

**JUNE 16, 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 June 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. **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 with a Pledge to the Flag.

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi explained the previous Public Hearings and adjournments of regarding the MOD (Medical Overlay District).

Laroué Shatzkin, Town Clerk explained to the public the process of how to dial in or if you signed up to speak earlier, how the list of individuals who would be called upon. She explained how if a particular issue is presented it is required to be addressed, and by repeating the same

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issue does not make the issue any more important. Furthermore, anyone who wanted to submit written comments for the official record, they would be accepted up until 6/30/2020.

ROLL CALL

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

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the Minutes from the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider amending the Energy Conservation Law.
 - a. Close Public Hearing
 - b. Adopt a Negative Declaration
 - c. Adopt Resolutions

The public hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m.

Thomas Wood, Town Attorney explained that the Town participates in a program that funds solar energy on residential properties throughout the Town. The money had previously been collected through the tax bill, and the State legislature has authorized some changes. So the Town is updating this Local Law so that they are in compliance and still would enable any homeowner who wishes to avail themselves of the program they would be entitled to do so.

Councilwoman Costello made a motion to close the Public Hearing, adopt the Negative Declaration and adopt the Local Law, seconded by Councilman Becker with all voting **AYE**.

The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-20 RE: Negative Declaration RE: A Local Law with respect to amending the Energy Conservation Law.

RESOLUTION NO 145-20 RE: Local Law regarding the Energy Conservation Law.

2. Public Hearing regarding MOD SEQR DGEIS/DEIS and proposed Local Law.

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- a. Close Public Hearing
- b. Receive & File additional comments, emails, letters, etc.

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m., and closed at 10:00.....

A full transcript of the minutes for the above public hearing is attached hereto as part of the official record of the Town of Cortlandt June 16, 2020 minutes.

Supervisor Puglisi lost her connection in the ZOOM meeting, so the rest of the meeting was conducted and chaired by Deputy Supervisor Richard Becker.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Debra and Dominic Santucci, 15 Travis Lane, Montrose, NY appeared via Zoom. Debra Santucci stated she wanted to comment on item #1, Old Business, 2064 E. Main St., Cortlandt Manor, NY owned by her and her husband Dominic. She stated that on 4/21/2020 she wrote a letter asking the Board for some help with a hardship that occurred with renting the property at 2064 E. Main St., and thanked the Board for their quick action in referring the matter to the appropriated departments, and the timely response from those departments. As stated in the letter she explained that the 1st floor and basement of the commercial building were currently not being rented. Her current tax bill is over \$24,000 for the property. Their realtors have advised them that the space will be highly unlikely to rent as commercial property anytime in the near future, and they are struggling to make ends meet. They wanted to change the use to residential so that they can try to rent the space out. She feels as though the Town should take a look at all of the empty commercial space on the corridors of Rte. 202 and Rte. 6 which are empty, and this is well before COVID 19. She further stated she has always paid her taxes on time, never grieved her taxes, and has and will remain in the community for a very long time.

Councilman Becker replied that they are going to receive and file the report from the DOTS department and take time to look into this. The Board is sympathetic and will be further discussing how they will proceed not only with this property, but the many others that they will encounter especially due to the pandemic. He stated that they will be discussing and coming up with formal policy as to how they will be handling these properties, and the situation of not being able to rent them as commercial. They want to make a Town wide policy, rather than address each individual property, and they need time to work on that with the various departments, and Zoning, and Planning Boards.

Mrs. Santucci thanked the Board for their time.

Councilman Becker stated that he also just heard from Supervisor Puglisi and wanted it noted on the record that her vote was NO to close the MOD public hearing.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

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For the month of May from the Receiver of Taxes and the Office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from Director of DOTS responding to referral about 2064 E. Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Proposed revisions to Town of Cortlandt Code Chapter 283 – Trees, from Director of DOTS; refer to Legal, Planning Board and CAC.
2. Memorandum from the Director of DOTS regarding Port Cortlandt Proposal on the various Comments and Questions.
3. Memorandum from the director of DOTS regarding Beaver Brook/Furnace Dock Subdivision.
4. Dangerous Building Evaluation from the Director of Code Enforcement regarding 19 Cherry Place.
5. Letter from Dimension Solar regarding potential Solar Development on Lexington Ave and Crompond Rd.
6. Letter from Resident requesting SLOW sign be installed on Allan Street.
7. Letter from Resident of 221 Broadway, Verplanck, requesting License Agreement for driveway replacement.
8. Letter from Resident interested in purchasing East Causeway 24.5-5-9 owned by Town of Cortlandt; refer to Legal and DOTS.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 146-20 RE: Adopt the Town of Cortlandt Recovery/Re-entry Plan due to the Pandemic of 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 147-20 RE: Authorize the closure of the Town of Cortlandt Camps and Pool due to the Pandemic of 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 148-20 RE: Re-Appoint all currently active members of the Conservation Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-20 RE: Authorize renewal of DARE contract with City of Peekskill Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-20 RE: Authorize License Agreement with Resident of 221 Broadway, Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-20 RE: Approve 3 socially-distant outdoor concerts at Cortlandt Waterfront Park on July 23, July 30 and August 6, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-20 RE: Authorize socially-distant drive-in movie on July 11, 2020 in the lower lot of the Cortlandt Train Station.

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

Deputy Supervisor Becker stated that he is sure Supervisor Puglisi is very upset she cannot be joined to this meeting as there are many socially distant activities that she and her staff have been working so hard to create for our Town residents.

Councilman Creighton stated they she has put a lot of thought and time into coming up with safe gatherings for our Town residents, and they are all looking forward to attending the summer concerts, and drive in movie. Also, he commented on what a phenomenal job preparing employees and residents that the Town employees have been doing, and what a wonderful job the employees have been doing to serve our residents.

Supervisor Puglisi re-entered the meeting via ZOOM. She stated that she had a power surge and she was finally able to connect. She explained that her NO vote for the closing of the MOD public hearing is because that she felt that maybe some of the residents had an issue with being able to speak because of the difficulty of using ZOOM, and perhaps others had a power surge and were disconnected. She was supportive of the Master Plan, and wanted her reasons for the NO vote reflected in this record. She would have suggested that it be it adjourned to July for those reasons, but it was already voted on and is now closed. There were a lot of people from the outside of the Town of Cortlandt community, and the comments will be reviewed and analyzed by Town staff and developers and this will continue on further in the Fall 2020.

Councilman Farrell wanted to clarify if the vote would then be recorded as 4-1?

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Thomas Wood, Town Attorney stated that given the circumstances with the ZOOM, and that Supervisor Puglisi made her vote known via Deputy Supervisor Becker, and now reconnected via ZOOM, that the vote should be recorded as a 4-1 vote.

1. Agenda Items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 153-20 RE: Authorize Award of Contract CCWD 2020.01
“Sherwood Road Water Main Replacement”

RESOLUTION NO. 154-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to Expedite and Prioritize
Application Review for Small Businesses as A Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and
NYS Policy Pertaining to Re-Opening “NYS Forward”.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-20 RE: Authorized DOTS to Extend Construction Inspections
Services with Tectonic Engineering For 2020 Paving Season.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to Bid TE Contract 2020.03
“NYSPIN 8390.96 Westbrook Drive Intersection Improvements” Subject to NYSDOT
Authorization.

RESOLUTION NO. 157-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to Re-Bid TE Contract 2020.04
“Reconstruction of Sea Plane Hangar at Cortlandt Waterfront Park”

RESOLUTION NO. 158-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to Re-Bid TE Contract 2020.05
“CJC Park Tennis Court Fence and Resurfacing.”

RESOLUTION NO. 159-20 RE: Authorize DOTS to Apply for An Economic
Development Agency Grant for Infrastructure Improvements for The Development of
The Cortlandt Quarry Park, Hamlet of Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-20 RE: Authorize Resolution Supporting the Reallocation of
State and Federal Funds for NYS PIN 8760.04 – Reconstruct Route 6 / Cortlandt
Boulevard for Its Resurfacing and Installation of Sidewalk By NYSDOT.

Deputy Supervisor Becker asked Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS to explain the Sherwood
Rd. water main replacement.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS stated that the water infrastructure is in need of the
replacement and it is on the 2020 list of capital improvement projects. The water main is
antiquated is in great need of replacement. There was a competitive bid, and the Town is
happy with the contractor who won the bid, and the project actually came in under
estimated budget.

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

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2. Agenda Items for DES:

RESOLUTION NO. 161-20 RE: Authorize installation of “No Parking” Signs on Batten Road from Route 129 to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson line.

RESOLUTION NO. 162-20 RE: Authorize purchase of a “Mig Welder” for DES Mechanic Staff to repair and fabricate with aluminum materials.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 163-20 RE: Recognize the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Northern Westchester Joint Waterworks to meet an EPA unfunded mandate to filter water.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-20 RE: Authorize Letter of Support to be sent to the Regional Director of the NYSDOT for implementation of “No Left Turn” onto Bear Mountain Parkway for eastbound traffic on US-35 / Route 202 / Crompond Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-20 RE: Appoint Seasonal Workers in DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-20 RE: Appoint Christina Ruvo as a seasonal Summer Intern in DOTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-20 RE: Appoint Benjamin Corado to the title of Attendant at the Lake Peekskill Tennis Court.

Supervisor Puglisi wanted to mention the 25th anniversary of the NWJWW (water filtration plant). The Town of Cortlandt joined forces with the Town of Yorktown, Somers, and Montrose Improvement Dist. to share these services, and the Town of Cortlandt saved about 8 million dollars by doing so. This has been a wonderful shared service, and they will be planning a celebration in the fall.

Deputy Supervisor Becker commented on the prohibiting of a left turn off of Rte. 202 onto the Bear Mtn. Parkway, which is something that needs to be addressed and hopefully the NYSDOT will agree, and make this a No Left Turn.

Councilwoman Costello made a motion to adopt the above resolutions seconded by Councilman Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from Zarin & Steinmetz regarding Baker Street Extension.

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2. Letter from resident requesting speed bump on Chester Court.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 168-20 RE: Schedule a Dangerous Building Proceeding for July 21, 2020 to consider evidence that 19 Cherry Place is a Dangerous Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-20 RE: Resolution accepting Baker Street Extension and authorizing release of \$700,000. for development thereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-20 RE: Authorize the addition of three sections of road to TE Contract 2019.02 – Paving Extension.

Councilwoman Costello asked Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS to explain about the three sections of road being added to the paving list.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS explained that the resolution was a little confusing, and that just a small section of Meadow Rd. will be paved off of Sunset Rd. as it was in bad shape and they didn't want to leave it like that, and be criticized that they left the section like that, and the price was still going to be the same.

Supervisor Puglisi made a motion to adopt the above resolutions seconded by Deputy Supervisor Becker with all voting **AYE**.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor Puglisi just wanted to make sure that it was announced that playgrounds, dog parks, and mini golf would be reopening next week. This will be really great particularly for the children in the Town.

She also stated that she and Councilman Creighton attended the car parade for the Lakeland High School, and Walter Panas High School graduations and it was really terrific. She also attended the Hendrick Hudson High School car parade, and it was a wonderful event. Remember to support local businesses.

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

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ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Puglisi wanted to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Councilman Creighton made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilwoman Costello with all voting **AYE**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com

Respectfully submitted,

Christine B. Cothren
Deputy Town Clerk