

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on **July 19, 2022** with the following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

RICHARD H. BECKER	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
CRISTIN JACOBY	Councilmember
ROBERT MAYES	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

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Becker and the Town Board honored and gave proclamations to the Hudson Valley Raptors Girls Softball team who did a fantastic job playing in the Scarsdale Tournament. Coaches Don Barbelett and AJ Silverman thanked the players, and the Town for providing beautiful fields, and for supporting the teams.

Supervisor Becker also thanked the Recreation Department, and his staff for all their hard work.

Supervisor Becker spoke about the first Public Hearing for the Omnibus Zoning. He gave a brief description of the four parts of the code that will be amended; Accessory offices in homes, Cell phone tower re-certification and co-location to be determined by Town staff not the Planning

Board, Gas station moratoriums to no longer allow anymore gas stations on Rte. 6/Cortlandt Blvd., and lastly corner lots, true front and side yard reclarified.

Supervisor Becker spoke about the second Public Hearing. He stated that this was to monitor that the Tier 3 Solar farms are place in existing open spaces such as parking lots, and commercial areas, also adding a limit the cutting down of trees, and clearing wooded areas. This will not affect the two existing solar farm applications.

Supervisor Becker wanted to reassure the residents that he will be sending a letter to CleanPath NY in opposition to their proposal to place electric cable lines underneath the Hudson River, and come out somewhere in the vicinity of Lent's Cove, and this is completely not acceptable.

Supervisor Becker wanted to congratulate the four employees who are on the agenda for promotions.

ROLL CALL

Laroue Rose Shatzkin, Town Clerk took roll call, and all Town Board members were present.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson James Creighton gave his report **OF NOTE:**

Councilperson Creighton mentioned the 100th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and what a wonderful event it was.

Councilperson Creighton mentioned the 100th anniversary of the Mohegan Fire Department and their big parade to be held on 9/22/22 along Rte. 6/Cortlandt Blvd. and down Westbrook Drive.

Councilperson Creighton stated that Supervisor Becker and the Town Board strongly oppose the CleanPath NY project and the letter was sent not only to CleanPath, but all of our NYS State and Federal representatives. He also wanted residents from the Town to know that their voices can be heard on this subject at an open house hearing in Ossining, NY on 7/26/22, and are able to find more at info@cleanpathny.com or call 845-232-0290 so please make your voices heard.

Councilperson Creighton wanted to make everyone aware of a new mental health crisis/suicide dedicated assistance number which is 988. This subject is not always an easy one to approach with our children, but is something that is very necessary to address. People need to know this is out there for them.

Councilperson Robert Mayes gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Mayes stated that he wanted to talk a little about youth sports, Little League All Star team in particular. The Cortlandt National Little League picked their All Star team this year at the end of their regular season, and the 11U team won the district championship, which is a very big accomplishment. The Cortlandt American Little League 10U team won their district championship, and about 40 minutes ago won a game that will put them in the Sectional championship tomorrow night.

Councilperson Mayes stated it is so great how the Town supports these programs, and wanted to thank everyone who volunteers to make these programs such a great success.

He also mentioned the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Italian Feast and what a wonderful event that it is. He has been attending for many years.

Councilperson Mayes was happy to attend the Employee BBQ in June, and enjoyed honoring all the hard-working employees in the Town. He attended the 4th of July ceremony at Old St. Peter's Church, and Lake Day in Mohegan Lake.

Councilperson Mayes wanted to mention a couple of agenda items; Omnibus Zoning changes, the sufficient number of gas stations on Rte. 6, and the authorization of grant applications.

Councilperson Cristin Jacoby gave her report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Jacoby congratulated Our Lady of Mt. Carmel society on their 100th year anniversary of the Italian Feast.

Councilperson Jacoby wanted to recognize and give huge accolades to Patty Robcke, Town Comptroller, and her staff. The 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is complete. The Town has a strong fund balance, and very well-run finances that have been prudently managed, low debt, and always with 2.5 percent of the projected budget.

Patty Robcke, Comptroller thanked her and appreciates the accolades. There is a lot of hard work that goes into it, and she attributes it to the hard work of her staff, strong leadership, and a great management team. She wanted to highlight the projects that they do each year, and this year there were a lot of recreational projects; pickleball courts, new basketball courts, refurbished tennis courts to name a few.

Councilperson Frank Farrell gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Farrell did not have anything to report this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilperson Mayes made a motion to adopt the minutes for the June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Jacoby with all voting **AYE**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider Omnibus Zoning Text Amendments.

- a. Open Public Hearing

RESOLUTION NO. 207-22 RE: Adopt Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 208-22 RE: Adopt Resolution to Adopt Local Law Number 6

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:36 p.m.

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

Karen Wells appeared the Board. She expressed her concern about the amendments to the Zoning Code particularly the nonconforming land use. Section 307.77.

Michael Cunningham, Deputy Town Attorney explained that he does not see any changes to Section 307.77.

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to Close the Public Hearing, Adopt a Negative Declaration, Adopt a Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

The Public Hearing was adjourned to the next meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Councilperson Creighton made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

2. Public Hearing to consider Amending Chapter 255 of the Town Code (Solar Energy Systems)

- a. Open Public Hearing

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The Public Hearing was opened at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-22 RE: Adopt Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 210-22 RE: Adopt Resolution to Adopt Local Law Number 7

Councilperson Creighton made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

There was no public comment.

Councilperson Creighton made a motion to Adopt a Negative Declaration, Adopt a Resolution, and Close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

DOTS – Code Enforcement 2022 2nd Quarter Report.

For the month of June 2022 from the Office of the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Memorandum from Department of Technical Services (DOTS) and feasibility assessment for proposed Annsville Sanitary Sewer District.
2. Memorandum from DOTS pertaining to Sprout Brook Field Rehabilitation.
3. Memorandum from DOTS regarding Hillside Estates Bond Release.

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter from resident requesting the conveyance of a portion of the access road leading to property at 249 Kings Ferry Rd., Verplanck; Refer to DOTS, DES, and Legal Department.

Councilperson Farrell made a motion to Receive and File the above correspondence, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 211-22 RE: Receive and File *Annual* Comprehensive ~~*Annual*~~ Financial Report for 2021, AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-22 RE: Authorize conveyance of property known as SBL 43.18-5-7 subject to Permissive Referendum.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-22 RE: Authorize Road Closures for Mohegan Fire Department 100th Anniversary Parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-22 RE: Authorize a PILOT with Overlook Terrace 55 and older community.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-22 RE: Authorize settlement of a claim.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-22 RE: Authorize Planning Department to apply to the 2022 Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 217-22 RE: Authorize Supervisor to send letter opposing Clean Path NY.

Councilperson Mayes made a motion to adopt the above Resolutions, seconded by Councilperson Jacoby with all voting **AYE**.

Agenda items for the Department of Environmental Services:

RESOLUTION NO. 218-22 RE: Authorize the purchase and installation of security cameras and hardware for the 167 Roa Hook Road Sanitation Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 219-22 RE: Authorize a designated handicap parking space at 186 Broadway, Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-22 RE: Authorize the award of the Annual Leak Detection Survey Services for the Cortlandt Consolidated Water District.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-22 RE: Authorize a contract renewal with Global Compliance Network, Inc. for employee training.

RESOLUTION NO. 222-22 RE: Appoint Joseph Curry to the title of Assistant General Foreman.

RESOLUTION NO. 223-22 RE: Appoint Claudia Vahey to the title of Director of Operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-22 RE: Appoint Rosemary Boyle Lasher to the title of Assistant Director of Planning/Project Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-22 RE: Appoint Summer Seasonals in DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 226-22 RE: Appoint Summer Seasonals in Recreation – Pool/Camp.

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to adopt the above Resolutions, seconded by Councilperson Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Draft Resolution from Karen Wells on behalf of Greater Teatown Area regarding request for moratorium on commercial projects; Refer to Legal, Planning and DOTS..

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 227-22 RE: Authorize a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 456.

RESOLUTION NO. 228-22 RE: Authorize the Department of Technical Services to advertise bids for the rehabilitation of Sprout Brook Park fields.

RESOLUTION NO. 229-22 RE: Authorize the NYPD Emergency Services Unit to use the Verplanck Quarry for training purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-22 RE: Appoint Gregory Heires as Interim District Commissioner of the Montrose Improvement District.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-22 RE: Authorize Northern Westchester Joint Water Works to purchase fuel from the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 232-22 RE: Appoint Fred Bleakley to the title of Acting Water and Sewer Maintenance Foreman.

Councilperson Creighton made a motion to adopt the above resolutions, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – NONE

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Michelle Croft appeared before the Board. She complained about empty planters at Charles Cook Pool, the whereabouts of the historic Van Cortlandt sign and the crack in the pool.

Supervisor Becker assured her the plantings would be taken care of, as it was a very big accomplishment to just get the pool opened this year.

Councilperson Jacoby thanked the staff for all of their hard work getting the pool prepared for the summer season.

Warren Smith appeared before the Board. He thanked the Town for the completion of the repaving in Verplanck before the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast, and the visit from Cardinal Dolan.

Mr. Smith wanted to make sure that the Town residents would be able to have some more information regarding the NYStretch Program before any decisions are made.

Supervisor Becker assured him that they would, they are just taking a step back to wait and see what transpires.

Mr. Smith spoke about the marijuana licensing in NY State and the subject of dispensaries.

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that the final version of rules to open a dispensary was just adopted in NY.

Mr. Jim Bell appeared before the Board. He also wanted to express his dismay for the CleanPathNY project.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com

Respectfully submitted,

Laroue Rose Shatzkin
Town Clerk

Christine B. Cothren
Deputy Town Clerk