

**Town of Northumberland
April 3, 2008**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale @ 7:30 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale, Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Supervisor Willard Peck was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Sup't Neil Petteys, Zoning/Building Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the March 6, 2008 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2008. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion.

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Abstain” Motion Approved

2. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the March 6, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion.

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Abstain” Motion Approved

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilman Paul Bolesh and Councilman George Hodgson reviewed the records of the Town Clerk, Town Justices, Building/Zoning Administrator and Tax Collector and found them complete and no discrepancies as required by Municipal Town Law.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Schuyler Park: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated now that Attorney Douglas Ward is back, we need to set a date to finalize the Inner Municipal Agreement between the Town of Saratoga and the Town of Northumberland for Schuyler Park. The traffic study has been completed. There were originally concerns with that portion of Route 29 regarding visibility issues; the study indicated that was not an area of concern which means we can have one entrance to the park. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation came back and indicated that we need to do an archeological dig – Phase IB. The Committee will also have to do testing for three (3) endangered species. The Committee is also working on a preliminary budget on how much it is going to cost to build the park.

2. Hudson Crossing: Councilman George Hodgson stated they are working on the play garden area. Lowes will be installing the underground irrigation system. April 19 is Canal Sweep and Hudson Crossing is looking for volunteers to clear a walk area on a portion of the Island. Councilman George Hodgson has submitted two (2) reimbursement vouchers for costs the town has incurred at Hudson Crossing. One of the vouchers is for \$110,000 from NYS Canal Corp and one is for \$62,000 from NYS Department of Transportation.

3. Town Wide Clean-Up Day. Councilman Paul Bolesh reminded the Town Board and public that this will be the 20th consecutive year for a Town Wide Clean-Up Day. The event is scheduled for April 26 from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon with a rain date of May 3. Anyone wishing to pick a road to clean can contact either the Town Clerk or Councilman Paul Bolesh.

4. Councilman Paul Bolesh reported that he has been contacted regarding starting up the Farmer's Market in June. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated she has touched bases with Linda Gifford, Chairperson of the Hudson Falls/Fort Edward Group, and they indicated that the first week in June will be their kick off. She will provide the town with a Certificate of Insurance.

5. Mosquito Dunk Workshop: Councilman George Hodgson stated he will be holding a Mosquito Dunk Workshop on April 21 @ 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk ordered a pallet of mosquito dunks. An additional pallet will be ordered if needed.

6. Town Wide Newsletter: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale wanted to thank both Town Clerk Denise Murphy and Tia Kilburn for volunteering to put together the Spring Newsletter. The Newsletter should be mailed out next week.

7. Old Saratoga Athletic Association (OSAA) request for a backstop donation: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated this was tabled last month. Supervisor Willard Peck wanted to make sure the OSAA had obtained more than one quote, which they have. Schuylerville School and Town of Saratoga donated a combination of \$9,000. The quote from AFSCO Fence & Supply came in for installation of \$18,655. OSAA is looking for the town to donate between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion to make a donation of \$4,500, from the parkland account towards a backstop to OSAA. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Clerk has advertised for sealed bids for the pumping of sewers in Sewer District #1 for the 2008 fiscal year. The returnable date is May 1, 2009.

2. The Town Board changed the date of July's Town Board Meeting from July 3, 2008 to July 10, 2008 @ 7:30 PM due to the July 4th Holiday.

3. Town Clerk Denise Murphy wanted the Town Board to be aware that the following terms expire in September, 2008:

James Heber – Planning Board

Gordon Strong – Zoning Board of Appeals

Florence Austin – Board of Assessment Review

4. Town Attorney Douglas Ward informed the Town Board that the Town received a Summons & Complaint from Keith Gilligan's Attorney. Also being named in addition to the Town of Northumberland is Saratoga RV, Leo Rosseau and DonAngelo, Inc. This is in reference to the so-called abandoned road. The Town Board denies that the so called road was ever a town road. The Town Clerk forwarded these documents to our Insurance Carrier, Adirondack Trust Insurance. Attorney Douglas Ward stated he will answer the complaint.

5. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated he was reviewing last months minutes since he was absent and noticed the Town Board abandoned a portion of Hill Street. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated he will review the procedure that needs to be done legally to convey this property to the adjoining property owners.

6. The Town Board requested that the Town Clerk post a legal notice for bids for Diesel and regular fuel oil for 2008, Councilman George Hodgson will check with the county regarding their awarded bid since the Town can also use their fuel bids.

COMMITTEES

Youth: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale provided a copy of the Youth & Recreation Program Monthly Report for January, February and March, 2008.

DEPARTMENT

Highway: Highway Sup't Neil Petteys submitted the following town roads for paving in 2008: Stonebridge Road (Route 32 to Purinton Road)

Cedar Road

Robins Run

Stormy Lane & Colebrook Road (Duncan Road to Stafford Way)

Deputy Supervisor Daniel made a motion authorizing the Highway Sup't to put the 2008 Paving Bid with the town roads requested for paving. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Town Board that he has some used equipment he would like to put out to bid:

Caterpillar Truck Loader – 1984

Grade All 660 – 1988

Fire Rescue – 1979 +

Previously the Grade All was put out to bid and the town did not receive any response. If the Town does not receive any response this time, he would like the town to consider going to an auction. The Town of Malta sold used equipment with “Traditional & Online Auctioneers – Auctions International” and had a good response. If the Town Board does not receive any bids through the local newspaper, they will consider that approach. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to solicit bids for the used highway equipment returnable May 1, 2008. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Board Members that he is receiving calls and emails regarding drainage problems on Forest Drive/Blackbird Lane and Homestead Road near Virginia Place. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys had Saratoga County Soil and Water and Town Engineer James Mitchell look at the drainage problem on Homestead Road. He is looking at the best approach to solve these problems. He has looked at the mylars for Forest Drive and Blackbird Lane and the problem is this development was approved in 1973 and there are references on the mylars to the drainage as “proposed”. There appears to not be any Town Right of Way to clean out any “proposed” drainage, and he is not even sure they were ever installed when the development was approved in 1973. He will continue to monitor the problem.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated he would like the Town Board to allow him to look into purchasing a generator for the Highway Garage. The Town Board stated that when he obtains quotes he should also look at obtaining a quote for a generator for the Town Hall. Councilman George Hodgson indicated that Highway Sup't Neil Petteys should

look into calling Saratoga County Emergency Services to see if there is grant money for this type of equipment.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated he has been looking at generating higher revenue for the town's bulk metal that is being dumped at the town's recycling center. Presently the town is using R Kelly Freedman out of Green Island. They are paying us \$25.00 per ton and no cost for the dumpster or for picking it up when it is full. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys obtained the following quotes:

NH Kelman, Inc. \$125.00 gross ton (light Iron/Tin)
\$.68/lb (Aluminum 10% Irony)

D & G Enterprises \$128.00 gross ton

R Kelly Freedman \$175.00 gross ton
* Freight charge per load is \$255.00.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated he will talk with the vendors who submitted quotes regarding any additional costs not reflected on their quote and report back to the Town Board.

Councilman George Hodgson stated that he noticed this weekend that the Transfer Attendant does not give out stickers after receiving money for garbage disposal. Councilman Hodgson stated he does not feel this is a good method for accountability. He has seen residents with full pickup trucks with loose garbage and the Transfer Attendant eyeballs it and gives a quote. The Town Clerk will talk with Transfer Attendant making him aware that all bags of garbage must have a sticker on them. Also, loose garbage will not be accepted, it must be bagged for accountability. The Town Clerk was asked to supply the Board Members with the cost and revenue for the transfer station for the last few years.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:45 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:10 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated the Town Board received legal updates from the Town Attorney. No Action was taken. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:15 PM to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk

