directed by Justin Costable who joined the Supervisor with his fellow paramedics. The **Supervisor** explained that this is a shared service between Cortlandt, Buchanan and Peekskill, established in mid 1990s. Councilmember Becker spoke of working with the paramedics and knows how hard they worked. He thanked them for their dedication and service. Proclamations were given to the following paramedics; Justin Costable, Director; Holly Haight, Bill Rothchild, Tom Russo, Patrick Maclennan, Matthew Mulvaney, Steven Dangelone, John Dillon, Christie Kroll, Cheryl Silvernail

Justin Costable commented it was a long road with many changes and training, but had many behind them which got the program going. They work 24/7 and often don't get recognized but are the best men and woman serving everyone.

The **Supervisor** stated that Dr. John McGurty was initially involved in helping establish this program as was late Councilmember Ed Carter.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)**

The Green Team was honored for coordinating Earth Day activities, hikes, swap events and help in educating all the offices and employees to conserve energy. There are about 25 employees as members of the Green Team. The executives of the Green team were given proclamations: Dani Glaser, Sharon Palmiotto, Judy Peterson, Claudia Vahey, and Patricia Robcke. The **Supervisor** thanked them for all they do for the Town government and the community. Patty Robcke stated that the Green Team was established in 2009 as an effort to conserve energy in Town Hall. About 8 % in energy and about 66% in paper goods were saved in the first year in Town Hall and gave help to the community to save in their homes. She explained about the different programs utilized to promote conservation in the community throughout the Town. Dani Glaser thanked **Supervisor Puglisi** for her support of the concept and Councilmember Sloan's help and support. She commented that the programs have been received enthusiastically and that makes a big difference. There is still a lot of work to do and she encouraged residents to join their group. **Supervisor Puglisi** also thanked Councilmember Sloan who "kept our feet to the fire" and helped to conserve a large amount of energy in the Town.

**Supervisor Puglisi** then introduced County Legislator Catherine Borgia. Her colleague, John Testa was at the April meeting. She spoke of the ongoing issues with the housing settlement and has been asked to move forward on three things. 1. The building of 750 affordable units 2. Landlord and Tenant discrimination regarding rentals source of income. There will be a public hearing regarding this issue and 3. An analysis of impediment.

She stated that Westchester County is diverse in regard to geography, cities and rural. Councilmember Sloan asked about additional affordable housing being required here but Ms. Borgia stated that this is not correct. More affordable housing is needed but a lot of other communities are far behind in this. She feels that we all feel that this is a good thing and we should move forward to come to a compromise.

Also, at Playland, the County is running Playland Park this year. There is still a lot of process that needs to happen. The current proposal does eliminate a good portion of the amusement park but adds a great lawn, extended beach area and a field house for local teams and outdoor field. They need to evaluate if this is the right use for Playland.

Ms. Borgia stated that a decision had been made to slow down some of the infrastructure improvements that needed to be made. In the past two years, there's been a celebration of trying to get capitol projects approved and financed and at least begun. There have been 20 million dollars worth of projects that have been approved, 1.6 million dollars of projects are in some stage and ready to go. Over 40% of our construction workers are out of work, so it is an economic boost to get more employed and also be a signal to other businesses that Westchester is revitalizing our infrastructure so that Westchester continues to be a really good place to live and do business.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)**

She also showed via a chart the results of the economic impact. There has been a defunding of a lot of the safety net programs in Westchester County; homelessness, addiction prevention, childcare subsidies and unfortunately we are seeing an increase in the proportion of costs for parents. The homeless are not a majority of single men, as it used to be. It now is families and females with children and the reality is that money put toward prevention is a cheaper cost for the taxpayer than what happens when people fall out of being able to be in their households and has to be subsidized. They want families to succeed and improve their life and no longer needing these services. Ms. Borgia ended with stating that there are still some challenging times ahead.

**Supervisor Puglisi** thanked Ms. Borgia for her work and her caring for those in need.

The **Supervisor** announced that May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 will be the dedication and grand opening of the Cortlandt Community Boat Launch, located at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck. All residents in the Town and Villages may use the boat launch. The rules are posted and permits can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. She thanked the Town Board and particularly Councilmember Farrell for the support of this project, Ed Vergano, Town Engineer, and John Palmiotto, Recreation Director for their hard work.

The Charles Cook Pool opens on weekends of June 8<sup>th</sup> and later on for the summer.

The Town submitted an award application for Metro North Cortlandt Train Station this year to the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation and the Town won the award. Cortlandt had a lot of input into the design of the station.

The newly established Fields Task Force is working to develop more multi-use fields in the area and making progress. More information will be in the upcoming weeks.

The Cortlandt Veteran's Committee Memorial Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

**Supervisor Puglisi** and Councilmember Farrell attended the Cortlandt Engine Company and Montrose Fire Department Memorial Day service. She thanked them for the lovely ceremony.

On the agenda is the 213 paving, resurfacing plan which will be voted on. It then gets bidded out and awarded. A staff committee evaluated the roads and she thanked Jeff Coleman, Rosemary Boyle Lasher, Ed Vergano and others who helped on the preparation.

The **Supervisor** reminded residents to shop, do business and dine in the Town of Cortlandt.

**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 Sloan:** Gave accolades to the team, the Town, the County and the State. The Green Team has thrived over the last four years and has saved taxpayers a lot of money. He gave a salute to the County, with County Executive Astorino for opposing HUD and the kind of settlement that they were trying to force. It was appropriate to stand up to HUD. Lastly, Councilmember Sloan gave a salute to the New York State Legislature. It's been 6 weeks since any official has been arrested!

**Councilmember Becker:** no report

**Councilmember Lindau-Martin:** Spoke of the paramedics and complemented Holly Haight for her service. She added that the Green Team is a great organization.

**Councilmember Farrell:** Stated that you just can't say enough about the paramedics and that organization. They literally save lives and when we have the chance to thank them, we are only too glad to do it. Councilmember Farrell spoke of his neighbor who was saved from a heart attack by the paramedics using a paddle machine and the gratitude he had for the paramedics.

Councilmember Farrell commented on the need for more fields in the Town with so many kids playing many sports and there are not enough fields. The fields have to rest for a season and this is a problem. There is not a lot of open space in the Town and neighbors object to fields near their homes. The Town has pledged to assist in any way it can to help find fields and develop them.

Councilmember Farrell stated that the sport of rowing will not need a field and if kids would go to this alternative sport, the need for so many fields would lessen. The Hudson River is under utilized and could be used. He commented that rowing is by no means a second tier sport as it comes with scholastic and athletic advantages, especially to young women. There will be buildings that are ideally suited for use as a boathouse and this is an opportunity that is here for the taking. Councilmember Farrell encouraged anyone interested in finding out more about this to contact him through the Supervisor's office or on their facebook page. This is a sport you can do your whole life, unlike sports such as football or lacrosse.

Councilmember Farrell commented that there have been suggestions regarding the boat launch regarding how it might have been done differently or better. He commended the Engineering Department and stated that they will see if there

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)**

should be alterations to the construction or to adjust the rules for its use as time goes on.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2013 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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**BID REPORTS**

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**REPORTS**

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed. Councilmember Lindau-Martin seconded the motion

For the month of April from the Office for the Aging, the Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Quarterly Report from Westchester County with respect to the Sprout Brook Ash Pit.
2. 2012/2013 Stormwater Annual Report.
3. Reports with respect to a request from Thomas Keesler to use Town property; deny same and forward a copy of the DES report in response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

- 1. Letter from the Cross Creek Homeowners Association with respect to parking restrictions; and authorize same.

**RESOLUTION NO.141-13 RE: Authorize parking restrictions on Clara Court**

**Discussion:** none

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 Lindau Martin moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Farrell:

**RESOLUTION NO.142-13 RE: Appoint Holly Haight to the title Senior Fire Inspector in the Teamsters Bargaining Unit.**

**RESOLUTION NO.143-13 RE: Appoint James Kelly to the title Foreman of the Cortlandt Consolidated Water Division of DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO.144-13 RE: Authorize an extension for a Leave of Absence for a DES employee.**

**RESOLUTION NO.145-13 RE: Appoint seasonals for DES**

**RESOLUTION NO.146-13 RE: Appoint an Intern for the Recreation Department.**

**RESOLUTION NO.147-13 RE: Authorize updating Resolution 156-92 with respect to non-union, non-contractual employees.**

**RESOLUTION NO.148-13 RE: Appoint members to the newly restructured CAC/Open Space Committee and David Douglas as Chairman and Paul Buckout as the Vice Chairman**

**RESOLUTION NO.149-13 RE: Authorize an Agreement with Metro North and an application with Westchester County Department of Health with respect to Family Fun Day.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi congratulated Holly Haight and James Kelly on their promotions and David Douglas and Paul Buckout for stepping up and becoming the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CAC and Open Space Committee.

All voted **AYE**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.150-13 RE: Authorize the participation in the Climate Smart Certification Pilot Program with Dani Glaser as the Coordinator.**

**RESOLUTION NO.151-13 RE: Authorize the settlement of Tax Certioraris with respect to DeStefano, Gymnastic City and Louis Solomon.**

**RESOLUTION NO.152-13 RE: Authorize a Settlement with respect to the former "Abee Rose" parcel for approximately 100 acres of open space; and refer to the Planning Board.**

**RESOLUTION NO.153-13 RE: Award a bid with respect to the purchase of a sanitation truck.**

**RESOLUTION NO.154-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of MSDS online software.**

**RESOLUTION NO.155-13 RE: Authorize the rental of a material screener with respect to DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO.156-13 RE: Authorize DOTS, DES and the Recreation Department to develop plans for the Sprout Brook Lake Park area into a multi purpose field for lacrosse/soccer/football programs.**

**RESOLUTION NO.157-13 RE: Authorize DES to seek bids with respect to drain replacements on Knollwood Road and Washington Street.**

**RESOLUTION NO.158-13 RE: Authorize parking restrictions on Somerset Lane.**

**RESOLUTION NO.159-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of HVAC software for use at Town Hall.**

**RESOLUTION NO.160-13 RE: Direct DOTS and DES to conduct a drainage study in the areal of Rt. 9A and Montrose Station Road.**

**RESOLUTION NO.161-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to seek bids with respect to 2013 paving.**

**RESOLUTION NO.162-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to seek bids with respect to the demolition of a building on Craft Lane.**

**Discussion:** Tom Wood spoke of the 3 tax certiorairis that they have been pending for some time and have been resolved, DeStefano refund is \$2300, Gymnastic City-\$7800 and Solomon-\$10,700. The **Supervisor** stated that the 100 acres of open space in Abee Rose is not appropriate for fields as it is not flat.

All voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Sloan moved that the following be received and filed and the following resolutions be adopted. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

**Receive and File the Following:**

- 1. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Boyd with respect to a safety issue on Red Mill Road and refer to DES, DOTS and the Traffic Safety Committee.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO.163-13 RE: Appoint two (2) unpaid Interns for the Recreation Department and the DOTS/Planning Division.**

**RESOLUTION NO.164-13 RE: Authorize an agreement with respect to design improvements on Broadway from Riverview to 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Verplanck.**

**RESOLUTION NO.165-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit survey services with respect to a future sidewalk on Rt. 9A from Kings Ferry Road to Roundtree Lane.**

**RESOLUTION NO.166-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit survey services for streetscape improvements on Cortlandt Blvd. from Locust Avenue to the Van Cortlandtville Elementary School.**

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**



**Grace Zifrich**

Stated she is the sister of Jim Kelly and wanted to say thank you on behalf of Jim Kelly. She thanked **Supervisor Puglisi** for recognizing his hard work.

**Paul Goldstein**  
**Cross Creek**

Stated he is on the Board of Directors at the development and that he had a few concerns regarding the parking issues. Before the signs are brought in, he asked how was the Town going to enforce the parking?

**Supervisor Puglisi** said that Clara Court is a Town public road so the two police departments in the Town will be doing the enforcing. Signs will help the police department to enforce the parking. The **Supervisor** commented that Jeff Coleman would be the contact person about when they will be installed.

**Lynn Goldstein**  
**3 Clara Court**  
**Cross Creek**

Opposes the parking regulations at Cross Creek and stated that there was to be a petition whether they were for or against it and no such petition ever went out to the residents, except for who attended the meeting at that time. There are 40 homeowners affected and parking is extremely tight because there are more cars than drivers.

The **Supervisor** stated that a letter was sent to the Town from the President of the Cross Creek Homeowners Association thanking the Town indicating they voted unanimously for the parking restrictions. This is what the Town is addressing and advised that she go back to the Association to discuss the issue.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Lindau-Martin, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN**  
**Town Clerk**

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