

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
June 7, 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 Daniel Gale; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Paul Bolesh was absent. Also present were Clerk Denise Murphy; Town Attorney Douglas Ward; Highway Sup't Neil Petteys and Chris Benn, President of General Schuyler Emergency Squad.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chris Benn reported that the Red Cross had deemed the squad's new building on Route 29 as an emergency shelter that can hold up to 40 people. The squad recently purchased a 2009 ambulance from West Glens Falls Emergency Squad for \$70,000 which is a savings of more than \$100,000 over a new ambulance. The sale of the squad's former home is still pending. Mr. Benn stated that in May General Schuyler Emergency Squad responded to 62 calls of which 8 were from the Town of Northumberland.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

1. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer for the Town of Northumberland submitted his Monthly Report for May 2012. Mr. Cross answered 9 complaints; brought 1 dog to the Animal Shelter; and one dog bite case resulting in a Dangerous Dog Complaint and Hearing.

2. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Katherine Szewczyk. Ms Szewczyk would like to request a Proclamation to celebrate "National Flag Day Week" which is June 10 – 16, 2012. Ms. Szewczyk is a junior at Saratoga Central Catholic High School and a Society Officer of Bemis Heights Society since they organized in September of 2003. The Town Board will consider Ms. Szewczyk's request under New Business.

3. The Town Board received a Profit and Loss Report from Moreau Emergency Squad for the month of April 2012.

4. The Town Board received a report from Jennifer Amidon regarding the Summer Youth Program. Ms. Amidon reported that 2 counselors are returning and she will be interviewing prospective employees.

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She has been reviewing the 2012 budget and supplies on hand. She is looking at creating a Google Group to keep parents informed or at the very least have a calendar link on the town's website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale reported that Schuyler Park is busy every night with organized sport teams. Councilman Gale encouraged everyone to check out Schuyler Park's Web-Site. Councilman Gale wanted to personally thank Neil Petteys, Highway Sup't and his men for all their help at Schuyler Park. Councilman Gale stated they have helped with the garbage removal; grading of the parking lot and spreading calcium chloride for dust control. Councilman Gale stated that the pavilion is open. Residents of the Town's of Saratoga and Northumberland can use the pavilion free of charge. They must fill out a usage form (available from their web-site) and provide a \$50.00 deposit. If the pavilion is left clean, they will receive their \$50.00 deposit back.

2. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson informed the Town Board that the Hudson Crossing Triathlon will be this Sunday. Councilman George Hodgson stated that there continues to be a great turn out for this yearly event. Councilman George Hodgson stated that the bids were opened on Tuesday, June 5 @ 12:00 Noon for the revised Hudson Crossing Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch Project. The following bids were received:

Gallo Construction - \$149,731.00 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$155,699.00 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Cleveland Bros Landscaping - \$67,583.52 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$67,338.00 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Clear Enterprises, LLC - \$76,216.62 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$105,723.82 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Councilman Hodgson stated that the Department of State and Canal Corp both need to review the bids and want contract approval. Councilman Hodgson stated that he is extremely happy with the Cleveland Bros Landscaping and feels that this bid is feasible. Councilman Hodgson explained that the bid was by line item. Councilman Hodgson stated that a Pre-Construction Meeting has been set for June 13, 2012 @ 8:30 AM at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall to go over the bids. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he would like to attend this Meeting in case he has questions. Councilman Hodgson stated that he has discussed possible contracts with Cleveland Bros. Landscaping and they stated they worked on a similar project with the Town of Ticonderoga and they used the AIM (American Institute of Architects) Contract. Councilman Hodgson again stated that this is a 50/50 matching grant. Councilman Hodgson will have total dollar amount of the town's matching portion accounted for prior to awarding any contract. Councilman Hodgson stated that after all this has been accomplished the Town Board will

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need to meet to award the bid. It was the consensus of the Town Board to call a Special Town Board Meeting when Councilman Hodgson obtains all necessary information and Town Attorney Douglas Ward has an opportunity to review all necessary documents.

3. At May 10, 2012 Town Board Meeting, Dale Cox came before the Town Board Meeting requesting a speed reduction for both Starks Knob Road and Grange Hall Road. Mr. Cox indicated that cars go at an excessive speed on Starks Knob Road which is a dirt road. Mr. Cox stated that now that Grange Hall Road has been repaved in the last few years, cars race down it as a short cut to State Route 29. Mr. Cox stated that he has talked to NYS Department of Transportation and was told that Starks Knob Road the speed limit is 55 MPH. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 42 of 2012:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland hereby requests the 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 Starks Knob Road, a Town Highway between Grange Hall Road and State Route 4N; and Grange Hall Road, a Town Highway between State Route 29 and State Route 32N, be it

**RESOLVED**, if approved and 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.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #42 of 2012.

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”      Resolution #42 of 2012 Adopted

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Town Board received notification from Paul Lent, Director of Saratoga County Emergency Services that the Town of Northumberland needs to pass a Resolution to adopt the Saratoga County Multi Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA, along with the New York State Office of Emergency Management has approved the plan. This plan will allow Saratoga County and its municipalities to become eligible for FEMA funding in mitigation actions. The Saratoga County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared in response to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). DMA 2000 requires states and local governments to prepare all hazard mitigation plans in order to remain eligible to receive pre-disaster mitigation funds that are made available in the wake of federally declared disasters. It is important to remember that pre-disaster mitigation funds are separate and distinct from those federal and state funds used in direct post-disaster relief. The

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availability of those funds remains unchanged; if there is a federally-declared disaster in Saratoga County, the affected municipalities will still receive immediate recovery assistance regardless of their participation in this plan. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #43 of 2012 - A Resolution adopting the Saratoga County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland, with the assistance from Tetra Tech EM Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Saratoga County Multi Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Saratoga County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the plan and the actions in the plan,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland has reviewed the plan and affirms that the plan will be updated no less than every five years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland Town Board adopts the Saratoga County Multi Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the plan.

Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the Resolution # 43 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #43 of 2012 Adopted

2. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed Board Members that at July’s Town Board Meeting the Town Board will need to adopt the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution as required by the New York State Retirement System. Town Clerk Denise Murphy provided the Town Board Members and Town Attorney with the information required to establish the Standard Work Day for elected and certain appointed officials.

3. The Town Board received a letter, which was read during Correspondence, from Katherine Szewczyk asking the Town Board to adopt a Proclamation to celebrate “National Flag Day Week”. Supervisor Willard Peck asked if the Town Board if they wished to take any action at this time. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #44 of 2012 - **National Flag Week – Sunday June 10 – Saturday, June 16, 2012 Proclamation**

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30<sup>th</sup> Annual National  
“PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG”

**WHEREAS**, by Act of Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official Flag of the United States was adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated “National Flag Day;” and

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to “Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance” as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, by Act of Congress, dates June 20, 1985, Public Law 99-54 was passed to have the “*Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance*” as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Flag Day celebrates our nation’s symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country’s devotion to freedom, to the rule of all, and to equal rights to all,

**NOW THEREFORE**, Willard Peck, Supervisor of the Town of Northumberland do hereby proclaim the June 10 – 16, 2012 as Flag Week of Town of Northumberland and urge all citizens of New York to pause at 7:00 p.m. EDT of Thursday, June 14, 2012 for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National “*Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*” and join all Americans in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #44 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #44 of 2012 Adopted

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Joseph Patricke, the Building Inspector for the Town of Moreau has been covering for Richard Colozza the Town’s Building Inspector while he has been out due to knee surgery. The Town Board formally needs to appoint Mr. Patricke as the Deputy Building Inspector and establish an hourly rate. Mr. Patricke covered for Mr. Colozza in 2009 when he was in the hospital. At that period of time Mr. Patricke received \$25.00 per hour by voucher. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint

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Joseph Patricke as Deputy Building Inspector @ \$30.00 per hour. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #45 of 2012

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 215 - # 251 Total: \$ 19,573.18  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 138 - # 156 Total: \$ 20,045.95  
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 6 Total: \$26.97

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 45 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”                      Resolution #45 of 2012 –Adopted

2. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #45 of 2012 –

**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 of May, 2012:

**GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)**

Balance on hand May 1	\$1,320,338.60
May Revenues	+ 146,231.65
May Disbursements	- <u>139,752.24</u>
Balance May 31	\$1,326,818.01

**HIGHWAY FUND- TOWNWIDE (DA FUND)**

Balance on hand May 1	\$429,893.12
May Revenues	+ 1,650.32
May Disbursements	- <u>60,013.48</u>
Balance May 31	\$371,529.96

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**GANSEVOORT SEWER DISTRICT (SS FUND)**

Cash Checking Balance as of May 31	\$12,169.92
Cash Saving Balance as of May 31	<u>\$13,322.99</u>
Total Balance as of May 31	\$25,492.91

**TRUST & AGENCY (TA FUND)**

Cashing Checking Balance as of May 31	\$1,187.33
Savings/Parkland Balance as of May 31	\$124,111.09
Savings/Guaranteed Balance as of May 31	\$19,303.56
Savings/BLDR ESCROW Balance as of May 31	<u>\$4,828.46</u>
Total Balance as of May 31	\$149,430.44

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved May 2012 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 45 of 2012

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Resolution #45 of 2012 Adopted

**DEPARTMENTS**

Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys informed the Town Board that he will be starting the reconstruction of both Lindsey Hill Road and Putnam Road in mid July. Highway Sup’t Petteys stated that Peckham, along with his highway men, have finished paving Catherine Street, Hill Street and Lansing Street. Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys stated that he has received positive feedback regarding the quality of the paving project from the people living on these roads. Highway Sup’t Petteys stated that he will be leaving this coming Sunday to attend the Highway Sup’t yearly school in Ithaca.

Town Clerk Denise Murphy wanted to personally thank Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys for all his hard work putting up the new blinds in the Board Room and moving the air conditioner to the back of the room.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion @ 8:28 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 8:55 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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No action was taken.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 8:58 PM.  
Councilman Dale Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk