

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on December 11, 2012 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
JUDITH HERMESCH	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.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Puglisi led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

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SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS

The **Supervisor** spoke of Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, December 7th, which occurred 71 years ago; a very sad day when 2400 Americans lost their lives. There was a ceremony to never forget those who lost their lives and sacrificed so dearly 71 years ago.

Tthe Cortlandt Town Hall had its 20 year anniversary on December 5th. The **Supervisor** urged residents to read the history on the Town’s website and added she was the first Supervisor at this Town Hall. It was a three day move; departments were consolidated and brought into theTown Hall. Originally, Town Hall was a school that was purchased by the Town for 1.2 million dollars, adding that the Town Hall is now paid for.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that they are continuing to hold Con Edison accountable to access the damage to their poles and lines resulting from Hurricane Sandy almost 2 months ago. She met with their top officials and they pledged to the Town that they will access and repair the damage. There was a staff meeting comprised of the key emergency employees that were at the EOC talking about the planning preparation and where they could improve.

Supervisor Puglisi introduced the Employee of the 2nd Quarter of 2012, Maria Pereira. The **Supervisor** spoke of Maria’s career with the Town of Cortlandt beginning in February, 2008 as an Assistant Court Clerk in the Justice Court and of her prior employments and organizations. **Supervisor Puglisi** read the proclamation and Audrey Stewart, Court Clerk, thanked the Board for selecting Maria, adding that Maria is a pleasure to work with every day and deserves this award. Asked to speak, Maria thanked the Board stating she was humbled and appreciative to receive this award.

The **Supervisor** gave a certificate of award to Glenn Cestaro, Town Comptroller. He is being honored by the Government Finance Officers Association for working

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

on a comprehensive financial report for the Town of Cortlandt. She thanked him for his excellent work.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that there are many projects for 2013. The list of accomplishments of 2012 are listed on the website including the Veteran’s Park, about \$900,000 in paving, and a budget to keep taxes low and many more.

On the agenda also tonight is the five year capitol projects plan to be adopted and the projects for the five years run from road improvements, underwater storage tank, new waterline projects, drainage projects, and recreation projects as well.

On December 3rd, **Supervisor Puglisi** attended the Westchester County’s Annual Senior Citizen Hall of fame luncheon. The Town had several recipients who received these prestigious awards: Marie Turner, Ray Prociou, Laura Seitz and Carol Shaunassy. The **Supervisor** congratulated them.

The **Supervisor** wished everyone Happy Holidays and reminded everyone to “Shop Local”.

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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 resignation of Planning Board member John Bernard and thanked him of his many years of dedicated service, expertise and the consideration and thoughtfulness he brought to the Board for many years. There will now be a vacancy if anyone would like to be considered. There is also a bid for a construction of a boat launch in Verplanck at the Cortlandt Riverfront Park. Councilmember Farrell thanked Ed Vergano and his department on the work they’ve been doing to design the launch and will be supervising the construction. He noted that a project like this is not straightforward and that there are other agencies to deal with who have jurisdictions over river projects. He thanked Ed noting that he was very much looking forward to seeing the project completed in the spring.

Councilmember Farrell wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Lindau-Martin: Wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday and thanked Glenn Cestaro for being the “guiding light” with the Town’s budget and helping them in everything they do.

Councilmember Becker: Also thanked the staff for their work, with special thanks to Ed Vergano and Jeff Coleman.

Councilmember Sloan: Stated that he feels 2013, for the Town and the State, will be a better, more optimistic place than it has been, shaking off the last clouds of the recession. He is looking forward with anticipation for a good season.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Special Meeting Regular Meeting of November 20, 2012 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.

1. Public Hearing to consider a Local Law increasing the number of PRC Advisory Board members up to three.

Supervisor Puglisi called the hearing to order at 7:54 p.m.

Discussion: Tom Wood explained that this Local Law is to increase the membership from 11 members to 14 members. Councilmember Lindau stated there are three interested applicants.

A motion to close the hearing at 7:56 p.m., adopt a Negative Declaration and adopt the Local Law was made by Councilmember Becker and seconded by Councilmember Lindau-Martin.

All voted **AYE**

RESOLUTION NO.216A -12 RE: Adopt a Negative Declaration with respect to increasing the number of PRC Advisory Board members up to three.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2-12: A Local Law amending Local Law No. 4 of 2010 with respect to the Recreation Advisory Board.

All voted **AYE**

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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BID REPORTS
NONE

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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 November from the Purchasing Department, the Receiver of Taxes, and the Town Clerk.

All voted **AYE**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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.217-12 REP Appoint Monique Brideau to fill a part-time position at the Youth Center.

RESOLUTION NO.218-12 RE: Reappoint Thomas Bianchi as a member of the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO.219-12 RE: Reappoint James Seirmarco and Raymond Reber as members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION NO.220-12 RE: Authorize DOTS to seek bids for the restoration/repair of Furnace Dock Lake Dam (to be paid for by Con Edison).

RESOLUTION NO.221-12 RE: Authorize DOTS to seek bids for the Cortlandt Waterfront public Boat Launch.

RESOLUTION NO.222-12 RE: Authorize DOTS and the Legal Department to evaluate and review two locations for dangerous building status (former gas station on RT. 9A in Montrose and 270 Furnace Dock Road).

RESOLUTION NO.223-12 RE: Authorize an Agreement with the Village of Croton-on- Hudson (Police Department) to provide the DARE Program.

RESOLUTION NO.224-12 RE: Adopt the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

RESOLUTION NO.225-12 RE: Adopt the 2013 Town Board Meeting Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO.226-12 RE: Authorize a Contract with SPCA for 2013.

RESOLUTION NO.227-12 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for January, 22, 2013 to consider Agreements with various fire departments with respect to fire protection services (Continental Village Fire Department, Montrose Fire Department and the Village of Croton).

RESOLUTION NO.228-12 RE: Authorize Budget Amendments and Transfers for 2012.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi thanked members of the Planning and Zoning Boards for wanting to continue on their work for the community and welcomed Monique Brideau to the Youth Center to fill a vacancy there.

All voted AYE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Sloan moved that the following resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO.229-12 RE: Authorize reducing a Letter of Credit security for Sunset Ridge Subdivision in accordance with a Planning Board Resolution.

Discussion: **None**

All voted **AYE**

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilmember Becker moved that the following resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Lindau-Martin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Glenn Cestaro, Town Comptroller, explained that the budget transfer of \$225,000 was within the Highway Fund dealing with the cleanup of Hurricane Sandy.

RESOLUTION NO.230-12 RE: Authorize Budget Transfer

There was no additional discussion

ALL VOTED AYE.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Farrell and Councilmember Sloan.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**

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