

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
May 14, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 8:00 AM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy and Town Attorney David Brennan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Supervisor Willard Peck gave an update on numbers in Saratoga County regarding the Covid 19 and projected Phase 1 reopening for the Capital Region, which Saratoga County is in.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officers Report: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his April 2020 Dog Control Report. Mr. Cross answered 3 complaints, brought 1 dog to the shelter issued 2 warnings and received multiple telephone calls.

2. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT): The Town of Northumberland received a letter from Mark Pyskadlo, PE, PTOE with NYSDOT regarding the Town's request for a speed limit reduction on State Route 32N between Stonebridge Road and the Hamlet of Gansevoort. Mr. Pyskadlo states currently the requested section of Route 32 is governed by the Statewide 55 mph speed limit. Mr. Pyskadlo states that they have completed their investigation of the requested section of Route 32, which included the roadside development, existing signing and measuring the operating speeds within the corridor. Based on their investigation they have determined that a reduction of the speed limit is not warranted at this time. Mr. Pyskadlo also stated that in the Town's letter we mentioned that residents of this corridor also requested signs stating, "Engine Brakes Prohibited". The State of New York does not have a law that would permit the installation of a sign prohibiting the use of engine brakes. While trucks are not required to have these devices, they should be considered an integral part of the braking system for large trucks. Prohibiting the use of an optional safety device on a truck, which is intended to enhance the ability to stop, may not be in the best interest of public safety. Supervisor Willard Peck asked the Town Clerk to forward a copy of this letter to Mr. Brownell, who made the initial request.

3. Barber Bros II project award: Michael Horn, Saratoga PLAN, sent an email informing the Town of Northumberland that NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has funded their proposed project to protect more farmland in the Town of Northumberland, Barber Bros II project.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members that our BAN for the town hall construction matures on May 15, 2020. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the balance is \$400,000.00. The original BAN was for \$1,000,000 and was taken out in May of 2015. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the conservative spending in the Town of Northumberland has allowed the \$1,000,000 for the cost of the Town Hall to be paid off in five (5) years. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #43 of 2020 –

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL PAYMENT OF A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE OR NOTES OF THE TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND, NEW YORK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF \$1,000,000.00 SERIAL BONDS TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN HALL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the bond resolution adopted May 19, 2015, the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland, New York, issued a Bond Anticipation Note dated May 20, 2015 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, to mature May 19, 2016 to pay for the construction of a new town hall.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Bond Anticipation Renewal Note Resolution adopted May 12, 2016, the Town Board renewed the note, in part, by issuing an \$850,000.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note dated May 19, 2016, to mature on May 18, 2017, and paying \$150,000.00 of the principal owed on the note together with accrued interest on May 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Bond Anticipation Renewal Note Resolution adopted May 11, 2017, the Town Board renewed the note, in part, by issuing an \$750,000.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note dated May 18, 2017 to mature on May 17, 2018, and paying \$100,000.00 of the principal owed on the note together with accrued interest on May 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Bond Anticipation Renewal Note Resolution adopted May 10, 2018, the Town Board renewed the note, in part, by issuing an \$600,000.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note dated May 17, 2018 to mature on May 16, 2019, and paying \$150,000.00 of the principal owed on the note together with accrued interest on May 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Bond Anticipation Renewal Note Resolution adopted May 9, 2019, the Town Board renewed the note, in part, by issuing an \$400,000.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note dated May 16, 2019 to mature on May 15, 2020, and paying \$200,000.00 of the principal owed on the note together with accrued interest on May 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges that the BAN is not subject to renewal and the Town must pay the full principal amount of the BAN either through issuing permanent financing or via payment from available monies of the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town has available appropriations and/or cash reserves to retire the BAN without the issuance of permanent financing via a Bond;

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BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of April, 2020, by the Town Board of The Town of Northumberland, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to make the full principal payment on the \$400,000.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note dated May 16, 2019 together with accrued interest no later than the maturity date of May 15, 2020,

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #43 of 2020.

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

Resolution #43 of 2020 Adopted

2. Bids for the pumping of Septic Tanks in Sewer District #1: The Town of Northumberland solicited sealed bids for the pumping of septic tanks in Sewer District #1 and various municipal building for fiscal years 2020 – 2021. The Town of Northumberland received one sealed bid from Stone Industries. Supervisor Willard Peck opened the bid.

Base Bid: \$5,880.00 lump sum
Alternates – If needed: \$245.00 each
Pumping of additional 2,000-gallon septic tank: \$490.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #44 of 2020

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Stone Industries, LLC submitted a signed bid (dated April 23, 2020) to the Town of Northumberland to complete the pumping of up to 22 - 1,000 gallon septic tanks (plus any on an as needed basis) and one 2,000 gallon septic tank located in Sewer District #1 on Third Street, Fourth Street and a portion of Kobor Road as well as the Highway Garage at 42 Leonard Street and Town Hall at 17 Catherine Street in the Hamlet of Gansevoort for the price of \$245.00 per 1,000 gallon or a lump sum of \$5,880.00, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland Town Board accepts Stone Industries, LLC bid of \$245.00 per 1,000 gallons pumped or a lump sum of \$5,880.00 and it is further

RESOLVED, that the price is good from the time of award until April 20, 2022. This price includes exposing the septic tank cover and any additional hoses needed to reach the septic tank from the driveway or road. The project is subject to prevailing wages.

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #44 of 2020.

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

Resolution #44 of 2020 Adopted

3. Retirement of Town Bookkeeper: Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members that Judy Taylor is retiring May 29, 2020. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Christina Kilburn has been working with Judy Taylor to learn the job. Supervisor Peck stated that he also will be discussing with Richard Dinolfo, CPA and previously with State Comptroller office, regarding having him as our Financial Consultant. Mr. Dinolfo is unavailable until June at which time Supervisor Peck will reach out to him. Supervisor Peck stated that he would like to increase Christina Kilburn’s hourly rate to \$16.50. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to increase Christina Kilburn’s hourly rate to \$16.50 effective, May 14, 2020. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Summer Youth Program: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he has concerns about holding summer camp this summer. Our summer camp is unique in that it is totally off site. The bus picks up the children and brings them to the event and then brings them back. There is no way to safely distance the 55 + children on the bus. Supervisor Peck stated that as much as he hates to suggest it, but feels strongly for the health safety of our youth, to cancel the program for this summer. Councilman John DeLisle stated that he is extremely saddened because he has had numerous parents already ask about the summer program but understands. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to cancel the Summer Youth Program for Summer 2020. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approve Vouchers for Payment: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 45 of 2020

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 111 - # 135 Total: \$ 434,233.49
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 79 - # 103 Total: \$ 23,145.55
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher # 4 Total: \$ 49.65

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 45 of 2020

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

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Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution # 45 of 2020 Adopted

Councilman John DeLisle made a motion @ 9:05 AM adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk