

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2012**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board to order @ 7:30 PM. "Pledge of Allegiance" was done prior to the Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 Town Budget. Those attending were 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; Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the October 10, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Edward Cross submitted his Dog Control Officer's report for October 2012. Mr. Cross answered 7 complaints; brought 2 dogs to the shelter; issued 2 warnings and had 1 dog bite case.

2. Supervisor Thomas Wood, Town of Saratoga, sent a letter to Supervisor Willard Peck regarding swimming lesson registration forms that were completed for the summer of 2012. 3 children from the Town of Northumberland participated in the 2012 summer program. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the Town of Northumberland will need to advertise the program for 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson informed the Town Board that the Hudson Crossing Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch and Riverwalk/Sensory Trail are all but completed. Councilman Hodgson stated that the dock overview on the Washington County side is so far out over the bank you can fish off of it. Councilman Hodgson stated that Cleveland Brothers did a fantastic job. Councilman Hodgson stated that Hudson Crossing Park received a Grant from "Hudson River Valley Greenway" in the amount of \$5,000 which will be used for additional benches and a kayak rack.

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2. Councilman Daniel Gale informed the Town Board Members that two proposals were received for an "Asbestos Containing Material Survey" for the Town Hall. This survey will provide information regarding asbestos containing materials, as required, prior to renovation, or demolition activity at the Town Hall. The two proposals received were from C.T Male Associates with an estimated cost of \$2,450.00 and RAMM Environmental with an estimated cost of \$1,000.00 per day plus sample laboratory fees. Town Engineer James Mitchell reviewed both proposals and approved C.T. Male Associates proposal. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the proposals fall within the Town's Procurement Policy. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve CT Male Associates proposal for the asbestos containing materials survey for the Northumberland Town Hall. The project will not exceed \$3,000.00 without prior Town Board Approval. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2013 Town Budget: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board held a Public Hearing prior to the regular monthly meeting for the proposed 2013 Town Budget. There were no comments from the public. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #66 of 2012:

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM, on the preliminary budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2013, 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, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said preliminary budget approved and filed as aforesaid, is hereby adopted and established as the annual budget for the Town of Northumberland for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013, and that such 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 provided by law, duplicate copies of said annual budget hereby adopted.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #66 of 2012:

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution #66 of 2012 – Adopted

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The 2013 annual budget, in its entirety, is in the official minute book at the Town Clerk's Office and on the website, townofnorthumberland.org.

2. The Town Clerk received information regarding the purchase of a new copier machine with National Business Equipment in Glens Falls. There is a program through NYSERDA which will reimburse the local municipality 75% of the purchase price of Energy Star product such as a copier. The Town of Northumberland could purchase a copier up to \$4,999.00. After the 75% rebate from NYSERDA the actual cost to the town is \$1,249.75. The funds through NYSERDA through February 1, 2013 or until all funds are spent, whichever comes first. The Town Board determined the present copier is roughly 10+ years old. One of the concerns is how much money is still available through NYSERDA. Supervisor Willard Peck questions the NYS Kyocera Contract On-Site Services of \$92.00. Is that a monthly fee? It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to ask Mr. Herkert, with National Business Equipment, to come to December's Town Board Meeting to answer questions.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 67 of 2012

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 416 - # 450 Total: \$ 67,831.33 (Vo. 416 prepay)
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 247 - # 276 Total: \$ 29,968.56 (Vo. 247 prepay)
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 11 Total: \$ 24.86

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 67 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #67 of 2012 Adopted

2. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #68 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 October, 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved October 2012 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #68 of 2012

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

Resolution # 68 of 2012 Adopted

DEPARTMENTS

Highway Sup't – Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Town Board that he has received a “Speed Reduction Request” for Beaver Street. Currently the speed limit is 45 MPH. It was the consensus of the Town Board that it was a matter of speeding on the road. The Town Board did not believe a speed reduction was warranted. The Town Board stated they will contact the Sheriff's office regarding speeders. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated his 2 way radios are all in compliance for the January 1, 2013 FCC requirements. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys reported that NYS DEC did an inspection on the Town Garage's bulk storage tanks, no citations were issued.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 8:40 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:57 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. No action was taken.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 9:00 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk