

**Town of Northumberland
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 8, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:15 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. The salute to the flag was waved. 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, Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Amidon, Summer Youth Program Director, came before the Town Board asking for additional funding to cover an additional counselor and the cost of 8 counselor's receiving CPR training. Ms. Amidon stated that there is an increase in children between 5 – 7 years of age which means the ratio of children to counselor's needs to be smaller. Ms. Amidon stated that last year they were slightly over budget due to weather being beautiful and not needing to cancel any camp days. Supervisor Peck asked if she had a dollar figure in mind. Ms. Amidon stated she would like to request roughly \$1,000. If she doesn't need it she will not use it.

Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #57 of 2017 –

BE IT RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes an increase in A7310.1 in the amount of \$700.00 and A7310.4 in the amount of \$300.00 and be it further

RESOLVED, the funds will come from A1990.4 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #57 of 2017

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

Resolution #57 of 2017 Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officers: Edward Cross submitted his Dog Control Report for May 2017. Mr. Cross answered 1 complaint and issued 2 warnings.

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2. The Town Board received a letter of resignation from Ellen Bongard who served on the Board of Assessment Review. The Town Board accepted her letter of resignation and would like the town Clerk to send Ms. Bongard a letter thanking her for her years of service.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Jaime O'Neill, with Saratoga County Planning Board regarding 2017 Saratoga County Open Space Grant Application. The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors have allocated \$150,000 to the grant program for the purchase of development rights on productive agricultural lands and to acquire open space lands whose preservation is deemed to be of significant public benefit.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Local Law #1 of 2017: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that earlier tonight the Town Board held a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 – A Local Law continuing a temporary moratorium on the further consideration or approval by the Northumberland Town Planning Board of any proposed construction of large scale Solar Arrays. There were no comments from the public. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #58 of 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts Local Law #1 of 2017 as presented

Local Law #1 of 2017 – A Local Law continuing a temporary moratorium on the further consideration or approval by the Northumberland Town Planning Board of any proposed construction of large scale Solar Arrays

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland as follows:

Section 1.

The Town of Northumberland continues to consider updates to its Comprehensive Plan together with revisions to its existing Zoning Ordinance regarding siting and installation of large scale Solar Arrays. Among considerations regarding development in the Town are the protection of the community's agricultural character, open space, aesthetic and other resources. If not properly sited and installed large scale solar arrays and associated structures could adversely affect these important resources if they are not properly located and sited in the Town. Accordingly, on December 9, 2016 the Town Board adopted Local Law #5 of 2016 – A local Law establishing a temporary moratorium on the further consideration or approval by the Northumberland Town Planning Board of any proposed siting or construction of large scale Solar Arrays. This moratorium was filed in the Secretary of State's Office and took effect on December 14, 2016. The Town Board has made good progress toward completion of its review and development of appropriate amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, but needs additional extension of the moratorium period in order to allow the Town Board to complete the updates to its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

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Section 2.

There is enacted a continuation of the moratorium (initially adopted as Local Law #1 of 2016) on the further consideration or approval by the Northumberland Town Planning Board of any proposed siting or construction of large scale solar arrays within the Town. This moratorium shall continue for a period of 6 months from the effective date of this local law.

Section 3.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 58 of 2017.

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

Resolution #58 of 2017 Adopted

2. Sundae on the Farm: Supervisor Willard Peck wanted to remind everyone that the 21st annual Sundae on the Farm for Saratoga County will be held on Sunday, June 18th from 12:00 – 4:00 PM at the King Ransom Farm. Supervisor Peck encouraged everyone to stop by.

3. Management Agreement: Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that Wally Elton and Cindy Wian, with Hudson Crossing Park, had some concerns with the draft Management Agreement between the Town of Northumberland and Hudson Crossing Inc. One of their concerns is “The town has the absolute and sole discretion, to determine which construction, repair or maintenance activities Hudson Crossing Park may undertake on the property”, they are afraid they would need permission to mow the lawn and other maintenance. Another concerns is the “Insurance Requirements”. Attorney Ward stated that he will work with Supervisor Peck and Councilman George Hodgson to come up with language under the section “Management”. It was the consensus that the “Insurance Requirements” will need to stay since that was the recommendation from our Insurance Carrier.

4. Time Warner Cable/Spectrum: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated that she saw on TV that Governor Cuomo stated that by 2018 broadband would be available to everyone in New York State, it is called the “Broadband for All” initiative. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated she does not know the specifics at this time. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he will contact Time Warner/Spectrum to see if there has been any progress in extending service in our Town. The Town Board will also investigate Governor Cuomo’s plan to make broadband available to everyone by 2018.

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5. Employee Manual: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated that she would be happy to help Supervisor Peck with final review of the draft Employee Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

1. July and August Town Board Meetings: It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to hold July's Regular Monthly Meeting on July 13, 2017 @ 8:00 AM and August's Regular Monthly Meeting on August 10, 2017 @ 8:00 AM.

2. Town Clerk Denise Murphy asked the Town Board about cleaning the carpet in the Town Board Room after the Senior Group is done for the summer. The Building and Zoning Administrator will investigate the cost. The Town Board approved up to \$400.00 needing formal approval for the cleaning.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Board of Assessment Review (BOAR): The Town Board received two letters of interest for the Board. The Town Board received a letter of interest from both Jennifer Amidon and Eric Avery. The Town Board asked the Town Clerk to send letters to each of the candidates encouraging them to come @ 7:00 PM on September 14, 2017 to discuss their interest in serving on the Board of Assessment Review.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #59 of 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northumberland Town Board approves the following transfers:

To:	From:
A7320.4 \$863.00	A1990.4 \$863.00

To:	From:
DA5142.4 \$22,251.24	DA5130.2 \$23,411.64
DA9055.8 \$ 160.00	
DA9089.8 \$ 1,000.00	

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #59 of 2017

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #59 of 2017 Adopted

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2. Approve Vouchers for Payment: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 60 of 2017

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers - # 153 - # 180 Total: \$ 21,007.94
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers - # 106 - # 124 Total: \$ 31,845.40
SS (Gansevoort Sewer District) Voucher # 19 Total: \$40.32

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 60 of 2017

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

Resolution # 60 of 2017 Adopted

3. Supervisor’s Financial Report for April 2017: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 61 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 April 2017:

GENERAL

Balance as of 03/31/2017	\$	934,951.17
Increases	\$	138,912.32
Decreases	\$	61,693.29
Balance as of 04/30/2017	\$	1,012,170.20

HIGHWAY

Balance as of 03/31/2017	\$	498,625.08
Increases	\$	45.84
Decreases	\$	48,658.54
Balance as of 04/30/2017	\$	450,012.38

SEWER DISTRICT #1

Balance as of 03/31/2017	\$	41,604.74
Increases	\$	4.05
Decreases	\$	42.07
Balance as of 04/30/2017	\$	41,566.72

CAPITAL PROJECT – BUILDING

Balance as of 03/31/2017	\$	267.59
Increases	\$	0.02

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Decreases	\$	0.00
Balance as of 04/30/2017	\$	267.61

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

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 61 of 2017

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

Resolution # 61 of 2017 Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:05 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk
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