

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
11/07/2013**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:25 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. The "Salute to the Flag" was waived since it was done prior to the Public Hearing. Attendance was taken prior to the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chris Benn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad, gave his calls report for October 2013. The squad answered 14 calls in the Town of Saratoga; 7 calls in the Town of Northumberland and 30 calls in the Village of Schuylerville. Mr. Benn stated the figure for the Village of Schuylerville includes standbys at 5 football games and 2 days for the "Head of the Fish" Regatta.

Mr. Benn informed the Town Board that the General Schuyler Emergency Squad has been approached by the City of Saratoga Springs regarding their covering the eastern end of the City of Saratoga. Mr. Benn stated that it is more cost effective for the City of Saratoga to have General Schuyler Emergency Squad to cover this portion of the City versus constructing a new building. Mr. Benn reassured the Town Board that if they did pick up the eastern portion of the City of Saratoga Springs that it would not have an impact on the Town of Northumberland's ambulance service.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the October 17, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion.  
Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"  
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Abstain"    Motion approved

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Town Board received a letter from the Planning Board regarding Lead Agency Coordination for proposed EAF – AmeriGas Propane-Site Plan. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 77 of 2013 –

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Planning Board received an application from AmeriGas Propane for a Liquid Petroleum translating station to be located at the existing Canadian Pacific Rail Spur located at Stump Street and Pettis Road (Tax Map # 103. – 2 – 17), and

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is located in the Town of Northumberland's Industrial Zone and covers an area of approximately 31.22 acres., and

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Planning Board has determined that the action proposed is subject to SEQRA and that such action constitutes a Type 1 Action pursuant to Section 617.4, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Planning Board wishes to be the lead agency for the project and pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(2) requests the Northumberland Town Board is in agreement that the Town Planning Board be designated lead agency, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(b)(3) the Northumberland Town Board is in agreement that the Town Planning Board be designated lead agency within the 30 day time limit.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #77 of 2013 –

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”      Resolution # 77 of 2013 Adopted

2. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from William Davis, Sewer Commission Chairman regarding Saratoga County Sewer District #1 Boundaries. Mr. Davis wanted to take this opportunity to share with the Town of Northumberland a proposed Saratoga County Sewer District #1 District Boundary Map. Mr. Davis stated that communities that are located within the boundaries of the Sewer District but do not have centralized sanitary sewer collection system are afforded the “in District” septage dumping rate of \$25 per 1,000 gallons for your constituents that maintain a septic system. Customers located outside the boundaries of the Sewer District, but still located within the County, are charged twice the fee for dumping or \$50 per 1,000 gallons.
3. Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report for October 2013. Mr. Cross had 1 bite case for the month of October. Mr. Cross stated it has been an extremely quiet month.
4. The Town received a copy of a letter from Marc Migliore, Regional Permit Administrator with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding a renewal permit for the Wells Bank-Maloy Mine, which is off Mott Road. Authorized activity includes the mining of sand and lay on lands owned by Joyce Wells. Approved operations involve a total of 6 acres of affected land during the permit term. The affected acreage comprises a portion of a 15.8 acre life of mine area, as identified in the approved mined land use plan. This is a renewal of the previous

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permit. The effective date of the Mining Permit is October 24, 2013 with an expiration date of October 23, 2018.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Wilma Petteys had resigned as Deputy Highway Sup't September, 2013. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to appoint Harold F Vance Jr. as Deputy Highway Sup't effective November 12, 2013 with a yearly salary of \$45,000.00. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board needs to start working on the Franchise Agreement. Supervisor Peck stated that the Town Board needs to look at the Town and see where the biggest demand is for extension of service so that can be addressed during negotiations.
2. Employee Handbook: Supervisor Willard Peck stated the Town Board is still reviewing this document. Supervisor Peck stated that there is one area that he would like the Town Board to consider adopting tonight. Presently in the Highway Department any employee that doesn't opt for Hospitalization is given a yearly opt-out payment from Health Insurance, for full time employees only, of \$1,200 for single; \$1,400 for 2 person and \$1,600 for family. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that NYSHIP does not have 2 person coverage, only single and family. Supervisor Peck stated he would like to mirror this same policy for the Town Hall employees. Presently there is only one employee effected. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to extend the opt-out for full time employees at the Town Hall who are not presently taking Health Insurance with the town with the rate of \$1,200 for single and \$1,600 for family effective immediately. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that he would like to take this time to thank the Highway Department for their assistance in maintaining Schuyler Park this year. Councilman Gale stated that it has been an extremely busy season. Councilman Gale gave a report on what has been completed this year at Schuyler Park and what is projected to be completed in 2014.
4. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson informed the Town Board that the NYS Department of Transportation (Project: Hudson Crossing Park – Heritage Center for Lakes to Locks Passage/Contract # C032790/Pin: SB05.09.31) contract completion date is 12/02/2013. Councilman Hodgson stated that with delays in project start-up of various phases, the projects have been successfully initiated and advanced by the Town of Northumberland. A no-cost extension of the contract completion date to December 31, 2014 is requested to allow additional time to successfully complete the project. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion

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authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to sign five (5) copies of the New York State Department of Transportation request for no-cost time extension of Local/Miscellaneous Contract (Contract #C032790/Pin: SB05.09.321) to a completion date of 12/31/2014. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of the historic Dix Bridge, which connects Washington County with Hudson Crossing Park, will be held tomorrow @ 10:00 AM. The bridge restoration project began in 2009 through a grant sponsored by the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers partnership through the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. Supervisor Peck stated the 426 foot long bridge, which was originally built in 1895 and is on the National Register of Historic Places, received a \$3.1 million renovation by Tioga Construction. Federal funding totaled \$2.45 million, and the rest came from local funding, including \$300,000 from Saratoga County, along with donations from snowmobile clubs and other groups. The bridge was previously used for vehicle traffic, but is now limited to pedestrians, horses, bicycles and snowmobiles. Supervisor Peck stated that U.S. Rep Bill Owens, state and local officials are scheduled to attend this ceremony.

5. Building Committee: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the Committee hopes to have something available for the Town Board Members to review at the January 2014 Town Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2014 Town Budget: Supervisor Peck stated that the Town Board held their Public Hearing on the proposed 2014 Town Budget. There were no comments from the public. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution 78 of 2013 –

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Town Board having, on November 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., duly held a Public Hearing on the preliminary budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2014, and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the budget for this Town for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered, it is

**RESOLVED**, that said preliminary budget approved and filed as aforesaid, is hereby adopted and established as the annual budget as so adopted is detailed in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify as provide by law, duplicate copies of said annual budget hereby adopted, and deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town, and that he shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County as required by law. **The 2014 Annual budget, in its entirety, is in the official minute book at the town clerk's office and on the website, townofnorthumberland.org.**

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 78 of 2013.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”                      Resolution #78 of 2013 Adopted

2. Moreau Animal Clinic: Town Clerk Denise Murphy reported that presently any dog that is picked up by the Dog Control Officer in need of emergency medical care is brought to the Northway Animal Hospital. If the owner is found, the owner is liable for the vet bill; if they are now found, the Town of Northumberland is liable. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that Dr. Yanus with Moreau Animal Clinic has agreed to be the Town of Northumberland vet with an hourly rate equal to his patient’s hourly amount. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint Dr. Yanus as the Town’s veterinarian for emergency care of dogs picked up by the Dog Control Officer in the town. Every effort will be made to find the owner. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 79 of 2013:

**WHEREAS**, the following accounts are over with expenses:

**General**

A1110.4 (Justice/Cont)	\$487.00
A1355.4 (Assessor/Cont)	\$205.00
A1420.4 (Attorney/Cont)	\$6,475.00
A1640.4 (Garage/Cont)	\$1,782.00
A1910.4 (Unalloc. Ins)	\$19,020.00
A3310.4 (traffic Control)	\$653.00
A6772.4 (Aging/Cont)	\$50.00
A7110.4 (Park/Cont)	\$1,983.00
A7310.4 (Youth/Cont)	\$1,853.00
A7320.4 (Joint Youth/Cont)	\$1,388.00
A8160.4 (Refuse/Cont)	<u>\$1,793.00</u>
	\$35,689.00

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**Highway**

DA5112.2 (Improvements)	\$52,457.00
DA5130.4 (Machinery/Cont)	<u>\$6,127.00</u>
	\$58,584.00

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

**General**

A1010.4 (Town Board/Cont)	\$2,000.00
A1110.2 (Justice/Equip)	\$800.00
A1220.4 (Sup/Cont)	\$2,000.00
A1320.4 (Auditing)	\$2,500.00
A1355.4 (Assess/Equip)	500.00
A1440.4 (Eng/Cont)	\$4,000.00
A1410.4 (Town Clerk/Cont)	\$74.00
A1950.4 (Special Items)	\$200.00
A3510.41 (Dog Control)	\$3,000.00
A3620.4 (Safety/Cont)	\$1,000.00
A4068.4 (Insect/Cont)	\$588.00
A5010.4 (Highway Sup/Cont)	\$1,400.00
A8010.4 (Zoning/Cont)	\$1,500.00
A8020.2 (Planning/Equip)	\$1,000.00
A9050.8 (Unemployment)	\$3,000.00
A9060.8 (Medical)	<u>\$12,127.00</u>
	\$35,689.00

**Highway**

DA5130.2 (Equipment)	\$30,000.00
DA5140.4 (Bursh/Cont)	\$4,000.00
DA9060.8 (Medical)	\$23,584.00
DA9050.8 (Unemployment)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$58,584.00

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 79 of 2013

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Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”      Resolution #79 of 2013

2. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 80 of 2013

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 416 - # 445 Total: \$ 29,526.71  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 248 - # 269 Total: \$ 17,547.48  
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 11 Total: \$ 27.18

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 80 of 2013

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”      Resolution # 80 of 2013 Adopted

3. Supervisor’s Financial Report: Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #81 of 2013:

**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 October 2013:

**GENERAL**

Balance as of 09/30/2013	\$1,190,532.92
Increases	\$279,441.88
Decreases	\$110,830.19
Balance as of 10/31/2013	\$1,359,144.61

**HIGHWAY**

Balance as of 09/30/2013	\$290,375.76
Increases	\$249,179.12
Decreases	\$191,188.40
Balance as of 10/31/2013	\$348,366.48

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**SEWER DISTRICT #1**

Balance as of 09/30/2013	\$28,403.12
Increases	\$ 3.54
Decreases	\$53.18
Balance as of 10/31/2013	\$28,353.48

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved October 2013 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 81 of 2013

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Resolution # 81 of 2013 Adopted

**COMMITTEES**

There were no Committee Reports

**DEPARTMENT**

There were no Department Reports

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 8:20 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk

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