

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
May 8, 2014**

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 George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman John DeLisle was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr and Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Owen Morgan, Leonard Street, stated he was there tonight to express concern over the Railroad Crossing located on Saunders Drive. That crossing was involved in a Train/Truck accident in December, 2009 where a town highway employee was killed. Mr. Morgan stated that there is no cross arm or flashing light to let a driver or pedestrian know that there is a train coming. Mr. Morgan stated that he witnessed two independent near car and train mishap. Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza pointed out that he has concerns with the large number of oil tankers that pass through our town each day. Today alone, 4 trains with oil tankers went through the town between 7 – 8 AM. Mr. Colozza stated that he was concerned if there was ever a derailment with these tankers, this side of the tracks would be cut off from emergency services. Our firemen and first responders would have to find an alternate route which would add additional time. Mr. Morgan pointed out that there is an apartment house now located at the end of Saunders Drive which means there are a lot more vehicles crossing over the railroad crossing on Saunders Drive. The Town Board thanked Mr. Morgan for bringing this to their attention and they will draft a letter to Canadian-Pacific Railroad regarding the town's concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town of Northumberland received the Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report for April 2014 from Edward Cross. Mr. Cross answered 3 complaints; brought 1 dog to the shelter and issued 1 warning. Mr. Cross also addressed a dog bite.

2. The Town of Northumberland received the call volume list from Moreau Emergency Squad. The squad answered 8 calls in the Town of Northumberland for April 2014.

3. The Town of Northumberland received a letter from the Turning Point Parade Committee. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the "Turning Point Parade", which will be held on Sunday August 3rd. The Town of Northumberland made a contribution of \$500 last year and hopes that the town will again

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make a \$500 contribution. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to make a \$500 contribution to the Turning Point Parade. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Town of Northumberland received a letter from the Turning Point Parade Committee. The Committee is extending an invitation to the Town of Northumberland to participate in this year's parade. The Town Board tabled until next month's meeting when all the Board Members will be present.

5. The Northumberland Town Board received a letter from Town Justice James Evans. The Town Court is hereby requesting authorization for an increase to thirty hours per month for Part-Time Court Clerk Lori Pike. The additional hours are necessary to comply with the procedures to prepare the court's records for purging. Once this process is completed, the court is then required to obtain approval from the NYS Comptroller's Office before any records can be destroyed. Justice Evans stated that prior to destroying the records we would like to discuss with the NYS Unified Court System the possibility of scanning the purged records.

Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution # 57 of 2014

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Court has requested authorization for an increase to thirty hours per month for part-time court clerk Lori Pike, and

WHEREAS, the additional hours are necessary to comply with the procedures to prepare the court's records for purging, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes the addition of hours in the A1110.1 Account up to 30 hours per month and be it further

RESOLVED, the additional funds needed will be transferred from A1990.4 in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 57 of 2014.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #57 of 2014 – Adopted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement: Tabled

2. Employee Handbook: Tabled

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3. Bid for replacement of Town Highway Garage Doors: Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. informed the Board Members that he has three quotes to furnish the material for three doors. Allerdice submitted a quote of \$3,643.00; Curtis Lumber submitted a quote of \$2,503.00 and Kamco submitted a quote of \$2,283.40. Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. pointed out that these quotes do not include installation. Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that he would like the Town Board to accept the lowest quote since they need to be ordered. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to accept the bid from Kamco Supply Corp in the amount of \$2,283.40. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr stated he will work on obtaining two quotes for the installation of the doors.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 58 of 2014 –

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys was born on November 18, 1950 to Frank and Medora (Beagle) Petteys; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys enlisted into the US Marine Corp in August, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys served in the Vietnam War and received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and received a Letter of Commendation from Major General Henry Kissinger; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys married Wilma (Billie) Hanna on September 21, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Neil and Billie Petteys had a son they named David William Petteys who was born on March 24, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys was a Boy Scout Leader and member of the Gansevoort Volunteer Fire Department for many years; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys worked 11 years as a driver for Stewart's and 5 years repairing hydraulics for trucks and heavy equipment with Reed's Hydraulics; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys was elected Highway Superintendent and served the Town of Northumberland in that important capacity from January 1, 1996 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys submitted the proper paperwork to the Federal Emergency Management Agency who awarded the Town of Northumberland over \$30,000 from the January flood of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys made an application and received a \$60,000 grant from NYS which was used to rebuild Taylor Road to meet increasing traffic demands; and

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WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys secured Federal Emergency Management Assistance in the amount of \$100,000 for Strong Road in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys submitted the proper paperwork that enabled the award of over \$100,000 from FEMA to the Town of Northumberland following Hurricane Irene in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys, while Town Highway Superintendent, saved both time and taxpayer's money by contracting paving to an outside vendor, who completed the job at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys received a \$20,000 Grant from New York State which was used in addition to the Town's allocated funds for paving; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys and the Northumberland Highway Department through their ability to assist in the construction of Hudson Crossing Park were able to match several state and federal grants with their personnel and equipment values from 2009 until the present, saving Town taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars in the Park's construction costs; and

WHEREAS, Neil Byron Petteys announced that he was retiring April 1, 2014, after 18 + years as Town of Northumberland Highway Superintendent; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board hereby honors Neil Byron Petteys for his many years of dedication and professionalism as Town of Northumberland Highway Superintendent and as a dedicated and caring citizen of the Town, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board wishes Neil Byron Petteys the best in his retirement, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board hereby declares May 18, 2014 as **Neil Byron Petteys Day** in honor of the many contributions Neil made to the Town of Northumberland.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 58 of 2014

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #58 of 2014 – Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

1. Schuyler Park Committee: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to appoint John DeLisle to serve a three year term on the Schuyler Park Committee as a Town Board representative. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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2. The Town of Northumberland received "letter of interest" from town residents to serve on the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. Letter were received from Shirley Williams; Chad Reinemann, PE; Gary Applegate and Aimee Gates, PE. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact each of these residents and set up time to meet with the Town Board prior to the June 12th Town Board Meeting.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 59 of 2014

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 135 - # 171 Total: \$ 57,444.83
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 131 - # 158 Total: \$ 29,271.74
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 5 Total: \$ 47.90

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 59 of 2014.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #59 of 2014 Adopted

2. Supervisor's Financial Report: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 60 of 2014:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, Supervisor Willard Peck rendered the following detailed statement of all money received and disbursed during the month April 2014:

GENERAL

Balance as of 02/28/2014 \$ 1,492,412.91
Increases \$ 137,071.09
Decreases \$ 77,716.57
Balance as of 03/31/2014 \$1,551,767.43

HIGHWAY

Balance as of 02/28/2014 \$ 383,757.36
Increases \$ 83.00
Decreases \$ 75,013.35
Balance as of 03/31/2014 \$ 308,827.01

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SEWER DISTRICT #1

Balance as of 02/28/2013	\$ 33,081.98
Increases	\$ 6.10
Decreases	\$ 39.42
Balance as of 03/31/2013	\$ 33,048.66

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved April 2014 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 60 of 2014

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution # 60 of 2014 Adopted

COMMITTEES

Building and Zoning: Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza stated that Rosick Well Drillers were here today. The present well is 200’ deep and were able to pump 5 gallons were minutes during the 4 hour pump down. The copper piping is the original and would need to be replaced. Building and Zoning Administrator stated that he has a design layout meeting on Tuesday, May 13th with Ethan Hall and Jim Mitchell at Rucinski & Hall Architecture. Supervisor Peck stated he would like to attend.

Highway: Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr stated that he is addressing some drainage issues throughout the town. Mr. Vance stated that he worked with the Town of Saratoga in Schuyler Park smoothing out the parking lot. Mr. Vance stated that he has scheduled paving Thomas Road the second week of June.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8: 05 to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk