

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
April 2, 2009**

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck, Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman Daniel Gale, Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Sup't Neil Petteys, Town Attorney Douglas Ward, Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Highway Employee Jeffrey Crum.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joey Stewart and Tanner VanGuilder from Troop 99 were present tonight working on their Merit Badge.

APPROVE MINTUES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the March 5, 2009 Public Hearing. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion.

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Abstain”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye” Motion carried

2. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the March 5, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion.

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Abstain”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Supervisor Willard Peck – Aye” Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Supervisor Willard Peck provided the Town Clerk with pamphlets and material for the public from Saratoga County Council on Autism.
2. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from National Grid regarding an online survey.
3. Supervisor Willard Peck received the Saratoga County 2009 Rabies Clinic Schedule for posting.

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4. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Joseph Raccuia introducing himself as the new President and CEO of Finch Paper LLC.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale reported that the snow has finally melted and they are moving onto the next phase, field prepping. Local farmers have been helping by bringing their pack bedding and stock piling it over the winter on the fields. These farmers now have shown up with their equipment and they have spread it on these fields. With the snow melt and no grass yet, there was some flooding earlier this spring that has been resolved with the redesign of the drainage area. The electric has been established. The wells have been water witched by Co- Chairperson Laurie Griffin's father. The water is estimated to be down roughly 100 feet. BOCES is on board to start on the walking trails this spring. The goal is to have the playing fields seeded in August which will give all this fall for the grass to get established. The Friends of Schuyler Park 501(c) 3 organization has been very active. Glens Falls National Bank and Trust donated \$10,000. We hope to hear from Adirondack Trust next week regarding a donation. The Friends of Schuyler Park will have a concession stand selling refreshments at this year's Sunday on the Farm event. Supervisor Peck stated a few weeks ago when there was flooding at the retention site; Ian Murray came with his personal equipment and corrected the problem. Mr. Murray did a great job.
2. Update on Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson reported about two weeks ago he submitted a reimbursement voucher for roughly \$140,000 to NYS DOT and Canal Corp. Councilman Hodgson hopes to close out these grants by the middle of the year. Councilman Hodgson found out today that Governor Paterson announced today the Transportation Projects that have been funded. The Dix Bridge Rehabilitation project has received \$2.45 Million funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program. This is administered by New York State Department of Transportation. The Dix Bridge will be opened for pedestrian traffic only. This will tie Washington County to the Lock 5 Island. On April 19, 2009 Hudson Crossing Park, Inc will hold their Clean Sweep from 1 – 5 PM. They are looking for volunteers to help with clean up, maintenance and landscaping at the Hudson Crossing Park.
3. 2009 Contracts for General Schuyler Emergency Squad and Schuyler Hose Fire Department: Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to authorize Supervisor to sign the 2009 contracts with General Schuyler Emergency Squad and Schuyler Hose Fire Department. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Daniel Gale asked the Town Clerk to invite the Moreau Emergency Squad, General Schuyler Emergency Squad and Schuyler Hose to the May 7, 2009 Town Board Meeting to give a brief activity report for the first quarter in 2009. Moreau Emergency Squad faxed a March 2009 financial expense report for the record.

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4. Diane Metz, Community Planning Coordinator with Saratoga P.L.A.N. would like to come to the May 7, 2009 Town Board Meeting to give a brief presentation on the "Battles of Saratoga Preservation and Viewshed Protection Plan". The Town Clerk will contact Ms. Metz and asked her to come to the Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM to do her presentation.

5. The Town Board listened at last month's Town Board Meeting to Bob McLean with Nationwide Payment Solution regarding the town's willingness to accept credit/debit card payments with no financial impact to the town's budget. Credit/Debit cards could be used in the Town Clerk, Building Department and Tax Collector's office. Presently the Town Court System accepts credit/debit cards for payment. Their Program is through the New York State Court Administration. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #20 of 2009 –

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has had many requests for a credit card machine.

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has looked at nationwide to honor this request. The Convenience fee is paid by the customer. There is no cost to the town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at the April 2, 2009 Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland to allow the town to accept credit card payments for general town fees provided the convenience fee is paid by the customer and there is no cost to the town.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #20 of 2009.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #20 of 2009 Adopted

Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated he will review the contract, particularly the "exit clause".

6. Town wide Clean-Up Day on April 25, 2009 will be the 21st year of the town wide event. It will start at 9:00 am and end at noon with refreshments being served.

7. Mosquito Dunk Workshop will be held on April 8, 2009 @ 7:00 PM. Councilman Hodgson stated he will also be discussing ticks.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Willard Peck stated he has narrowed the applicants who have applied for the part time Dog Control Officer to three (3). Supervisor Willard Peck will contact all three and set up interviews. Presently Ed Cross, Town of Saratoga Dog Control Officer, has been filing in. Mr. Cross is doing a great job.

DESIGNATION

1. Supervisor Willard Peck stated he has been contacted by Adirondack Trust about some idle town accounts that still have previous Supervisor Edgar King's name on them. There has been no activity in these accounts. To correct this information the Town Board needs to adopt a Resolution removing Edgar King's name on the signature card and authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to conduct banking at Adirondack Trust. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #21 of 2009 – A Resolution Authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to conduct banking at Adirondack Trust

WHEREAS, Supervisor Willard Peck was elected Supervisor for the Town of Northumberland January 1, 2004 and has held that position since being appointed; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Willard Peck replaced Edgar King as Supervisor for the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Willard Peck is the Town of Northumberland's Budget Officer: therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Supervisor Willard Peck to conduct business on behalf of the Town of Northumberland at Adirondack Trust Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Supervisor Willard Peck to be named as an authorized signature for any checking or savings account associated with the Town of Northumberland at Adirondack Trust Company.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Abstain"

Resolution #21 Adopted

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2. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS

Town Clerk Denise Murphy asked the Town Board if they would consider changing July's Town Board Meeting until July 9, 2009. It was the consensus of the Town Board members to change July's Town Board Meeting until July 9, 2009.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys reported some of the resident of Virginia Place would like to clean-up some of the Construction and Demolition Material (C & D) along the developments road. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys told the resident that he would bring it up to the Town Board tonight. The questions is, If the C & D is in the town's right of way can the residents pick it up during the Town Wide Cleanup Day. The residents indicated that they thought the C & D was on the drainage parcel the town just purchased from Saratoga County. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys and Supervisor Willard Peck will go and look at the area in question to determine whose property the C & D is laying on.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys is working with FEMA to come up with a reimbursement amount from the December 2008 ice storm. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated right now it is roughly \$30,000 in reimbursement. There will be additional funds once the Highway Department has finished all the clean up from the storm.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that funds were budgeted in the Highway 2009 Budget to replace the oldest highway truck. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys contact four (4) companies under the State Contract for a tandem dump truck only two (2) companies responded. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys talked with some of the other Highway Sup't in the area and he was told that the State Contract for a new tandem dump truck was the best way to go. The last tandem dump truck purchased in 2005 was roughly \$ 118,000. The figures that Highway Sup't Neil Petteys has received so far for a 2009 tandem dump truck is in the range of \$ 180,000 - \$ 195,000. Emission regulations and steel costs have gone up considerably since 2005. The State Contracts he was quoted were based on an International and a Western Star Truck. Councilman Daniel Gale asked if it would be to the town's advantage to go out to bid since the economy is so bad right now. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated maybe there is a truck company that will quote a price lower than the State Contract. Councilman Daniel Gale asked when where these State Contracts awarded. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys indicated the State Contracts have an "Escalation Clause". Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to solicit bids for a 2009 or newer tandem dump truck. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated he has not determined yet which town roads will be included on the 2009 paving project. He stated he would like to finish the last portion of Stonebridge Road. Supervisor Peck stated we will need a rough idea on the cost so we can determine the amount of miles that can be

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paved this year. The Town can look at both soliciting bids ourselves or using Saratoga County's awarded paving bid. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys will review and update the town's bid specification and include a "Fuel Adjustment Clause". The Bonding requirement will be enforced. The Town Clerk was provided a copy of the Town of Ballston's paving bid which included the "Fuel Adjustment Clause". The Town Clerk will forward a copy to both the Town Supervisor and Town Attorney for their review. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys estimates asphalt prices will be up from last year.

Planning and Zoning: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant asked if the Town Attorney has made any progress on recommendations for updating the Town of Northumberland's Subdivision Regulations. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza will be send the Planning Board Members a letter informing them they will have 60 days to submit recommendation for changes in the Subdivision Regulations.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 8:50 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 9:00 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There was no action taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk