

**APRIL 14, 2020
TOWN BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Pursuant to NYS Executive Order 202/2020 issued by the Governor, the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt is holding meetings virtually via a platform known as Zoom. The public can observe the meetings in real time and they are recorded as usual and posted on the Town Website.

A full audio/video recording of this meeting is available at www.townofcortlandt.com

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on April 14, 2020 **via Zoom**. 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:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called 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 spoke about the flags being lowered at half staff throughout the County of Westchester in memory of those lives that were lost due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Supervisor Puglisi sincerely thanked several groups of people.

Cortlandt residents, their families, in particular children, who have all been terrific. She emphasized as a Town we will get through this together, and will heal, and be stronger and better than ever.

Supervisor Puglisi sincerely thanked all Town of Cortlandt employees. Most offices are currently operating remotely, other than a few essential offices such as Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Receiver, and Sanitation services.

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Supervisor Puglisi on behalf of her and the Town Board wanted to recognize that this community, including the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and Buchanan always will, and have come together to help each other.

Supervisor Puglisi also recognized and thanked the following service providers:

NYP Hudson Valley Hospital Center, President Stacey Petrower, all health care providers and hospital workers.

EMS Providers – Paramedics, EMT providers, Ambulance Corps., Police Departments, Fire Departments.

Food Pantries and their volunteers, grocery store workers, pharmacists, restaurants, and delis.

Councilman Creighton,, and George Oros, Economic Consultant has been working on a list of local restaurants, and delis who are offering their take out services. Check the Town website for information.

Supervisor Puglisi stated it is a very long list of people to thank, and is honored to be Supervisor of such a wonderful Town.

ROLL CALL

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

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Creighton gave his report

NOTE:

Councilman Creighton stated that he wanted to echo Supervisor Puglisi’s sentiments about Town staff and their dedication, and hard work. He also mentioned, and expressed gratitude for all of the local businesses, hospitals, EMT services and more.

He mentioned how hard the schools, and teachers are working, and the children.

Councilman Creighton attended a very heartwarming parade of all the EMT, EMS, Fire, Ambulance, Police and more in front of the NYP Hudson Valley Hospital on Monday to honor those working, and risking their living for us.

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Councilmember Becker gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilman Becker reiterated his gratitude and thankfulness for everyone in the Town of Cortlandt . He stated that he as well as everyone in the medical field have been “re-deployed”. . He has taken on a new role by being a liaison to the families who’s family members are in ICU. He impressed how unfair the illness is, and how difficult and sad it is to relay medical information, and sometime letting a family say a final goodbye. Hopefully sooner that later their will be vaccination, and drugs available to fight the virus.

Councilmember Costello gave her report

OF NOTE:

Councilwoman Costello echoed sentiments, and thanked everybody as well. She also made mention that note that this is a difficult time for all of us, and if someone needs help with something don’t hesitate to ask for it.

Councilmember Farrell gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilman Farrell also thanked all of the doctors, nurses, hospital workers, and their families. This has been a major adjustment for all, and people have to realize the be gentle with themselves, and to reach out for help if they need it. The Town website has many resources for people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, and other issues. He advised people to reach out to family members, friends, and take the time to reconnect with people .

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the Minutes for the January 13, 2020 Special Meeting, January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, January 27, 2020 Special Meeting, and February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Costello made a motion to approve the above Minutes, seconded by Councilman Becker with all voting **AYE**.

DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

1. To consider evidence that 21 Pumphouse Road is a dangerous building.
 - a. Adopt an Order to Demolish

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROCEEDING IS ADJOURNED).

Thomas Wood, Town Attorney stated that the property owner obtained a demolition permit and is in the process of finalizing that, so it should be adjourned to the June agenda.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Residents can email comments on the Agenda to townclerk@townofcortlandt.com until 4 pm on April 14, 2020 to have them entered into the record.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

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

For the month off March from the Office of the Aging, Receiver of Taxes, and the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Becker made a motion to receive and file the above, seconded by Councilmember Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from the Director of DOTS regarding CVE North America Planning Board Application for a Tier 3 Solar Energy System.
2. Final Lake Meahagh Water Quality Assessment from Woodward & Curran.
3. Memorandum of comments from the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board regarding the proposed projects for the Medical Oriented District.
4. Memorandum from the Director of DES recommending a Stop Sign at Sassinoro Blvd and Chiusa Lane.
5. Memorandum from the Director of DES recommending No Parking along a portion of Croton Park Road.

Councilman Creighton commented on the CVE North American Planning Board Application for a Tier 3 Solar Energy system. This is a solar project that is proposed off of Cortlandt Blvd./Rte.6 about 800 feet east of Baker St, and there are number of site development issues, and are seeking the Town's input on the site plan. So this is essentially the beginning of the process for this application. We will be seeking input from our DOTS department.

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Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS commented on the Lake Meahagh water quality assessment stating that Lake Meahagh has been suffering from a variety of invasive species. This report consists of various treatments for the problem, which will begin in Spring 2020. once the DEC permit is received.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that the Town is receiving comments from the Planning Board regarding the MOD project, and the public hearing is adjourned to the June Town Board meeting.

Stephen Ferreira, Dir. DES commented on the request for stop sign in the Cortlandt Ridge development, there were letters sent to the homeowners that would be affected by the stop sign. Most were in favor of the signage, so there will be one stop sign placed at Sassinoro Blvd. and Chiusa Lane.

Councilman Creighton made a motion to receive and file the above, seconded by Councilman Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from the Director of DES regarding Cortlandt Ridge II Sewer Pump Station.
2. Letter from Beaver Brook, Inc. (formerly Furnace Dock, Inc.); refer to DOTS/Planning and Legal.
3. Petition from Hawthorne Devco, LLC regarding rezoning amendment; refer to DOTS/Planning and Legal.
4. Letter from Director of DOTS requesting needed improvements to the intersection of the Bear Mountain Parkway/Crompond Road/Route 202/35 and email from Councilman Richard Becker on same subject.

Councilman Farrell made a motion to receive and file the above, seconded by Councilwoman Costello with all voting **AYE**.

Supervisor Puglisi asked Thomas Wood, Town Attorney to give a brief overview of the Hawthorned Devco LLC rezoning.

Thomas Wood, Town Attorney stated that this property is located on Oregon Rd., formerly the Colonial Terrace for age restricted assisted living. This is the initial petition to the Board. The Board will have to decide about the Zoning amendment. Therefore, it is appropriate under SEQR that the Town Board conduct the environmental review as the lead agent So this resolution tonight is to advise staff to notify all the other involved agency of your intention to declare yourself lead agency.

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Councilman Becker commented on the subject of the improvements to the intersection of Bear Mtn. Parkway/Crompond Road/Route 202/35. He stated the left turn lane on Rte. 202 and the Bear Mountain parkway is a real choke point for traffic. So when advised by AKRF, who are traffic consultants to the Town, they recommended it might be a good time to ask the State to redesign and make the traffic flow better in that area. By eliminating the left hand turn on the eastbound side of Route 202 would help with the flow of traffic, and eliminate a big safety concern.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 88-20 RE: Authorize Town Board to seek Lead Agency with respect to Zoning amendments and redevelopment of 119-121 Oregon Rd., formerly Colonial Terrace.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-20 RE: Appoint Valerie Myers as a member of the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-20 RE: Renew Contract with Economic Consultant, George Oros.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-20 RE: Authorize Contract with Westchester County for replacement of radio equipment for First Responders.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-20 RE: Adopt the branding logo “WHERE LIFE WORKS” for the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-20 RE: Transfer \$400,000. of sales tax revenue from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-20 RE: Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a License Agreement with Team Concepts Inc. for the use of Lake Meahagh.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-20 RE: Renew contract with Social Media Consultant for one year.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-20 RE: Authorize contract with Partners Health Plan for Nor-West.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-20 RE: Purchase a Cloud Backup System with Sullivan Data.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that the appointment of Valerie Myers to the Planning Board is to fill the position left vacant by the death of Planning Board member Peter Daley. She was an alternate Planning Board member and will be familiar with the current cases, and a great asset to the Town.

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Councilman Creighton stated that the renewal of the contract for George Oros as Economic Consultant is an incredible value to the Town, and he is doing a very great job in this position.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on the new branding logo for the Town of Cortlandt, and thanked Bill Powers, and Peter McKinley for their input.

Patricia Robcke, Comptroller commented on the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. There was additional sales tax revenue in the General Fund, and it will be transferred into the Highway Fund, as there was a lot of paving in 2019, and this will help to sure up the fund balance in the Highway Fund.

Councilman Farrell commented on the economic state, and wanted to announce that there are funds available to sole proprietors/self employed, who not be eligible for any kind of unemployment benefits. He stated that perhaps George Oros, and Councilman Creighton could work on getting the word out to some of those people.

Councilwoman Costello made a motion to adopt the above Resolutions, seconded by Councilman Becker with all voting **AYE**.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-20 RE: Petition New York State Department of Transportation to upgrade and improve the intersection at Bear Mountain and Route 202.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-20 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Sustainable Westchester to participate in their Waste & Recycling Communications Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-20 RE: Contract with Westchester County Police for two Park Rangers for the 2020 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-20 RE: Contribute \$500. to each established food pantry in the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-20 RE: Accept the 2019 Member List of Volunteer Ambulance Workers for the Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Award Program.

1. Agenda Items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 103-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to bid CCWD Contract 2020.01 – Sherwood Road Water Main Replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to obtain proposals for Consultant Services to evaluate the Toddville School Building at 3 Locust Avenue (Tax ID 34.5-2-6)

RESOLUTION NO. 105-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to obtain proposals for Consultant Design Services for proposed Cortlandt-Peekskill Regional Paramedics Headquarters.

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RESOLUTION NO. 106-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to bid TE Contract 2020.07 / PIN 8390.06 US ROUTE 6 / Westbrook Drive Intersection Improvement.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to obtain proposals for consultants for the Indian Brook / Croton Gorge Watershed Environmental Protection Zone.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-20 RE: Authorize Consultant Services for design, streetscape and landscape evaluation and rendering for the Montrose, Albany Post Road corridor.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-20 RE: Authorize DES to reconstruct drainage along Croton Park Road as part of the Croton Park Road Water Main Replacement Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-20 RE: Authorize the release of a stormwater security with respect to Hudson National Golf Club.

2. Agenda Items for DES:

RESOLUTION NO. 111-20 RE: Authorize Stop Sign on Sassinoro Boulevard at Chuisa Lane.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-20 RE: Authorize “No Parking” signs on Croton Park Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-20 RE: Authorize Cortlandt Ridge II Sewer Pump Station emergency pump replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-20 RE: Authorize additional items to be auctioned on Auctions International.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-20 RE: Support combating Anti-Semitism and other forms of hate.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-20 RE: Support Invasive Species Legislation (S5622)

RESOLUTION NO. 117-20 RE: Appoint Seasonal Workers to DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 118-20 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for June 16, 2020 to consider amending the Energy Improvement Conservation Law.

Councilman Creighton stated that he wanted to be sure that Resolution No, 95-20 had a \$10,000 cap on the amount.

All Town Board members agreed.

Councilman Creighton made a motion to adopt the above Resolutions seconded by Councilman Becker with all voting **AYE**.

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Supervisor Puglisi stated that the park rangers are part of the Westchester County Police, and are definitely needed for social distancing practice.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that they are delighted to be able to donate money to each established food pantries in the Town of Cortlandt at this time of great need. There are about five of them in the community, so much needed at this time.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS stated that the Sherwood Rd. watermain replacement will be going out to bid. The work will begin in the Summer, and most likely last through the early Fall.

The right turn lane at the intersection of Westbrook Dr. and Route 6 where the Kohl's shopping center is. That would be a road widening project where they will place a dedicated right turn lane from Westbrook Dr. onto Route 6.

The remainder is DOTS seeking consultant services for several projects through the end of the year as noted in the resolutions.

Councilman Becker commented on the item to evaluate the Toddville School Building, 3 Locust Ave., and the design services for proposed Cortlandt-Peekskill Regional Paramedic Headquarters. He stated that this was mentioned previously with the Board, and NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, and they donated the old Toddville School Building to the Town for an EMS center. EMS has inadequately been working out of trailers across from the hospital, and this will be a great new home for our EMS providers. The building has to be evaluated as far as salvaging the building or taking it down, and putting up a new building. As we have learned most recently how important these services are to us, and they are in need of an adequate location and home for our EMS providers.

Thomas Wood, Town Attorney explained that the money for renovation, and our paramedic coverage comes out of the Ambulance District tax on the taxpayer's tax bills. We also share the cost of the program with the City of Peekskill. We all agree that they deserve much better housing for the services that they provide to us.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that she and Councilman Farrell have been working with the Montrose Business Association, and the group Montrose Matters regarding the corridor in Montrose, Albany Post Rd. that there is a need for improvement. It is a NYS road.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS stated that the decorative lamps have been ordered and will be place when work is resumed in full.

Stephen Ferreira, Dir DES stated that they currently have one sewer pump in Cortlandt Ridge II Pump Station that is not working, and needs to be replaced. So they will be ordering two sewer pumps so that they have a backup for future problems.

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Claudia Vahey, Dir Human Resources that they will be appointing 8 DES Seasonal workers, two will be starting soon, and the rest in May..

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

BUDGET TRANSFERS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with

*A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE
LOST TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC*

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com

Respectfully submitted,

Christine B. Cothren
Deputy Town Clerk