

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
November 5, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Willard Peck at 7:12 PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officer: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his report for October 2020. Mr. Cross answered 6 complaints; issued 3 warnings, issued 1 summons and had 1 bite case.

2. The Town Board received a letter from Tessie Gifford Winslow requesting use of the Town Hall on Saturday afternoons to hold 4-H Meetings. Mrs. Winslow stated that the 4-H carries insurance and everyone that attends the 4-H Meetings has signed an Assumption of Risk Form. At each Meeting everyone in attendance signs a health screening for contact tracing. The 4-H meet once a month. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Town Board to deny Mrs. Winslow's request due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 increases in the winter months among humans. The Town Board felt uncomfortable allowing outside use of the Town Hall at this time.

3. Supervisor Peck stated that he received the 2020 Final Assessment Roll Totals for the Town of Northumberland from Saratoga County Real Property Service.

4. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Frank Ruffolo with Sky Solar Notice regarding Solar Energy Project pursuant to Real Property Tax § 487. Sky Solar Inc's plan is to construct a solar project within the Town of Northumberland. The project in the town is located at 64 Homestead Road, being all of Tax Lot 142.-1-51. They are providing this letter to the Town as their Notice of Intent to Construct this solar system, which commences the sixty-day notice period under Real Property Tax Law § 487(9)(a). Sky Solar Inc, on behalf of this project, has commenced interconnection agreement procedures with National Grid USA Service Company. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he will work with the Town Attorney to draft a letter to Sky Solar regarding Notice of Intent to require PILOT Agreement for proposed Solar Array Project in the Town of Northumberland located at 64 Homestead Road.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the 2021 Town Budget: Supervisor Peck stated that the Town Board held their Public Hearing on the proposed 2021 Town Budget earlier tonight and there were no comments from the public.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution# 61 of 2020 –

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Board having, on November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., duly held a Public Hearing on the proposed town budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021, 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 proposed town 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 provided 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 2021 Annual budget, in its entirety, is in the official minute book at the town clerk's office and on the website, townofnorthumberland.org.**

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #61 of 2020

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #61 of 2020 Adopted

2. December 10, 2020 Town Board Meeting: It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to hold December 10 2020 Town Board Meeting at 8:00 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sexual Harassment Training: Town Clerk Murphy provided Town Board Members with information which was provided by NYMIR regarding Sexual Harassment Training. NYS Discrimination and Harassment Webinar now available on demand. Town Clerk Murphy will provide information to the Zoning/Planning/Highway Clerk so she can coordinate it for each of these Departments.

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DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #62 of 2020.

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 264 - # 290 Total: \$ 27,390.60
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 209 - # 227 Total: \$ 54,663.33
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher # 10 - # 11 Total: \$ 2,718.63

Councilman John George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 62 of 2020

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

Resolution #62 of 2020 Adopted

DEPARTMENTS

Highway: Highway Supt Coffinger submitted his report for October. The highway crew has been working hard on Mott Road, trimming limbs and chipping brush. The cold weather will soon be upon us and they are preparing the equipment for winter. The highway crew has also been working hard to get the ramp ready for the metal dumpster. Highway Supt Coffinger stated that he has received feedback from residents regarding the great job the crew is doing within the town.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 7:39 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting.
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk