

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
December 12, 2019**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM by Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilwoman Patricia Bryant and Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson. Supervisor Willard Peck was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney David Brennan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Public Hearing on the 2020 Town Budget. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Dog Control Officers Report: Edward Cross submitted his November 2019 Dog Control Report. Mr. Cross answered twelve (12) Complaints, brought two (2) dogs to the shelter, issued three (3) Warnings and had one (1) dog bite.
2. Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee: The Town Board received a letter from Jennifer Thomas and Pandora Davis, Bacon Hill Bonanza Co-Chairs, regarding the Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race. The Committee is requesting permission to host the Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race on Saturday, April 25, 2020. This year's event will be similar to past years and will include a Kid's 1 Mile Fun Run on Stonebridge Road at 9:30 AM to be followed by a 5K Run/Walk and also a 10K Run at 10:00 AM. This race is in the process of being sanctioned by USA Track & Field and have requested a Certificate of Insurance from them listing the Town of Northumberland as additionally insured. The Certificate of Insurance will be forwarded to the Town as soon as they receive it. The Committee asked if it would again be possible to close Stonebridge Road to traffic that morning between Callahan Road and Route 32 from about 9:00 AM until noon in order to create a much safer environment for the event. The 10K participants will use Ballard Lane, West River Road, Harris Road loop and Callahan Road in addition to Stonebridge Road. A Safety Plan will be submitted to the Town and also Saratoga County for this event. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to grant permission for the Bacon Hill 5K and 10K Bonanza to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 to run in the Town of Northumberland, the property will be left in the same condition as when Bacon Hill Bonanza arrived, and a safety plan will be submitted to the town

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for this event and any damages incurred during the time of the event will be the responsibility of the Bacon

Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee. The Town Board also asked that the Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee put out a "Press Release" to make sure the public is aware that Stonebridge Road between Callahan Road and Route 32 will be closed from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. End of Year Meeting: Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to hold the End of the Year Meeting on December 31, 2019 @ 8:00 AM. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Organizational Meeting: Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to hold the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 7:00 PM to be followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Sales Tax Revenue 2020: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #74 of 2019

BE IT RESVOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Supervisor Willard Peck to request the Town's Share of the 2020 Sales Tax Revenue be distributed as cash.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #74 of 2019.

Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman John DeLisle – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution # 74 of 2019 Adopted

4. Town Attorney David Brennan stated that he had discussed at last month's Meeting about changing how the Town addresses "Fee Schedules". The Town currently approves changes in Fees by Local Law. The Town can, by Resolution, change the Fee Schedule as the Town Board determines. Most Town's would adopt the current Fee Schedule at the Organizational Meeting. Town Attorney David Brennan will continue working with the Supervisor and Town Clerk on this matter and present at next Month's Town Board Meeting and to hold a Public Hearing in February.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Jake Brakes: The Town Board, previously, was approached by a resident complaining about trucks using their Jake Brakes coming down the hill in front of his home. The Town Board has sent two requests to New York State Department of Transportation regarding a speed reduction on this portion of

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Route 32N and a “No Jake Brake” sign. The Town has not received any acknowledgment of their letter. Town Attorney David Brennan reached out to New York State Department of Transportation but has not received an answer. Town Attorney Brennan did some research and found some information with the Town of Hillsdale regarding “No Jake Brakes”. The Town of Hillsdale received numerous complaints about the noisy brakes trucks use when they make their way into the Hamlet. The Town received a response from NYSDOT Transportation Analyst. The response states that New York State does not allow the use of a sign to ban the use of a “Jake Brake”. The response goes on to say that enacting a traffic ordinance to deal with Jake Brake use may seem like a kind and responsive action to improve quality of life. However, engine brakes are very effective at reducing the speed of heavy trucks on a downgrade, thereby making it quicker for trucks to stop to avoid an entering vehicle or pedestrian. In most cases, the braking distance will be longer without the engine braking system and this could lead to reduced safety at the bottom of a hill. A lengthy discussion followed. The Town Attorney will draft a letter to the resident who asked about the “No Jake Brake” sign explaining what the Town has learned.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfers: Councilman John DeLisle presented Resolution # 75

BE IT RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board approves the following transfers:

From: A1990.4 \$3,852.00
To: A8020.1 \$1,600.00
A1010.4 \$ 106.00
A7310.4 \$1,463.00
A8160.4 \$ 623.00

From: DA8760.4 \$1,000.00
DA5140.1 \$11,466.00
To: DA5140.4 \$12,466.00

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #75 of 2019

Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #75 of 2019 Adopted

2. Approve Vouchers for Payment: Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 76 of 2019

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 329 - # 366 Total: \$ 66,975.23
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 246 - # 272 Total: \$ 96,647.06
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher # 15 Total: \$ 33.24

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 76 of 2019

Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #76 of 2019 Adopted

3. Supervisor Willard Peck previously presented the Supervisor’s Report for October, 2019 for the Town Board’s consideration. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 77 of 2019 -

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 October 2019:

GENERAL

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| Balance as of 09/30/2019 | \$ | 1,162,049.89 |
| Increases | \$ | 183,291.45 |
| Decreases | \$ | 112,383.92 |
| Balance as of 10/31/2019 | \$ | 1,232,957.39 |

HIGHWAY

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| Balance as of 09/30/2019 | \$ | 272,686.25 |
| Increases | \$ | 0.00 |
| Decreases | \$ | 72,504.50 |
| Balance as of 10/31/2019 | \$ | 200,181.75 |

SEWER DISTRICT #1

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|--------------------------|----|-----------|
| Balance as of 09/30/2019 | \$ | 17,738.70 |
| Increases | \$ | 0.00 |
| Decreases | \$ | 24.99 |
| Balance as of 10/31/2019 | \$ | 17,713.71 |

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved October 2019 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #77 of 2019

Deputy Supervisor George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #77 of 2019 Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk
Town of Northumberland