

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
June 14, 2018**

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 included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Town Attorney Douglas Ward; Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr and Building and Zoning Admin. Richard Colozza.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this point Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Brandon Aschauer who was going to receive his Eagle Scout Award on June 30, 2018. Supervisor Willard Peck introduced his parents Brian & Janine Aschauer. Supervisor Peck asked Mr. Brandon Aschauer to explain his project. Brandon J. Aschauer's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of building and installing sound panels for Parkside Covenant Church (now OneChurch) in Clifton Park. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #53 of 2018

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BRANDON J. ASCHAUER**

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer resides at 367 Rugg Road in the Town of Northumberland, and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer was a member of Boy Scout Troop 4013, and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer has served his troop in many capacities including patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide, and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer has completed the Counselor-in-Training Program and served as a summer camp counselor at Rotary Scout Reservation, and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of building and installing sound panels for Parkside Covenant Church (now OneChurch) in Clifton Park, and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer, having completed the requirements for, and having been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, was found worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout on January 2, 2018,

**WHEREAS**, Brandon J. Aschauer will be honored for his achievements at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on June 30, 2018 at the American Legion Post #278,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board recognizes Brandon J. Aschauer for his outstanding dedication and hard work in completing the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, and

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board honors Brandon J. Aschauer by declaring June 30, 2018 as "Brandon J. Aschauer Day".

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 53 of 2018.

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

Resolution #53 of 2018 Adopted

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officer’s Report: Dog Control Officer Edward Cross submitted his Dog Control Report for May, 2018. Mr. Cross answered 7 complaints; issued 5 warnings, issued 1 summons and had 2 bite cases.
2. The Town of Northumberland was cc’d on a letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Permit Application – Permit Modification for Ciba/Hercules Main Plant Site.
3. The Town received a letter from New York State Taxation and Finance regarding the Town’s tentative equalization rate for 2018. The tentative equalization rate is 100%.
4. The Town received a letter from the Turning Point Parade regarding the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Turning Point Parade. The parade is on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is “Honoring the Brave” which pays tribute to all who served our community and country.
5. The Town received a copy of the tribute to Iona Pollock who passed away June 2, 2018.

Remembering our Beloved Iona Pollock June 2, 2018

There is so much I could tell you about Iona as I was a close neighbor of her and Cliff for over four decades. We shared our lives, helped one another and went through some rough spells through our various health problems and deaths of our various family members and our beloved spouses. Through it all I am grateful for them letting me be a part of their very exceptional lives.

Her love for the Town of Northumberland and her willingness to take an active part in being there, willing and able, any time of the day or night for neighbor or for town activities and events. She could be counted on and was fully involved.

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Iona was married to Cliff for 66 years. They worked as a real team. They shared three daughters; Dottie, Alice and Joyce. They lost Joyce to Cancer. They also lost a grandson Mark. And then she lost Cliff, her partner and love of her life.

Dorothy had 3 children; Mark, Michelle and Melissa. Alice had Christine, Connie and Dean. Joyce had Keith and Kimberly. I won't try to name all the grands, great grands, nieces, nephews and cousins as I don't want to leave anyone out.

I will now try to share a few of the highlights of her busy life here in Northumberland. I have been Historian for 37 years so some of these remarkable accounts come from our Archives.

In 1947 she was on a mission with other folks to get the town to install street lights on local streets in the village.

In 1957 she being a member of the Local Eastern Star Organization she became an Assistant Marshal and then became Matron.

Iona helped Cliff in so many of his endeavors. When he was involved with the Fire Department in the early beginnings, she helped start and eventually became President of the Woman's Auxiliary. In 1958 a fire phone was installed at their home and Iona usually answered and directed calls. In the beginning someone had to run to the firehouse to sound the alarm. One of her girls ran across the park, across the highway and railroad tracks to the firehouse to complete the mission. Cliff was chief at the time. They also started a program to honor deceased firemen with flags, markers and wreaths laid for Memorial Day.

Cliff was Constable from 1974-2004 and she was his built-in receptionist and secretary. The Archives support her helping 1959-1964 with many of her hand-written notes from both constable and fire house calls and other duties.

Cliff also had a small TV business in his workshop and she was both telephone operator and accountant.

A newspaper account dated 8-21-1980 reports that Iona was elected President of the newly formed Senior Citizens Group that she helped establish. Unfortunately, after examining the by-laws she discovered that the "clause of eligibility" was 60 years of age to be a member. Iona was 57, so Iona graciously dropped out. Later years it was lowered to 55.

In 1992 she planned and coordinated a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Elizabeth McKean our oldest resident and holder of the "Golden Cane Award". Iona had been helping her with errands and Doctor visits for a while. Elizabeth was driven to the Town Hall in her own car by Cliff and was really surprised by "all the fuss".

Town records show Iona was an Election Inspector in 1993. She served other years that were undocumented too.

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In 1985 she became Town Tax Collector and served 3 terms. Her last term in 1991 she received 503 votes!

On October 28, 1989 she was among local dignitaries in celebrating the ground breaking events for the new Post Office and new Highway Garage.

Iona was also involved with various Youth Committees over the years. She helped with planning, chaperoned when needed and baked for the parties.

During our Towns 1998 Bicentennial she served as our treasurer, memorabilia sales aid and helped coordinate events at all three locations in ,our hamlet as we celebrated in each one over 3 days. That same year she served the town as one of the Deputy Town Clerks.

I have only covered a portion of her accomplishments over the years that she was wearing so many different "Hats". She was always helping at church suppers, attending events and even driving her car in parades at Special Events. She helped me over the years and contributed to our Archive records. I learned so much about our town and the people from her. She went to fairs with Cliff and his "Hit and Miss" noisy pop engines. She deserved a medal, right there! But the most remarkable "hat" she wore was best neighbor and friend. She was "Mom" to all of us who were lucky enough to share her life and her wisdom of 95 years.

May God Bless her life and her family and keep them in His Care. She will be waiting for us somewhere "beyond the sunset"! Rest in Peace Iona, we love you, always and forever!

Lovingly written by  
Georgia Ball  
Northumberland Historian

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Letter of Support for Moreau Emergency Squad: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Moreau Emergency Squad would like a letter of support for Moreau Emergency Squad's capital project of expanding and revitalizing its current ambulance service station and in submitting a NYS Consolidation Funding Application to the Economic Development Council in an attempt to obtain additional funding for this important project. Town Clerk Denise Murphy prepared a letter of support for the Town Board's consideration. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to authorize Supervisor Willard Peck to sign a letter to Economic Development Council to express our support of Moreau Emergency Squad's capital project of expanding and revitalizing its current ambulance service station and in submitting a NYS Consolidation Funding Application to the Economic Development Council in an attempt to obtain additional funding. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Town Board received a request from Katie Seely, Ragnar Event Director, for permission for the Ragnar Relay Adirondack to be held on September 21, 2018 to run through the Town of Northumberland. Ms. Seeley provided the following: Event description; date and hours of the event; exchange points; safety, emergencies and First Aid; Officer Services; traffic impact/traffic control; waste receptacles; signage plan and Certificate of Insurance. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #54 of 2018 –

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Northumberland grants permission for the Ragnar Relay Adirondacks held on September 21, 2018 to run through the Town of Northumberland, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, Ragnar Events, LLC will leave the property in the same condition as when Ragnar arrived and that a Third Party Certificate and any damages incurred during the time of the event will be the responsibility of Ragnar Events, LLC.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #54 of 2018.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #54 of 2018 – Adopted

2. Town Board Meeting July & August: It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to hold the July 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting @ 8::00 AM and August 9<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting @ 8:00 AM.

3. NYMIR: The Town received a letter from Henry Van Den Heever, Risk Control Specialist with NYMIR regarding recommendations for the Town of Northumberland. Mr. Van Den Heever stated that background checks are suggested for all employees and volunteers who have contact with area youth through recreation program. Municipalities can screen free of charge, program personnel against the Division of Criminal Justice Services’ Sex Offender Registry. An authorization form must be completed by the employee or volunteer prior to the check being conducted. The Board Member’s had a copy of the background check form from the Town of Malta. The Town Clerk changed the wording to reflect the Town of Northumberland and presented the form for the Town Board’s consideration. As a note, background checks were previously conducted, but this form will make it more thorough. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to adopt the “Criminal and Non-Criminal Background Check and Consent Form”. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Letter from the ZBA: The Town Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals recommending that Mark Boyce remain as Chairman and Carl Harrison be Vice Chairman for the ZBA for 2018. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to appoint Mark Boyce as Chairman and Carl Harrison

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Vice Chairman of the ZBA for 2018. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Transfers: Supervisor Willard Peck presented the following transfers for the Town Boards consideration:

Increase the General Budget by \$50,000.00 from Fund Balance to A9730.6 (BAN Principal)  
Transfer \$20,038.00 from General Fund Balance to HA1610.4 (Parking Lot at the Town Hall)  
Transfer \$34,372.00 from Highway Fund Balance to HA5130 (Equipment/Balance of New Truck)

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #55 of 2018

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board approves the transfers as presented by Supervisor Willard Peck.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #55 of 2018.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”                      Resolution #55 of 2018 – Adopted

2. Approve Vouchers for Payment: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 56 of 2018

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 142 - # 174 Total: \$ 23,153.69  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 111 - # 134 Total: \$ 38,522.52  
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher #5: \$ 50.78  
HA (Capital Project) Voucher #2 - #4: \$102,293.13

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 56 of 2018.

Supervisor Willard Peck– “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”                      Resolution # 56 of 2018 Adopted

3. Supervisor’s Financial Report for April 2018: Supervisor Willard Peck submitted his report for 2018 for the Town Board’s consideration.

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Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 57 of 2018:

**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 April 2018:

**GENERAL**

Balance as of 03/31/2018	\$	897,155.80
Increases	\$	239,173.75
Decreases	\$	71,341.39
Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	1,064,988.16

**HIGHWAY**

Balance as of 03/31/2018	\$	578,769.74
Increases	\$	3,505.06
Decreases	\$	67,103.08
Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	515,171.72

**SEWER DISTRICT #1**

Balance as of 03/31/2018	\$	44,525.20
Increases	\$	4.30
Decreases	\$	43.88
Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	44,485.62

**CAPITAL PROJECT – BUILDING**

Balance as of 03/31/2018	\$	268.26
Increases	\$	180,000.00
Decreases	\$	132,385.00
Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	47,883.40

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved April 2018 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 57.

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

Resolution # 57 of 2018 Adopted

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4. Supervisor's Financial Report for May 2018: Supervisor Willard Peck submitted his report for May 2018 for the Town Board's consideration.

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 58 of 2018:

**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 May 2018:

**GENERAL**

Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	1,064,988.16
Increases	\$	154,573.06
Decreases	\$	240,350.11
Balance as of 05/31/2018	\$	979,211.11

**HIGHWAY**

Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	515,171.72
Increases	\$	0.00
Decreases	\$	47,805.29
Balance as of 05/31/2018	\$	467,366.43

**SEWER DISTRICT #1**

Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	44,485.62
Increases	\$	2.56
Decreases	\$	38.18
Balance as of 05/31/2018	\$	44,450.00

**CAPITAL PROJECT – BUILDING**

Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$	47,883.40
Increases	\$	4.00
Decreases	\$	4.00
Balance as of 05/31/2018	\$	47,883.40

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved May 2018 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 58.

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

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Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution # 58 of 2018 Adopted

**DEPARTMENTS**

Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr stated that the top coat has been placed on the Town Hall Parking lot and the parking lot has been stripped. He is finishing up the prep work needed prior to paving. Highway Supt Vance stated he does not have an exact date yet for paving.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter @ 8:15 PM. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:35 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Willard Peck reported that no action was taken.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:38 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk