

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
August 1, 2011**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:30 AM 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 and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy; Town Bookkeeper Judy Taylor and Highway Sup't Neil Petteys. Councilman George Hodgson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the July 14, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers for payment as present: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #45 of 2011:

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 275 - # 298 Total: \$ 15,143.79
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 162 - #172 Total: \$ 15,409.41
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 10 Total: \$ 37.51

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 45 of 2011.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 45 of 2011 – Adopted

2. The Town Clerk stated that Town Bookkeeper provided Board Members with a Voucher for an “Interest Assessment Surcharge for 2011” from New York State Unemployment Insurance in the amount of \$371.50. The recent national recession led to record high levels of unemployed workers receiving unemployment insurance benefits. As a result, since 2009 New York State has borrowed over \$3 billion from the federal Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. In order to pay the interest due for 2011 on these federal loans, New York State is required by state law to assess a temporary charge on employers, called an “Interest Assessment Surcharge”. New York’s Interest Assessment Surcharge rate for 2011 is .25%. Each employer’s surcharge amount is determined by multiplying the total taxable wages in the most recently completed payroll year (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010) by the IAS rate of .25%.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town Clerk provided each Board Member with a copy of General Schuyler Emergency Squad's Independent Accountants' Review Report for year ending December 31, 2010.

DEPARTMENTS

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Town Board that he has been approached by an individual on Baker Drive regarding the placement of a 3 way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Yandell Yard and Baker Drive. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he has also been approached by David Coffinger regarding a 4 way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Jewell Road and Kobor Road. Presently there is a "Stop" sign on Kobor Road at the intersection with Jewell Road only. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he also has been approached by Lyle Purinton regarding a 3 way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Purinton Road and Austin Road. Presently there is a "Stop" sign on Austin Road at the intersection with Purinton Road. Highway Sup't stated he would like to talk with New York State Department of Transportation regarding "Stop" signs for both Purinton/Austin Road and Kobor/Jewell Road intersections. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to authorize a "Stop" sign on Baker Drive (westbound on Baker Drive) at the intersection of Terrel Way and a "Stop" sign on Baker Drive (eastbound on Baker Drive) at the intersection of Terrel Way. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Town Clerk will notify the Town Attorney that an amendment will need to be made to Local Law #1 of 2010 adding the approved "Stop" signs at the Baker Drive/Terrel Way intersection. A Public Hearing will be held @ 7:30 PM on September 1, 2011 @ 7:15 PM regarding Local Law #1 of 2011 – Placing of Stop signs in the Town of Northumberland.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion @ 8:00 AM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk