

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 5, 2012**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM 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; Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza; Sole Assessor Walter Smead and Town Attorney Douglas Ward. Special Council Daniel G Vincelette was also present.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion @ 7:04 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 7:25 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Willard Peck asked if the Town Board wished to take any action at this time. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 34 of 2012

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board was presented with information regarding two Appraisal Consultants for the Town's consideration regarding the Matter of the Application of Stone Bridge Farm, LLC vs. the Town of Northumberland, and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board listened to a presentation from Sole Assessor Walter Smead and Special Council Daniel Vincelette, be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes the hiring of Empire State Appraisal Consultants (ESAC) and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount shall not exceed \$19,000 for Preliminary work and \$11,000 for Trial Ready work without the Town of Northumberland Town Board approval, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Northumberland will be responsible for 89% of the charges and the Town of Moreau will be responsible for 11% of the total expenses.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 34 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #34 of 2012 Adopted

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APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town Board received a copy of Ed Cross, Dog Control Officers Monthly Report for March 2012. Mr. Cross answered 9 complaints; brought 3 dogs to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, issued 4 Warnings and issued 3 Summons.

2. The Town Board received a letter from Time Warner Cable regarding "Time Warner Cable Internal Restructuring".

3. The Town Board received a letter from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding FEMA. The New York State Office of Emergency Management has processed a payment in the amount of \$6,939.34 for Hurricane Irene and its effects, occurring August, 2011. The Federal Share is \$6,939.34 and the State Share is \$0.00 for the total amount of \$6,939.34.

4. The Town Board received a letter from Kevin Pumiglia resigning as a member of the Planning Board. The Town Board went on record thanking Mr. Pumiglia for his years of service. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to appoint Lisa Black to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Pumiglia on the Planning Board (term expires 09/2016). Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that Schuyler Park is officially open for spring sports. Councilman Gale stated it is looking to be another great year at the park.

2. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson stated that the following bids were received and opened on March 26, 2012 @ 12:00 Noon for the Hudson Crossing Park/Riverwalk Trail and Canoe Kayak Access and Launch Project:

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Peter Luzzi & Bros.
49 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205 **\$145,000.00**
(representative Rick Yarter)

Adirondack Const. Enterprises
PO Box 416
Chestertown, NY 12817 **\$198,121.60**
(representative Sue Clute)

Linda Holding Corp
374 Floyd Hawuer Road **\$281,245.00**
Round Top, NY 12473
(representative Arthur Maggio)

DeSignore
42 Brick Church Road
Troy, NY 12180 **\$152,550.00**
(representative Ann Narzynski)

Clear Enterprises
129 Park Road
Queensbury, NY 12804 **\$262,766.00**
(representative Glenn Mulholland)

Cleveland Bros Landscaping
215 Maple Street
Corinth, NY 12822 **\$207,490.00**
(representative Kevin Cleveland)

Councilman George Hodgson stated that one of the companies, Peter Luzzi & Bros only bid on one of the components of the bid package based on information he received from the CLA Site. Councilman George Hodgson stated there is a huge difference between and highest and lowest bidder on the project. Councilman George Hodgson stated that the Agreement C006876 – Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan with the Department of State expired on March 31, 2012. Councilman Hodgson stated that he had talked to Erin O’Brien last fall about extending the Agreement from 03/31/2012 to 03/31/2014. Councilman Hodgson was told to contact Mr. Andy LaBruzzo with the Department of State in early March. The Town of

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Northumberland, unfortunately, did not receive in early March an email sent by Ms O'Brien with copies of "Appendix X" (Modification Agreement Form) to facilitate the agreement extension process. The Agreement expired 03/31/2012. Councilman Hodgson stated that he has contacted Ms. O'Brien numerous times and still has not received "Appendix X". Councilman Hodgson stated that Ms. O'Brien indicated that once she receives the signed and notarized copies of "Appendix X" – Modification Agreement Form, she will forward the documents to the Comptroller's Office for approval. Councilman Hodgson stated that this could take 2 – 3 months. Councilman Hodgson stated that the Town Board is not in position to award the bid for the Riverwalk Trail and Canoe Kayak Access and Launch Project. Councilman Hodgson stated he will make an effort to reduce the scope of the project and re-bid it to enable its completion within the fiscal resources available to the Town of Northumberland. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to reject all bids. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that prior to releasing another bid for the Riverwalk Trail and Canoe Kayak Access and Launch he would like to have an opportunity to review the specs.

Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she received an email from Chris Bowcutt requesting a letter from the Town of Northumberland expressing support/approval for the 3rd Hudson Crossing Triathlon, scheduled June 10, 2012 in Schuylerville, NY with a portion of the event going through the Town of Northumberland. The event will be the same as the last two years. Mr. Bowcutt provided a Certificate of Insurance listing the Town of Northumberland as additional insured. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to fully support the holding of the 3rd Annual Hudson Crossing Triathlon in portions of the Town of Northumberland. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Councilman Paul Bolesh informed the Town Board that everything is in place for the Town wide Clean-up Day scheduled for April 21st with a rain date of April 28th. The Roll-Off is scheduled to be delivered to the Town Transfer Station prior to the event.

4. Councilman Daniel Gale reported that the next Building Committee Meeting will be on April 26th @ 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board that he has been asked by the Town Bookkeeper to consider changing the Town Board Meeting from the first Thursday of each month to the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise indicated. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that sometimes the first Thursday is the 1st of the month which makes it hard for the Town Clerk to get the information to the Bookkeeper in a timely fashion. There are some months where bills are not getting to the town in time for the Town Board Meeting.

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Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution #35 of 2012 –

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board adopted Resolution # 4 of 2012 at the January 5, 2012 organizational meeting, which sets the Town Board Meeting on the first Thursday @ 7:30 PM of each month unless otherwise scheduled, and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board has determined that holding the Town Board Meeting on the first Thursday of each month may cause a financial hardship, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board amends Resolution #4 of 2012 and hereby establishes that the Town Board monthly Meetings will occur on the second Thursday @ 7:00 PM of each month unless otherwise scheduled.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconds the introduction of Resolution #35 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #35 of 2012 Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

1. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Town Board Members that she sent a letter to Tom Reitano-Stayer informing him his term on the Schuyler Park Committee expires May 31, 2012.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfers: Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 36 of 2012:

WHEREAS, the following accounts are over:

A1220.2 - \$40.00
A8010.4 - \$270.59

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the transfer the money from the following account to cover these expenses:

A1190.4 - \$540.00

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town credits the accounts as follows:

A1220.2 - \$40.00
A8010.4 - \$500.00

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #36 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #36 of 2012 Adopted

2. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #37 of 2012

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers #116 - # 156 Total: \$ 37,302.60
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 76 - # 106 Total: \$ 70,468.92
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher #3 Total: \$ 32.19
T & A (Trust and Agency) Voucher #1 & #2 Total: \$4,650.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 37 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #37 of 2012 Adopted

3. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Town Bookkeeper Judy Taylor, Town Clerk Denise Murphy and Councilman George Hodgson have been working to come up with a complete list of all vouchers that were submitted for reimbursement from both the Canal Corp Grant and the DOT Grant. The Town Board Members were provided an outline prepared by Councilman George Hodgson. Town Bookkeeper Judy Taylor is working on comparing her spread sheet with Councilman Hodgson.

4. Supervisor Willard Peck presented Board members with “Monthly Report of Supervisor” for March 2012.

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COMMITTEES

1. Chris Benn, President of the General Schuyler Emergency Squad was present to answer any questions the Town Board had. Mr. Benn stated that "Year to Date" the General Schuyler Emergency Squad has answered 147 total calls, of which 99 were between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM and 48 were between 6:01 PM and 5:59 AM. Mr. Benn did not have a breakdown of numbers for each town.

DEPARTMENTS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Denise Murphy reported that she has completed her first year as Tax Collector. Ms. Murphy stated that everything went extremely well.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 8:20 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:00 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Willard Peck stated that after reviewing the Town's policy regarding "Health Insurance for active and retired employees and elected officials" there was an over site. Supervisor Willard Peck stated the intention of the Health Insurance Policy for the General Employees would be similar to the Teamster's Contract regarding Health Insurance. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to amend the "Town of Northumberland Policy Regarding Health Insurance for Active and Retired Employees and Elected Officials" which was adopted July 14, 2011 to read; "For new employees hired after January 1, 2004 health insurance contributions will be paid for by the Town in the following manner: for single and family rates the employee is obligated to pay 25% of the cost of this coverage. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk