

July 16, 2013

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on July 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:

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

Also present:

<b>GLENN CESTARO</b>	<b>Comptroller</b>
<b>THOMAS WOOD, ESQ.</b>	<b>Town Attorney</b>
<b>CHRISTINE B. COTHREN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>JUDITH HERMESCH</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>EDWARD VERGANO</b>	<b>DOTS, Director</b>
<b>CLAUDIA VAHEY</b>	<b>Human Resources Coordinator</b>
<b>ROSEMARY B. LASHER</b>	<b>DOTS/Asst. to Director</b>
<b>JEFFREY COLEMAN</b>	<b>Director, DES</b>

**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**

**Supervisor Puglisi** commented on the hot summer weather and due to this, the Town pool is being opened one hour later to help out the residents. The Community Center off Westbrook Drive will also be opened during the day as a cooling center.

The 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Town of Cortlandt will happen at the end of July. **Supervisor Puglisi** stated that all have been working very hard for a wonderful Anniversary Celebration. It will be held at George’s Island on the Hudson, Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be parking at the Cortlandt Train Station and shuttle buses will be available to the site. She thanked Westchester County officials and the parks department for their help along with Metro North for the parking allowed at the station. Many businesses have contributed to the event. There will be fireworks, free admission, entertainment, food vendors, and games, the theme being an “Old Fashioned Community Picnic”.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)**

**Supervisor Puglisi** reminded the residents about the new Cortlandt Boat Launch in Verplanck and urged residents to obtain the permit and use the facility.

There will be a Purple Heart Veteran’s Parade in Peekskill on August 10<sup>th</sup> and asked residents to join in this tribute to the Veterans. The Chairman, William Nazzario is the Commander of the NY State Purple Heart’s Organization and Eugene Parrotta is the Chairperson of the Peekskill parade.

The long awaited Lafayette Avenue Rt. 202/Conklin Avenue traffic signal is going to be completed by early August. This will make for a safe exiting from the hospital Lafayette Avenue and Conklin Avenue, paid for from NY State DOT, not out of the Town of Cortlandt funds. The **Supervisor** thanked Ed Vergano and Tom Wood for their work on this project.

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**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call attendance taken by Deputy Town Clerk Cothren all Town Board members indicated their presence.

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**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Sloan:** no report

**Councilmember Becker:** Commented how hard the Supervisor has worked on raising the funds for the 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at a time when the Town is trying very hard to contain costs. They received funding for almost the entire cost of the event, approximately \$35,000.

Councilmember Becker stated that there is a motion on the agenda for the Town to become lead agency for a project on Rt. 6. This is a large project and everyone is excited about it. He said that it will affect the future of our area and that the Town Board feels there is a good plan in front of them and that this could be a tremendous advance for the Town’s economic base, its growth and the use of this property.

There is a tax certiorari settlement to protect an area of land originally written up as one of the most important pieces of property in the Town, about 110 acres. Councilmember Becker stated that this will be an important environmental area that will be protected.

The **Supervisor** congratulated Councilmember Becker for his work on the protection of this property.

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)**

**Councilmember Lindau-Martin:** Urged everyone to come to the 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

**Councilmember Farrell:** no report

**Supervisor Puglisi** added that there have been over 20 volunteers working very hard for the 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and she thanked them for all their hard work.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2013 be approved as presented by Deputy Town Clerk Cothren. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**none**

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**HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

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

**BID REPORTS**

1. Receive and File Bids opened on July 12, 2013 with respect to Repaving; and Award a Contract with respect to same.

**RESOLUTION NO.189-13 RE: Authorize a contract with respect to Repaving.**

**REPORTS**

For the month of June, 2013 from the Purchasing Department, Office for the Aging Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Report from the Director of DES with respect to Lexington Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Letter from Tyron and Yurba Crute with respect to the use of a Town right-of-way; and refer to DOTS, DES and the Legal Department.
2. Letter from the Old Van Cortlandville Cemetery Association requesting a grant for Historic Restoration, and Authorize same.

**RESOLUTION NO.190-13 RE: Authorize a grant for Historic Restoration for the Old Van Cortlandville Cemetery.**

3. The Annual 2012 Financial Report
4. A Petition for a Zoning Map Amendment, Site Plan and various other Petitions with respect to Cortlandt Crossing on Rt. 6; and Authorize the circulation of a Notice for the Town Board to be Lead Agency under SEQR.

**RESOLUTION NO.191-13 RE: Authorize the circulation of a Notice for the Town Board to be Lead Agency under SEQR with respect to Cortlandt Crossing on Rt. 6.**

**Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi** thanked Glenn Cestaro, Town Comptroller, and his staff for their excellent work on the annual financial report.

Also, the property on rt. 6 is across from the Town center Mall and is owned by the same company, Acadia. This will be a good partnership that will enhance that area and bring in betterments for the community and residents, along with jobs.

Councilmember Sloan added that this will be a process that will take a long time. The public will be availed of the opportunity of several public hearings for information.

All voted **AYE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**(All resolutions adopted at this meeting are to be found attached to the end of the original document.)**

Councilmember Lindau-Martin moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Farrell:

**RESOLUTION NO.192-13 RE: Appoint seasonals for the Recreation and Conservation Department.**

**RESOLUTION NO.193-13 RE: Appoint a student apprentice to work with the Town Historian at the Tollhouse.**

**RESOLUTION NO.194-13 RE: Authorize the extension of a Leave of Absence under FMLA for a DES employee.**

**RESOLUTION NO.195-13 RE: Appoint members to the new Master Plan Committee.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi thanked the volunteers who have agreed to serve on the new Master Plan Committee which will begin in September of this year.

**All voted AYE**

Councilmember Lindau-Martin moved that the following resolution be polled, seconded by Councilmember Farrell:

**RESOLUTION NO.196-13 RE: Authorize a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME for 2012 and 2013.**

<b><u>Councilmember Sloan:</u></b>	<b>No</b>
<b><u>Councilmember Becker:</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Councilmember Lindau-Martin:</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Councilmember Farrell:</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Supervisor Puglisi:</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The Motion Passed.**

Councilmember Becker moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Lindau-Martin:

**RESOLUTION NO.197-13 RE: Award a Bid with respect to line painting for DES.**

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RESOLUTION NO.198-13 RE: Award a Bid with respect to fleet gas cards for Town vehicles.

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

RESOLUTION NO.199-13 RE: Authorize a Stipulation of Discontinuance with respect to Seitz vs. the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO.200-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to submit Consolidated Funding Grant Applications with respect to a New Master Plan.

RESOLUTION NO.201-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to submit Consolidated Funding Grant Applications with respect to a River Walk Trail.

RESOLUTION NO.202-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to submit Consolidated Funding Grant Applications with respect to a Green HVAC for Town Hall.

RESOLUTION NO.203-13 RE: Authorize amending Resolution No. 178-13 with respect to a DES equipment trailer.

RESOLUTION NO.204-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of a backhoe and a mini-excavator and to dispose of two existing backhoes.

RESOLUTION NO.1205-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to Solicit bids to replace water mains on Jerome Drive and Rita Drive.

RESOLUTION NO.20613 RE: Authorize DOTS to seek proposals with respect to a drainage crossing on Highland Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO.207-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to award a Contract with respect to the construction of a drainage crossing on Conklin Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO.208-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals for survey services related to drainage work on Springvale Road and Skytop Drive.

RESOLUTION NO.209-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to appropriate funds for use on temporary employees for the balance of 2013 for the Director of Technical Services.

RESOLUTION NO.210-13 RE: Authorize a Tax Certiorari Settlement with respect to JPG Commercial and Mongoose properties.

RESOLUTION NO.211-13 RE: Authorize a release with respect to the Brownfields Cleanup at Steamboat Dock Park with New York State.

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi commented that we hope to get the grants that we have applied for. The Town has a great team, Chris Kehoe, Ed Vergano and Rosemary Boyle Lasher and these are important grants. The **Supervisor** stated she would keep the residents apprised.

All voted **AYE**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO.212 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence under the FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) with respect to a DES employee.**

**RESOLUTION NO.213 RE: Authorize a 2% salary increase for certain Nor-West employees.**

**RESOLUTION NO.214 RE: Authorize the purchase of a Remembrance Medallion in support of the 9/11 Memorial.**

All voted **AYE**

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**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**NONE**

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**REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**None**

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**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed at 7:53 p.m. with a motion by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,  
Town Clerk**

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