

September 20, 2016

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on September 20, 2016 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>DEBRA COSTELLO</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>RICHARD BECKER</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>
<b>SETH FREACH</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>

Also present:

<b>JO-ANN DYCKMAN</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
<b>CHRISTINE B. COTHREN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>PATRICIA ROBCKE</b>	<b>Comptroller</b>
<b>ROSEMARY B. LASHER</b>	<b>DOTS/Asst. to Director</b>
<b>JEFFREY COLEMAN</b>	<b>Director, DES</b>
<b>MICHAEL PREZIOSI</b>	<b>Director, DOTS</b>
<b>EDWARD VERGANO</b>	<b>Senior Civil Engineer</b>

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 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** indicated there are a lot of great things planned for the Fall and they had a really terrific summer. They also held a 9/11 Ceremony together with Croton on Hudson and Buchanan partnered by the Task Force headed by Janet Mainero at the 9/11 Memorial. The **Supervisor** urged residents to view the Memorial at its beautiful site. She thanked all the Task Force members who have worked on it for over two years. The Town of Cortlandt lost 8 individuals in 9/11 and they will never be forgotten and praise is also given to all the First and Second Responders who assisted and all the military who have been defending the country ever since.

The **Supervisor** stated that tonight the Board will be recognizing the Department of Technical Services which includes the Engineering, Planning, and the Code Enforcement/Building Firematic Departments. On behalf of the Board, the **Supervisor** thanked them for all they do for the Town. The **Supervisor** explained the functions of these departments, such as the Lacrosse Project that was just dedicated, Planning involved in the Master Plan that was just adopted and now being implemented, and Code Enforcement who advised the Zoning Board of Appeals. She Edward Vergano – former Director of DOTS

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)**

Councilmember Farrell stated he can't help but look at these individuals and be reminded of all commented that DOTS is a critical department that deals with many issues.

**Supervisor Puglisi** and the Town Board read and issued proclamations to the following: Michael Preziosi - Director of DOTS, Town Engineer the projects that have been done. He commented that any young person who might be thinking of a career and he finds himself recommending municipal engineering and he has thought how fascinating and varied career it is.

Councilmember Farrell presented proclamations to Arty D'Angelo, Chris Kehoe, and Rosemary Boyle Lasher.

Councilmember Freach presented proclamations to Holly Haight, Lisa Wyskida, and MaryKim Cesarini.

**Supervisor Puglisi** stated that Rosemary Boyle Lasher was a former Town of Cortlandt Councilwoman and that Holly Haight is the first woman Fire Chief in the Verplanck Fire District and that many of the men and woman have been involved in other areas of the Town.

Councilmember Becker presented proclamations to Ken Hoch, Martin Rogers, and Richard Falcone. **Supervisor Puglisi** spoke of the important New York State codes that must be followed.

Councilmember Costello presented proclamations to Holly Carey, Rose Catalano and Ed Grexa.

The **Supervisor** thanked them all once again stating they are grateful to them and appreciate the way they interact with the Cortlandt residents. She showed the project of the new regulation size Lacrosse All-Purpose Field at Sprout Brook Park that was just dedicated last week.

There were two employees from this department absent this evening, Sharon Palmietto and Michelle Robinson. Michael Preziosi thanked the Town Board for recognizing this department and he thanked his staff for their work and thanked his staff for accepting him in his new role as Town Engineer.

**Supervisor Puglisi** stated that Cortlandt Family Fun Day was on September 10<sup>th</sup>, a warm but fun day. There were fireworks and over 100 volunteers on that day, rides and food.

The **Supervisor** has had the honor over the last 15 years to be a member of the Cortlandt/Peekskill Regional Paramedics. She stated that they have 44 Paramedics in the region and one member, Holly Haight, is a Town employee. When they first started, the goal was an average of 8 minutes for emergency calls and now the average response time is 5.6 minutes.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)**

The DOT put in improvements on the Bear Mt. Parkway and the Town is always asking them to do more and evaluate it. There has not been one fatality since the improvements have been made.

The numbers for the SPECTRA Gasline Company and the hotline number for FERC are on the Town's website. The **Supervisor** has been told they will be out of the community within the next 6-9 months. She commented that they are not happy about them but they superseded the Town and they have to deal with it.

The Town is continuing to fight the proposed anchors up and down the Hudson River proposed by the United States Coast Guard for many reasons. The Town has officially submitted their concerns to the Coast Guard and the **Supervisor** asks any citizen or group if they would like to do the same, they can get the email information. They are proposing 10+ anchors which would be a major impact to the area.

**There are various events taking place:**

This Saturday is the Cortlandt Community Swap where residents can bring items to drop off and pick up items. Shredding is done also at this site at the Community Center.

The Charitable Golf Outing at the Hollow Brook Golf Club will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and all proceeds go to our emergency services.

The 5K Run is on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. Both can be registered at the Recreation Department.

Also, when the Hollow Brook Golf Course was constructed, the Town received 70 acres from them for a trail system. The Grand Opening of this Trail will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This will add to the Town's trail system.

There will also be the Annual Hobgoblin Parade at the Cortlandt Town Center on October 29<sup>th</sup> and the Halloween Party on Halloween at the Community Center. There will also be a new event- a parade for your "dressed up" pet dogs at the Town's dog park on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Supervisor Puglisi** commented that it was a great summer season at the pool with the new water spray park, at the outdoor concert and movie series, and the Town camps.

They are now working on the 2017 Town Budget with Comptroller Patty Robcke to continue the Town's excellent financial record that was recognized recently by the New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli in a recent letter of August, 2016. The **Supervisor** read the letter from the Comptroller.

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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 Costello:** no report

**Councilmember Becker:** Regarding the SPECTRA pipeline, Councilmember Becker feels that as a councilman that this Town is under attack and they are constantly fighting off the bad guys. Recalling West Point Partners where that project was successfully stopped by the Town but not able to stop SPECTRA. Councilmember Becker just wanted to say publicly that this has been every bit the disaster that they feared coming in as a big company without concern for the citizens or environment. They are digging up the Town, cutting down trees, entered the wetlands without permits, fractured waterlines and they keep proceeding in a way that shows that they are uncaring and all they want to do is get it done quickly for the biggest profit possible. Councilmember Becker said this is why the Town fought it and now we see the consequences. He stated he does believe they will restore it, but this is not the way to do business in this Town to encourage future projects. Councilmember Becker stated he hopes others learn from the Town's experience and they are stopped in the future from doing such projects. Now we are fighting the Coast Guard for the anchorages and this is a rare area not impeded by the railroad tracks giving us access to the river and a beautiful vista. The Town will fight this with the political coalition that is together and Councilmember Becker feels they will be successful.

**Councilmember Freach:** Stated that everything Councilmember Becker said is absolutely correct and while we don't know what the next project will be, we do know we will have the steadfast resolution to oppose anything to protect the Hudson, the shoreline, our citizens and our neighborhood. Councilmember Becker said we want to keep our neighborhood intact and the staff of the Town really finds a way to be able to do that and do the heavy lifting which enables them to go forward. He feels good about this anchorage fight and he knows they will fight just as hard for the next one.

Councilmember Freach congratulated those involved in the Family Fun Day and said he also was very happy to go the Lacrosse Field Opening and see the kids using the field having a good time. This shows that the Town is really investing in our families and the children in this community which is a great testament to how this Town provides services for the community.

Councilmember Freach had the pleasure of attending the Montrose Fire Department Bi-Annual Inspection this month and reported all is in fine shape and he thanked all the responders for the work they do.

**Councilmember Farrell:** Stated he was sorry to have missed the inspection as he had another commitment and those events are fun and one can see how they protect the community and the great care they take of the equipment. Afterward, they have a dinner and have a roast of the Chief which is very enjoyable.

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

Councilmember Farrell commented on how impressed he is by the Town’s 9/11 Memorial and that there is one aspect of it he finds intriguing and that is that the piece of steel from the World Trade Center acts as the sundial and the shadow during the day 9/11 is cast onto plaques that commemorate each of the terrible events that occurred that day. Councilmember Farrell said that it really is moving and such a testimony to the care and concern this community has for those who experienced that day.

Regarding the anchorages, Councilmember Farrell stated that the Town is putting the finishing touches on a dock on the Cortlandt Waterfront Park to be utilized by “human powered vessels” such as canoes, rowing shells, kayaks, etc. where boats are carried onto the dock to be launched. There will be a dedication. These are used docks which have to be reviewed by the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEC who said the Town could not use them because they were 12 feet wide and would cast a shadow on the bed of the Hudson River. The docks were abandoned and brought back, yet they are considering putting huge barges on the river.

Councilmember Farrell commented on how much of the work that occurs is not seen to make these projects happen, but the Town has people who take this all into account.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of August 16, 2016 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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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 Freach seconded the motion

**BID REPORTS  
REPORTS**

For the month of August, 2016 from the Office for the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS  
Receive and File the Following:**

**OLD BUSINESS, (cont.)**

- 1. Reports from the Department of Environmental Services with respect to the following:
  - a) Washington Street and site distance
  - b) Homeland Towers cell site proposal
  - c) Alpine Drive and Terrace Place traffic
  - d) College Hill Road

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

- 1. Letter from the Old VanCortlandtville Cemetery Association requesting assistance with a restoration; and authorize same in accordance with Town law.

**RESOLUTION NO. 232-16 RE: Authorize assistance with a restoration in accordance with Town law.**

- 2. Letter from the Verplanck Fire District requesting a License Agreement with respect to a paper road known as 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and refer to the Legal Department, DOTS and DES.
- 3. Survey to residents of Taylor Avenue regarding parking issues; and refer to DES.

**Discussion:**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 233-16 RE: Appoint Terrance Bowdren Laborer for DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 234-16 RE: Appoint two (2) Seasonals for DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 235-16 RE: Authorize the renewal of the Town’s General Liability and Cyber Insurance Policy.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 236-16 RE: Authorize a contract with respect to Affordable Care with Corporate Plans, Inc.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 237-16 RE: Authorize the installation of security cameras for the Youth Center, subject to certain safety policies.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 238-16 RE: Authorize a transfer of funds in exchange for two ALS vehicles from the Cortlandt paramedic program.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 239-16 RE: Authorize an IMA with the Village of Buchanan for the use of the Town’s waste yard transfer station.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 240-16 RE: Authorize the 2016/2017 snow and ice removal Agreement with NYS DOT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 241-16 RE: Authorize the purchase of an additional Smart Machine for speeding issues.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 242-16 RE: Authorize DOTS to retain an Environmental Consultant with respect to areas disturbed by AIM/Spectra.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 243-16 RE: Authorize DOS to seek RFP’s for water quality testing and surveying services at the quarry in Verplanck.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 244-16 RE: Town Board declares themselves Lead Agent with respect to “Cortlandt Pitch” and Receive and File a letter from the Lakeland School District and other various correspondences with respect to same.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 245-16 RE: Accept security in the amount of \$3,150,000.00 required by the Planning Board with respect to “Cortlandt Crossing”.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi added that the Smart Machines have been seen on the roads and she believes they work and they help slow down speeders.

All voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Farrell moved that the following be received and filed and resolutions be adopted. Councilmember Costello seconded the motion.

**RECEIVE AND FILE:**

1. Six month report from the Town Historian.
2. Memo from the Director of DOTS with respect to a property lien for 2 Lafayette Street in Verplanck.

**ADDITIONS to the AGENDA, (cont.)**

- 3. Letter from residents of Oak Road with respect to #4 and #8; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 246-16 RE: Authorize the Director of DOTS to enter into an Agreement with respect to inspection services for the Cortlandt Lake Dam.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 247-16 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with respect to inspection services for the Furnace Brook Lake Dam.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi stated that these inspections are required by the State DEC.

All voted **AYE**

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**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.248–RE: Authorize budget transfers.**

**Discussion:** Patty Robcke, Town Comptroller, explained that the annual budget is a guideline, and as the year goes on they are constantly reviewing it. As the year goes on as they are buying equipment for various departments, they make transfers between the IT department and those other departments buying the equipment. There is also a consultant for the cable broadcast project, covering mandates from the State for the Star Program and moving money from the Assessor’s office to the Tax Office, and contingency accounts, and additional expenses in the Parks and Recreation Dept. for supplies and equipment.

All voted **AYE**

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**REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Freach.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,  
Town Clerk**