

Town of Northumberland
May 3, 2007

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion @ 7:30 PM to open the Regular Monthly Meeting. Those attending included Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale, Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman Harold Vance Jr., and Councilman George Hodgson. Supervisor Willard Peck was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy and Highway Sup't Neil Petteys.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the April 5, 2007 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2007. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the April 5, 2007 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale opened the bids for the Asphalt Paving Contract for 2007.

Peter Luizzi & Brothers \$43.68 per ton
Delsignore Blacktop Paving \$46.38 per ton
Town Construction and Paving \$47.29 per ton
Peckham Road Corp. \$47.70 per ton
Kubricky Const. Corp. \$51.72 per ton

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to accept Luizzi Brothers bid of \$43.68 per ton for the asphalt paving contract for 2007. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Highway Sup't Petteys stated he will be working with the Town Engineer Jim Mitchell to inspect the roads after the paving has been laid to make sure it meets town specifications.

2. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale opened the following bids for the purchase of a 1997 or newer gradall:

Yacano LLC – 1997 Gradall G3WD 4 x 4 - \$78,000.00
Yacano LLC – 1999 Gradall G3WD - \$78,000.00

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to refer both bids for a 1997 or newer gradall to the Highway Committee for their review and recommendations. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Clerk Denise Murphy wanted to thank Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale and the Old Saratoga Athletic Association (OSAA) for all their hard work to clean up the Bertha E Smith Park in the Hamlet of Gansevoort. Town Clerk Murphy stated it was wonderful to see young families using the park at night. The improvements were wonderful and greatly appreciated. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the improvements were donated by OSAA and the Saratoga County BOCES. Mr. Flynn is a resident of Northumberland and a teacher at BOCES. It was his students that did a lot of the landscaping. A lot of the parents who's children are involved in the Soft Ball program did most of the cleaning of the fields. The fields will be used for girl's soft ball games. The games are scheduled through June. Deputy Gale stated he was working with the Highway Sup't to address parking. A portable toilet has been added for the soft games and practices. The local Stewart Shop has had to add additional help during the games for the amount of business that has increased for such things as cones, soda, gas, etc. Town Clerk Murphy again thanked Mr. Gale.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to increase the 2007 General Fund Budget by \$500.00 to represent the donation made by Stewart's for the Youth & Recreation Program. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the following transfers:

To: A4068.1 \$60.00
A4068.4 \$5,824.00

From: A1990.4 \$5,884.00

(this covers the added expense of personnel on newsletter mailing and the additional mosquito dunks).

Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the transfer motion as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Zoning Board of Appeals: Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to reappoint Rebecca Hodgson to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term expires 05/31/2014)
Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Harold Vance Jr. – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Abstain” Motion approved

2. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Board that Gerald Peterson, the town’s representative on the Office for the Aging Advisory Committee, resigned due to health reasons. The Gansevoort Senior Club is recommending that the Town Board appoint Helen Carter, 33 Leonard Street, Gansevoort as the Town of Northumberland’s senior representative on the Saratoga County Office for the Aging Advisory Committee. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to appoint Helen Carter to the Saratoga County Office for the Aging Advisory Committee. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Town Clerk was asked to send Gerald Peterson a letter thanking him for serving on the Office for the Aging Advisory Committee.

3. The Town of Northumberland received a letter of resignation from Kevin Gifford due to his commitment with the National Guard. Mr. Gifford was an alternate on the Planning Board. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint Carolyn Lofgren to the Planning Board as an alternate. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Deputy Supervisor made a motion to advertise for an opening as an alternate to both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town received a letter from Stewart’s regarding a Stewart’s Holiday Match for \$500.00
2. The Town received the “Final Draft” – Old Saratoga on the Hudson LWRP Document.
3. The Town received a letter from New York State Canal Corp – 182nd consecutive navigation season on the New York State Canal System.
4. The Town received a letter from the Turning Point Parade Committee regarding the 2007 Turning Point Parade.
5. The Town received a letter from James McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools regarding the utilization of one school bus during the summer months to support the Northumberland Youth and Recreation Program.

6. The Town received a letter from J Ramsey, 101 King Road regarding drainage problems in that area.
7. The Town received a letter from Department of State regarding important developments that affects Municipal Code Enforcement Program.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Clean-up Day: Councilman Paul Bolesh reported that the Town Wide Clean Up was a success. There was a good turn out of residents who volunteered to clean up and a good portion of the town's roads were picked up. The Town provided hot dogs (donated by Price Chopper), ice cream (donated by Stewarts) and orange drink (donated by McDonalds) at noon for all those who participated.

2. Mosquito Dunks: Councilman George Hodgson reported that he held an Informational Meeting on April 18th to educate the public on the correct way to administer mosquito dunks in standing water. Councilman Hodgson stated there were a large number of residents who turned out. Those who attended were given mosquito dunks that night. The response this year was so high for mosquito dunks the town ordered an additional pallet of dunks.

3. Hudson Crossing Amendment Contract with Synthesis: Councilman Hodgson stated that there is a need to amend the contract with Synthesis. The amendment to the contract is for consulting services related to the design and layout of improvements for Hudson Crossing Park. The improvements, made possible by Congressional and Canal Corporation Grants are based on the master plan prepared by Synthesis, LLP dated July 16, 2005. The tasks include one coordination meeting with the architectural consultant on pavilion design, which has already taken place, and the play garden consultant. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the amendment to the Synthesis Contracted contingent upon approval by Attorney Douglas Ward. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Old Saratoga Athletic Association Park Use update: Councilman Gale stated a lot of the particulars were discussed during public participation. Councilman Gale again pointed out the Bertha E Smith park was fixed up and did not cost the tax payers a cent. The Old Saratoga Athletic Association soft ball leagues will run until the end of June.

5. Joint Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Saratoga and Northumberland. Deputy Supervisor Gale informed the town and public that the Town of Saratoga passed Resolution 50 of 2007 (on April 9, 2007) – A Resolution determining that the Joint Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Saratoga and Northumberland will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Town of Saratoga also passed Resolution #51 of 2007 (on April 9, 2007) – A Resolution adopting the Joint Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Saratoga and Northumberland. The Town of Northumberland tabled any vote on the Plan since SEQR comment period is for not less than 30 days and that period have not run out as of this date.

6. Parks & Recreation Hires: Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Youth Program:

Kristin O'Brien, Recreation Aide @ \$9.00 per hour
Lisa Trombly, Assistant Director @ \$10.00

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Underground Storage Tank Update: Highway Sup't Neil Petteys reported that on April 17, 2007 Valley Petroleum Services LLC removed three underground storage tanks at the property (two at the highway garage and one at the town hall). These tanks had been taken out-of-service. In addition 35 tons of soils were removed and, per DEC's direction, are currently stockpiled on the property. The tank removal was overseen by Andrew Frank of DEC. Valley Petroleum anticipates providing DEC with a closure report for the removal of the underground tanks by the end of next week. At this time, the Town of Northumberland has four in-service registered above ground storage tanks at the property. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys sated the town will still need to provide a pad under the tank along with an apron.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to purchase and plant flowers at the Town Hall and both of the monuments. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to rent a portable toilet from Morning Star for the Town Wide Garage Sale and to purchase two cans to place in the open space park. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #27 of 2007

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to be located off Loudon Road, a site located outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Northumberland; and pursuant to an inter municipal agreement with the Town of Saratoga; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland does hereby approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project off Loudon Road, and located within the Town of Saratoga.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Harold Vance Jr. – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye” Resolution #27 of 2007

COMMITTEES

Parks: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale asked the Highway Sup’t if he would look at replacing basketball hoops in our parks. They are becoming extremely weathered.

Highway: Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys asked the Town Board’s approval to purchase a trailer for the riding mower from Tractor Supply. The Town Board approved the purchase a trailer for the riding and to pay for it out of the parks account.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:45 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D Murphy
Town Clerk