

April 16, 2013

Town Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on April 16, 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:

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

Also present:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Puglisi introduced Girl Scout Troop #1352 from Lincoln Titus Elementary School who led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag. The girls introduced themselves to the audience and the **Supervisor** called them “leaders of the future and leaders today”

SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi introduced Richard Ware, Jr. and Leonora Ware, Cortlandt residents and members of the Civil Air Patrol. They were issued certificates of award for their service and dedication to this organization.

The **Supervisor** commented that the Civil Air Patrol instills in our youth all the values to become leaders in our society and do great things.

Richard Ware, Jr. spoke stating he has been in the Patrol for four years and how it has helped him in his life. He is in the program because of his desire to be in the military someday and thanked his parents for guiding him to stay in the program and to be a leader, not a follower. CAP is a non profit organization and is a lot of hard work and dedication and he is very proud of the organization and

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)

its leadership skills. The age is 12 years old that one can join and before your 21st birthday and there is a senior member program.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that Earth Day is April 21st and there are a lot of things going on in the community. There was a hike coordinated by the Green Team up what was called Hillpoint, now called the Gateway to the Hudson Valley Park which is 352 acres preserved from over-development. Councilmember Farrell oversaw students with a clean up of the riverfront. The Town crews will be picking up debris and brush also.

Colleen Anderson and Becky Ferguson, directors of the Cortlandt Youth Center, presented the winners of the Earth Day poster contest. There were over 40 participants and the Green Team voted on the posters. The winners were awarded with a certificate and a \$20 give certificate to the movie theater. The winners were: **Madison Brown-VanTassel, Nicole Kopfensteiner, Jennifer Carchi, Jesse Leech, Riley Nacke, Jennifer Gougelmann, Isabel Begun, Gwenevere Vargo, Charlie Hayes, Cassie Rodriguez.** All were congratulated.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that Cortlandt National League, Cortlandt American League, and the girl's softball league all started this month.

The **Supervisor** introduced John Testa, Legislator for the northern part of the Town. He congratulated Ann Lindau-Martin and John Sloan for their service upon their retirement. He also congratulated Supervisor Puglisi and the staff for their work during Storm Sandy. He hoped the issues with the Bear Mt. Parkway renovation will be settled soon and also stated that he was very proud of the Town for its Purple Heart designation and that Westchester County will be designated a Purple Heart County, the third one in New York.

Mr. Testa stated that the main news for this year was the budget. They tried to come up with one that all could support at the County Board and it came together to make the budget pass with a 0% tax increase. They restored the public safety positions, emergency services, probation, etc, which was an important requirement of government. They were able to restore the engineers, park curators, reduce child care contributions by families, generally put a lot back into the budget for the community. They were able to institute the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for those who can't afford services. There will now be permanent representation for the legal services in Town Hall at the Town of Cortlandt. There will be a sewage notification law, sewage diversion. Mr. Testa stated that he has created a law that will require any municipalities within the sewage plant to be notified of intentions.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that the new public boat launch will be dedicated on Thursday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Park in Verplanck and she thanked Councilmember Frank Farrell for his work on this project.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

May is designated Shop and Dine Cortlandt Month. Many stores have agreed to participate and give discounts. The 225th Town Birthday Celebration will be Sunday, July 28th ending with fireworks.

The Cortlandt Regional Paramedics will be in attendance next month. They just won ALS, BLS and EMS award. Director Justin Constable and paramedic Holly Haight will be here at the next Town Board meeting for them to be congratulated.

Supervisor Puglisi commented on the tragedy at the Boston Marathon and expressed their thoughts and prayers for the victims. She asked that we take time to thank all the volunteers, medics, etc. that rush to help and save lives.

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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 Farrell: Spoke of the dedication of the new boat launch on Thursday, May 16th at 4:00. He is very excited that now there will be access to the great Hudson River within the Town to launch small boats. There is a list of rules which will be posted and the applications will be obtainable through the Town Clerk’s office. Allowance is being made at this time to permit the future addition of a dock suitable for rowing and they hope to provide rowing and crew as a sport to the community and high school students.

Councilmember Farrell announced the formation of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association. It is now an incorporated group applying for non-profit status to the IRS to be able to solicit donations that can be tax deductible. They are reaching out to other rowing associations to solicit people who would like to get involved to set this program up. Councilmember Farrell commented that one thing about rowing is that you can do it your entire life, a sport which inspires dedication and they are hoping to meet a few of those and get them down to our site. There is a facebook page set up called Cortlandt Rowing to see photos of the site. The buildings are perfect for this use and Councilmember Farrell urged residents to call and join.

On April 20th, a group is going to Warwick to observe the “war race”, a large regatta by high school students, a great event at the Poughkeepsie waterfront.

Councilmember Farrell thanked one of the charter members of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association, Shawn Begarra. Mr. Begarra is a teacher at the

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

Blue Mt. Middle School and also a coach of the track team who brought 40 students to clean up the waterfront and did a great clean-up.

Councilmember Lindau-Martin: no report

Councilmember Becker: Commented on the road projects. The project on Rt. 202 is moving along and should be completed in early summer and he thanked everyone for their cooperation with the backed up traffic.

The other project is on the Bear Mt. Parkway, which the Supervisor has taken the lead on and was her initiative in letters to the state which got this project going. The Town would have preferred a much bigger project, but it is a state road and won't be brought to that status as there is no funding. This will improve the safety of the road, but not make it a faster road. It might be completed within a year from now.

Councilmember Becker asked that the meeting be closed in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon and the first responders.

Councilmember Sloan: no report

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

(A complete transcript of this Public Hearing is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.)

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Hearing and presented its Affidavit of Publication from the official Town newspaper.

Public Hearing to re-convene a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law with respect to Notice of Defects.

Supervisor Puglisi called the hearing to order at 7:43 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, (cont.)

Tom Wood, Town Attorney, explained that this local law would amend the current Notice of Defects Law on the Town books by extending it to defects on sidewalks. What this means that if the Town has no knowledge or notice of a defect in any of its roads or sidewalks, prior to anyone making a claim against the Town, for all other cases, there would have to be written notice to the Town that there was a defect and a failure on the part of the Town to respond in a timely manner to resolve it.

Supervisor Puglisi commented that this had been adjourned from the last meeting.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m., adopt a Negative Declaration and Adopt a Local Law was made by Councilmember Becker and seconded by Councilmember Lindau-Martin.

The Board was polled:

- Councilmember Sloan:** Yes
- Councilmember Becker:** Yes
- Councilmember Lindau-Martin:** Yes
- Supervisor Puglisi:** Yes
- Councilmember Farrell:** No

The motion **passed**

RESOLUTION NO. 118-13 RE: Adopt a Negative Resolution with respect to Notice of Defects.

LOCAL LAW #1-13 RE: A Local Law with respect to Notice of Defects.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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BID REPORTS

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REPORTS

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

none

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NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from Marilyn Lively with respect to stop signs at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Cross Lane; and refer to DES and the Traffic Safety Committee.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that in the next meeting in May they will get the reports and then will take action on the request.

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

RESOLUTION NO.119-13 RE: Appoint Donna D’Agostino to the title Senior Office Assistant per Civil Service.

RESOLUTION NO.120-13 RE: Appoint Terri Narsingh to the title Assistant Court Clerk per Civil Service.

RESOLUTION NO.121-13 RE: Appoint Nicole Kelly as an Administrative Intern.

RESOLUTION NO.122-13 RE: Appoint DES seasonals and temporary laborers for summer 2013.

RESOLUTION NO.123-13 RE: Appoint various season staff for the Recreation Department for 2013.

RESOLUTION NO.124-13 RE: Appoint a Law Department Intern at no cost to the Town.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.125-13 RE: Appoint members to the CAC; and appoint David Douglas as the Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO.126-13 RE: Authorize reorganizing the Open Space Committee.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that the appointees currently work in the Town and they take the Civil Service test and these are their new titles as per civil service. The seasonals are mostly from the Town to help out the Cortlandt youth first. She thanked David Douglas for agreeing to be the chairman of the newly merged committee CAC and Open Space Committee and John Milmore for many years was the volunteer chairman of the CAC.

All voted **AYE**

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

RESOLUTION NO.127-13 RE: Adopt rules and regulations with respect to the new boat launch.

RESOLUTION NO.128-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of CPAC kits with respect to the Advanced Life Support District.

RESOLUTION NO.129-13 RE: Authorize a funding agreement with Entergy with respect to the Code Red Calling Program.

RESOLUTION NO.130-13 RE: Resolution directing the Planning Division of DOTS to update the implementation of the current Master Plan; and Receive and File the Supervisor's Report outlining steps for a new Master Plan process to begin.

RESOLUTION NO.131-13 RE: Authorize the 2014-2015 Snow and Ice Agreement with NYS DOT.

RESOLUTION NO.132-13 RE: Authorize the Purchasing Director to coordinate an online auction with respect to scrap and surplus materials and vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO.133-13 RE: Adopt a Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution with respect to any ZBA or Planning Board members that participate in the NYS Retirement System.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.134-13 RE: Authorize the implementation and grant funding with respect to the Broadway Streetscape phase 5th Street to the Hudson River.

RESOLUTION NO.135-13 RE: Authorize parking along the west side of Quaker Bridge Road on May 4, 2013 to facilitate an event sponsored by the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct.

RESOLUTION NO.136-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of two (2) utility trucks for the Water Division of DES and a snow plow for the Highway Division of DES.

RESOLUTION NO.137-13 RE: Authorize DES to re-stripe the intersection of Furnace Dock Road and Mount Airy Road.

RESOLUTION NO.138-13 RE: Authorize the settlement of a Tax Certiorari with respect to 141 Watch Hill Road.

All voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Receive and File:

1. Letter from Lois Ann Nelli with respect to speeding on 6th Street and Kings Ferry Road; and refer to DES and the Traffic Safety Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO.139-13 RE: Authorize a bid with respect to power washing the Charles Cook pool.

RESOLUTION NO.140-13 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence under FMLA with respect to an employee in the Justice Court.

All voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

NONE

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed in memory of the victims of the tragedy in the City of Boston with a moment of silence at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Farrell and seconded by Councilmember Lindau-Martin.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**