

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
July 9, 2009**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:30 PM by Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale. 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 and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale opened sealed bids which were submitted for Proposal-Spec #1-09-HW/Tandem Rear Axle with Dump Body and Plow.

Tracey Road Equipment submitted the following bid:

One (1) New Freightliner M2-112V Cab and Chassis with standard equipment and one new T & T body King Dump Body and Plow Package with T & T /Viking Cives - \$159,534.00

One (1) New Freightliner M2-112V Cab and Chassis with standard equipment and one new Arrowhead Equipment Dump Body and Plow package:

With Tenco/Tarco - \$153,883.00

Option 1: Tenco/Air-Flo - \$153,977

Option 2: Tenco/Tenco - \$155,648.00

One (1) New Freightliner M2-112V Cab and Chassis with standard equipment and one new Henderson Dump Body and Plow Package with Henderson Equipment - \$151,514.00

H.L. Gage Sales submitted the following bid:

2010 International 7600 SBA 6 x 6 with T & T Equipment - \$164,716.00

2010 International 7600 SBA 6 x 6 with Arrowhead #1 - \$160,830.00

Arrowhead #2 - \$159,159.00

2010 International 7600 SBA 6 x 6 with Arrowhead #3 - \$159,065.00

2010 International 7600 SBA 6 x 6 with Henderson Equipment - \$156,896.00

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to table awarding the bid for a Tandem Rear Axle with dump body and plow until the August 6, 2009 Town Board Meeting to allow the Highway Committee an opportunity to review the bid proposals. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Attorney Douglas Ward stated the bids are good for 60 days. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Town Board Members that the bids received tonight are lower than the New York State Bid.

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Town Justice James Evans came before the Town Board requesting authorization to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistant Program for the following:

One (1) walk thru metal detector; one (1) bookcase; four (4) fire rated file cabinets; one (1) storage cabinet/personal wardrobe; one (1) storage cabinet/supplies; one (1) pedestal desk; eight (8) executive chairs; one (1) conference table; one (1) mobile lectern; two (2) justice robes; and the cost to paint the Court Room, Court Office and Court Conference Room.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #22 of 2009:

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Court has a total budget for 2009 in the amount of \$49,102.00 to cover all costs associated with the Northumberland Court System, and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Court is in need of one (1) bookcase; four (4) fire rated file cabinets; one (1) storage cabinet/personal wardrobe; one (1) storage cabinet/supplies; one (1) pedestal desk; eight (8) executive chairs; one (1) conference table; one (1) mobile lectern; town (2) justice robes; painting of court room, court office and court conference room; and one(1) walk thru metal detector. Funds are available for a court attendant to operate the metal detector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northumberland Town Board authorizes the Justice Court request to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #22 of 2009.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution @22 of 2009 Adopted

Lois White, with the General Schuyler Emergency Squad came before the Town Board with a report for the Month of June. A copy has been entered into the minutes.

COMMUNICATION

1. The Town Board received correspondence from Michael Valentine, Senior Planner with Saratoga County Planning Department. The correspondence was in regard to a chart defining the status of land use documents, regulations and current activity in each of the county’s municipalities. Also provided is an appendix within which is listed the various Planning Studies and Plans completed in the same

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communities. The Zoning and Building Administrator has verified the information with Mr. Valentine. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated the Town of Northumberland is in good shape. The Town is always reviewing and updating our policies which allow us to make good growth and development land use decisions.

2. The Town Board received information from Thomas Wood, Chairman of the Labor/Management Safety Committee Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. The Labor/Management Safety Committee is looking to make municipalities which fall under the Self Insurance Pool safer. Therefore, the Committee would like to encourage each Municipality to hold a similar type of Safety Contest.

3. The Town Board received a letter from New York State Emergency Management Office regarding a payment for the Town of Northumberland in the amount of \$25,640.87 for the Severe Winter Storm of December, 2008 (covers December 12 – 16th). The Federal Share is \$21,977.89 and the State Share is \$3,662.98 for the total amount of \$25,640.87. There is more NYS Emergency Management will be releasing additional money covering December 17 – 31, 2009 and the spring clean-up.

4. The Town Board received a letter from New York State Board of Real Property Service acknowledge receipt of the Town's complaint and supporting documentation with respect to the tentative State equalization rate for the 2009 assessment roll of the Town of Northumberland.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Schuyler Park: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale reported that progress continues at the park. The perimeter fencing parallel to Route 29 is in place. A mesh cloth will be hung on the fence to further prevent dust problems. A berm and landscaping will be done in the future. The well that Rosick Well Drillers drilled tested at 72 gallons per minute at 108.5' with a 95% recovery in 18 hours. Next a pump will be put in place and an RFP for the irrigation system will be advertised, with an installation goal of September. Additional organic matter is being piled for replenishing the soil. Bill Morris Excavation will be helping with the final grade and to reengineer the retention pond. Bill Morris is donating their equipment and labor. Friends of Schuyler Park will be doing some public relation work this fall. The booth and food stand at "Sundae on the Farm" was a success and netted \$1,600.00.

