

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
March 9, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag roll call was taken. Those attending were Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Paul Bolesh was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr.; Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jacob Miller, Senior at Schenedehowa School, stated he was here tonight to sit in on a Town Board Meeting for his Government Class. Supervisor Peck thanked Mr. Miller for choosing the Town of Northumberland to witness local government in action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the February 15, 2017 regular monthly Meeting: Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 regular monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officer: Ed Cross submitted his Dog Control Officers Monthly Report for February 2017. Mr. Cross answered 1 complaint; brought 1 dog to the shelter and issued 1 warning. Mr. Cross stated that he had a lot of cat and wild life calls.

2. The Town of Northumberland received a copy of a letter from Kevin Bliss, Deputy Permit Administrator with NYS DEC to Finch Waste Co. regarding their Mine File # 50897 DEC # 5-4146-0047/00001 Mining Permit. The Permit has a new Permit Expiration Date of 01/25/2022.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding a culvert replacement and slope failure report on State Route 32 north of Butler Lane. In order to complete this work as safely and quickly as possible, the two sites will be constructed concurrently during a single road closure. Route 32 will be closed at the project site for approximately 4 weeks. Traffic will be directed over a signed detour route utilizing Route 50, County Route 39 (King Road), County Route 40 (Wall Street), and back to Route 32. The work will be completed during the 2017 construction season. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like the Town of Northumberland to send a letter to the property owners between the southern intersection of Brownville Road/Route 32N and Callahan Road/Route 32N regarding this project.

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4. W/C Cards: Supervisor Willard Peck asked the Town Clerk to contact Saratoga County Personnel Department to obtain W/C Cards for the town hall employees. This card gives a 24 hour hot line that employees can contact if they are hurt on the job.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fuel Bids: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town of Northumberland solicited bids for Diesel and Unleaded fuel for 2017. The following bids were received:

Ray Energy: \$.12 per gallon firm differential (Unleaded Regular Gasoline)

John Ray: \$.12 per gallon firm differential (On-Road Diesel) with a 500 gallon double wall tank with Dispenser and meter to remain on site.

Naughton Energy: Price for a 528 Gallon Fuel Tank

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to throw out Naughton Energy's bid since it did not meet the bid requirement. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #39 of 2017 –

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland solicited bids for Unleaded Fuel and Diesel/Blend Fuel for 2017, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland awards the Unleaded Fuel to Ray Energy Corp as outlined in their bid dated March 8, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland awards the Diesel/Blended to John Ray & Sons as outlined in their bid dated March 8, 2017.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 39 of 2017.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution # 39 of 2017 Adopted

2. Sewer Pumping Bids: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Town of Northumberland solicited bids for the pumping of sewer tanks in Sewer District #1. The following bids were received:

Anjo Construction: \$28,931.00

EarthCare: \$144.75 per 1,000 Gallons

Straight's Septic Service: \$155.00 per 1,000 Gallons

Stone Septic: \$215.00 per 1,000 Gallons

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A discussion followed. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 40 of 2017

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland solicited bids for the pumping of sewer tanks in Sewer District #1, Highway Garage and Town Hall, and

WHEREAS, the Bid must include the cost for digging up tanks for pumping and extra hoses that may be needed, and

WHEREAS, the Bid must reflect prevailing wages,

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board awards the bid for pumping of septic tanks in Sewer District #1, Highway Garage and Town Hall to EarthCare in the amount of \$144.75 per 1,000 gallon, and be it further

RESOLVED, the bid will be in effect from March 9, 2017 to December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, EarthCare must provide proof of prevailing wages for any employee along with Certificate of Insurance and proof of Workmen's Comp.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 40 of 2017.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman John DeLisle – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution # 40 of 2017 Adopted

3. Solar Local Law: Town Attorney Douglas Ward presented a "Draft" Solar Local Law for the Town Board's consideration. The Town's Moratorium on large scale solar systems runs out in mid-June. Town Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he would like to take this document home and see if the areas that he along with Town Attorney Doug Ward addressed earlier are all in this document. The Town Board Members were asked to take this proposed Local Law home and review it and any corrections and/or suggestions to email them to Supervisor Peck, Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Town Clerk Denise Murphy. Once a completed "Draft" copy is available, this document will be forwarded to the Planning Board Members for their review. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated he would like to have the Public Hearing on this proposed Local Law in May, or no later than June.

4. LeRoy vs Town of Northumberland: Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated he will talk to his law firm to see if the Town should hire our own attorney for this law suit in addition to the legal counsel provided by our Insurance Company.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clean-Up Day: Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that Councilman Paul Bolesh has established a date for Town Clean-Up, but he is not present tonight due to illness. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that Tia Kilburn has agreed to do another Newsletter, but needs news articles by the end of March to have it ready to be mailed in mid-April.

2. Intermunicipal Agreements with adjoining town's highway department: Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he received information from the NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources regarding Intermunicipal Cooperation for shared highway services. Town Attorney Ward stated that he will prepare documents for the Town Board's approval.

3. CT Male's proposal for Landfill 2017 Groundwater and Explosive Gas Monitoring and reporting Services. Town Clerk Denise Murphy received the proposal for landfill monitoring for 2017. John Munsey, P.G. Managing Scientist & Principal Environmental Services with CT Male provided a breakdown of estimated fees. The total 2017 Estimated Fee is \$4,560.00. Mr. Munsey stated that a groundwater monitoring reduction request to reduce the groundwater monitoring to annual for the Part 360 routine parameters has been submitted to the NYS DEC, but to date a response has not been issued. Their proposal is based on the current requirements, but they will only charge the client for the actual work performed. So if NYSDEC Grants the reduction, they will not perform the second sampling event. NYSDEC in their letter dated January 23, 2017 approved the explosive gas monitoring reduction request. Therefore, annual explosive gas monitoring during the winter months is currently required. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he had some questions regarding the wording. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Peck to sign the Contract Agreement contingent upon Town Attorney Douglas Ward's review and final approval. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and Vice Chairman: The Town Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals recommending that Mark Boyce be appointed Chairman and Bruce Bemis as Vice Chairman. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint Mark Boyce Chairman and Bruce Bemis Vice Chairman for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approve Vouchers for Payment: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 41 of 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Vouchers to be paid as presented:

A (General Fund) Vouchers - # 65 - # 86 Total: \$ 19,977.91
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers - # 39 - # 61 Total: \$ 64,897.25
SS (Gansevoort Sewer District) Voucher # 16 Total: \$35.14

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Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 41 of 2017

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Resolution # 41 of 2017 Adopted

2. Supervisor’s Financial Report for January 2017: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 42 of 2017:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, Supervisor Willard Peck rendered the following detailed statement of all money received and disbursed during the January 2017:

GENERAL

Balance as of 12/31/2016	\$	782,621.86
Increases	\$	1,282,625.41
Decreases	\$	48,620.03
Balance as of 01/31/2017	\$	2,016,627.24

HIGHWAY

Balance as of 12/31/2016	\$	211,057.63
Increases	\$	0.00
Decreases	\$	67,900.60
Balance as of 01/31/2017	\$	143,157.03

SEWER DISTRICT #1

Balance as of 12/31/2016	\$	36,806.89
Increases	\$	0.00
Decreases	\$	0.00
Balance as of 01/31/2017	\$	36,806.89

CAPITAL PROJECT – BUILDING

Balance as of 12/31/2016	\$	267.55
Increases	\$	0.00
Decreases	\$	0.00
Balance as of 01/31/2017	\$	267.55

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved January 2017 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 42 of 2017.

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Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Resolution # 42 of 2017 Adopted

DEPARTMENTS

Highway: Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr. stated that he has addressed most of the concerns that were brought up by Mr. Van den Heever, from NYMIR, while he performed an underwriting survey of the town. Highway Supt Vance stated that he will be removing the bleachers at the Bertha E Smith Park and would like to replace them with two benches. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion authorizing Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr to purchase two benches for the Bertha E. Smith Park. Town Supervisor Willard Peck will be working to complete the remaining recommendations noted in Mr. Van den Heever’s report.

Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 8:45 PM. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk