



A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on **September 19, 2023** with the following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

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

Also present:

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| TOM WOOD | Town Attorney - ABSENT |
| MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM | Assistant 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 |
| JOE BASSELL | Junior Network Specialist |

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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 spoke about the following agenda items:

Cortlandt Waterfront Performance Stage
Cortlandt Waterfront Aviation Themed Playground - \$250,000 from grant money.
NYS Police barracks renovations completed by DES.
Westchester County Police Officers dedicated just for the Town of Cortlandt, Officer Mahadeo, Cortlandt Community Officer, and Officer Ramos, traffic control.

Supervisor Becker announced the following events in the community:

New Cortlandt Fall Planner (Recreation Brochure) is available
9/30/23 Cortlandt Swap
9/17/23 Road Knights Car Show at Cortlandt Waterfront Park
10/2/23 Meet and greet Senior Center
10/10/23 Meet the candidates Muriel H. Morabito Center
10/14/23 Motorcycle swap meet at Cortlandt Waterfront Park
10/14/23 Family Fun Day (rescheduled from September)
10/14 – 10/15/23 Aaron Copland Home tour 25th anniversary

Supervisor Becker and the Town Board handed out award to the Cortlandt Swim Team.

Lesley Popkin, Deputy Dir. Recreation congratulated the Swim Team on their hard work and dedication both individually, and team sport participation. She also congratulated the swim team coaches Michael Madden, and Nicky Segnit.

Supervisor Becker asked Councilperson Mayes, who is also a CNLL baseball coach, to call upon and congratulate the CALL 10U , and 12U baseball teams and their coaches on their very successful season. The CALL 10U team won the District 33 championship in Williamsport, NY. All players, and coaches were given awards by the Supervisor, and Town Board members.

Mr. Jeff Coleman former Dir. DES spoke on behalf of the WCAMPWA (Westchester Co. Assoc. of Municipal Public Works Administrators. He wanted to congratulate Steve Ferreira, current Dir. DES on being nominated “person of the year”. He invited all to attend a celebratory dinner honoring Mr. Ferreira on 10/20/23.

ROLL CALL

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

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson Robert Mayes gave his report **OF NOTE:**

Councilperson spoke about the following:

Congratulation to Steve Ferreira, Dir. DES, well deserved recognition by the WCAMPWA.
Congratulation to Laroue Shatzkin, Town Clerk on modernizing the format of the Town Board Agenda, and Laserfiche upgrade.
Resolution regarding application for DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Grant.

Councilperson Cristin Jacoby gave her report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Jacoby spoke about the following:

Congratulations to the Town for AA1 Moody's rating
Back to School – Drive cautiously
Regards to those who celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Councilperson James Creighton gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Creighton spoke about the following:

9/17/23 Road Knights car show successful
9/30/23 Community SWAP and Repair Café
Let It Shine Market
9/20/23 Veterans meeting at Muriel H. Morabito Center
Clean Water Act, Louis Pugh, Britain Endurance Swimmer
CCRA - Thanked Councilperson Farrell for all of his hard work

Councilperson Francis Farrell gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Farrell spoke about the following:

Congratulated on the honor of Person of the Year by WCAMPWA, and spoke highly of Steve Ferreira, Dir. DES.
Thanked Lesley Popkin, Deputy Dir. Recreation on her assistance with the CCRA.

Laroue Shatzkin, Town Clerk thanked the Board for the Laserfiche upgrade approval. She then gave a summary of the new “clickable agenda” that she is very excited to share. Lastly, Town Clerk Shatzkin made an announcement about the NYS One Day Marriage Officiant Law that was very recently passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the Minutes for the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing to Consider creating ATV Regulations in the Town of Cortlandt.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:01 P.M.

Supervisor Becker gave a brief overview of the proposed Local Law, and explained the NYS Police, and the Westchester County Police both suggested updating ATV regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 278-23 RE: Adopt Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 279-23 RE: Adopt Resolution for Local Law No. 8-2023

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:02 P.M.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Siri appeared before the Board. He stated that he was in favor of the ATV regulations, and feels that this is definitely needed.

Mr. Warren Smith appeared before the Board. He asked about Item #8 on the agenda. Councilperson Mayes explained it was removed.

Mr. John DeBenedictis appeared before the Board. He asked about Item #8 on the agenda. Michael Cunningham, Deputy Town Attorney, and Supervisor Becker reiterated the item was removed, and they will reconsider location for this item.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

For the month of August 2023 from the Office of the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Correspondence and video from resident requesting Stop Signs on the corner of Catherine Street and Stevenson Place; Refer to DES.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 280-23 RE: Accept Auction Bids for In-Rem Properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 281-23 RE: Receive and File 2022 Financial Statement of the Justice Court of the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 282-23 RE: Authorize purchase and installation of security cameras at the Youth Center on Memorial Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 283-23 RE: Authorize Peekskill DARE program for the 2023-2024 School Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 284-23 RE: Authorize application of a Downtown Revitalization Initiative/New York Forward Grant for the downtown areas around Montrose and Verplanck.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 285-23 RE: Authorize purchase of equipment for the New York State Police Barracks located at Memorial Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 286-23 RE: Authorize purchase of materials for Youth Fields.

RESOLUTION REMOVED: ~~Authorize Lease with Ecogy for Solar Canopies and Electric Charging Stations on Town-owned properties subject to Permissive Referendum.~~ REMOVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 287-23 RE: Authorize upgrade of Laserfiche.

RESOLUTION NO. 288-23 RE: Authorize upgrade of Network Hardware at Town Hall.

Agenda items for DES:

RESOLUTION NO. 289-23 RE: Authorize contract extension of Bid 22-19 for Tires, Tubes, Repairs and Recaps.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-23 RE: Authorize contract extension for Bid 21-12 for Portable Toilet Rentals.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-23 RE: Authorize Seasonal Employees in DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-23 RE: Appoint a Part-Time Food Service Helper at the Community Center.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

BUDGET TRANSFERS- NONE

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mr. Srinivasan Ramaswamy appeared before the Board. He spoke about the following:

Congratulated Steve Ferreira, Dir. DES on his award from WCAMPWA
Sprout Brook Rd. storm damage
Kingston Lane
Buena Vista Ave. paving

Mr. John DeBenedictis appeared before the Board. He spoke about the following:

ATV Regulations

Ms. Joyce White appeared before the Board. She spoke about the following:

Congratulated Steve Ferreira, Dir. DES on his award from WCAMPWA.
Commented on the quick response and professionalism in the Sanitation Department.

Mr. Warren Smith appeared before the Board. He spoke about the following items:

Road Knights Car Show 9/17/2023

FOIL Request Transparency regarding his request for overtime records for an event

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Becker wanted to close the meeting in memory of Jeanette Phillips who recently passed away. Ms. Philips was the founder of the Peekskill Area Health Center in the 1970's, which is now the Sun River Health Center. She was a miraculous woman, who received multiple awards on State, County , and Local levels. She made a difference in many lives in the surrounding communities.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 24, 2023 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**