2. Update on Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson reported that on June 30, 2009 there were 21 small steam boats that docked at Hudson Crossing Park over night. On August 8, 2009 from 9:00 – 1:00 pm the 5th Annual Hudson Crossing Cardboard Boat Race will be held. If you have never watched this event, you are really missing something. Councilman George Hodgson stated that the Hudson Crossing Committee is wrapping up a lot of the loose ends which Canal Corp was concerned about. We are going to finish redesigning a couple of the items which will put us in position to try to get a revised Work Permit issued and to go out to bid to complete various grant elements.

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We are making progress. On August 29, 2009 the 5th annual Hudson Crossing Festival will be held. The 2009 Festival, a Quadricentennial event, will feature the Day Peckinpaugh, a historic 259' canal motorship on her Legacy Voyage and the Working on Water Tour – celebrating 400 years of maritime history. Historic vessels such as the Lois McClure, the Golden Re'Al, the Urger and the HMS Dark and Stormy, will be open to the public during the festival. Highlights of the festival will include Native American folklore, live music, and horse-drawn wagon rides.

3. Asphalt Paving Update: Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that two-thirds of the paving have been completed. Stonebridge Road will be the last paved, and it is tentatively scheduled for July 20, 2009. With all the rain, Stonebridge Road had to be closed so the Highway Department could get the road prepared for paving.

4. Turning Point Parade: The Town Board will again participate in the Turning Point Parade. The Parade will be August 2nd.

5. Veteran's Memorial Park: Councilman Paul Bolesh stated that he has been in contact with Kyle Westcott, a member of Troop 9 working on his Eagle Project. Mr. Westcott has prepared a flyer for individuals who are interested in either purchasing a personalized brick for the veteran's park or making a donation for the beautification project. If you purchase a brick you will be able to list the veteran's name, years served, military rank and whether they have served in ward. Mr. Westcott is looking for a donation between \$20 and whatever individuals may want to donate. It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to open it to sounding towns who may wish to purchase a brick for a family member who was a veteran. Mr. Westcott hopes to have the project start in August.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Speed Reduction Request: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated he received copies of two emails sent to the Town Clerk regarding a speed reduction request for Baker Drive. Both individuals live at the lower end of Baker Drive. Both parties are happy with the repaving of Baker Drive, but unfortunately now there is an increase in speeders. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated the Town Board has addressed this issue previously. The Town Board submitted a speed reduction request previously with New York State Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT does not approve speed reductions under 30 MPH except in front of schools or hospitals. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated he would like the record to reflect that the Town Board has responded quickly and responsibly to these same issues that have come up in the past. The Town Board has approved additional "Stop" signs at four intersections within Terrel Hills to help control traffic and 2 "Please drive slowly we love our children" signs. We've been asked to put in speed bumps, these are not practical in the

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Northeast, and there is a liability issue. We can try again requesting a speed reduction for the portion of Baker Drive between Merchant Road and Terrel Way. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to request New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on a portion of Baker Drive, a Town Highway, between Merchant Road and Terrel Way. Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the Town of Northumberland, will provide install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation. The Town of Northumberland is requesting the reduction based on the road's unusual characteristics. The Town of Northumberland also will contact Saratoga County Sheriff Department and New York State Police requesting an increase in road patrol within the Terrel Hills Subdivision. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale wanted the record to show that there has been an increase in police patrol within the Terrel Hills Subdivision within the last two years. The Town Board discussed sending a letter to the residents of Terrel Hills regarding the increase in speeding and making the residents aware that the Town of Northumberland has requested additional police patrols. Deputy Supervisor stated one of the emails stated the Town Board was not taking any action and was waiting until some child is hurt. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated he personally takes offense to this statement, since he has two small children and lived on Baker Drive for 7 years. Deputy Supervisor Gale stated the Town Board has done everything possible to make Terrel Hills a safe place to live.

2. Maureen Duval has contacted Supervisor Willard Peck regarding conveying a parcel on Route 4 N to the Town of Northumberland. The parcel being discussed is Tax Map # 144.3 – 1 – 10 and is .24 of an acre. This parcel is too small to build a home on, it is impossible to have the septic and well separation. This parcel could be used for a pocket park or a pull off area. The Town Board will continue to talk with the Duval family regarding this parcel.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:45 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated no action was taken during Executive Session.

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion @ 9:10 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk