

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
November 3, 2011**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:30 PM 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. Councilman George Hodgson was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Superintendent 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 Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the September 1, 2011 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2011; and minutes of the September 1, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Abstain” Motion Carried

3. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the October 3, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Abstain” Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Edward Cross presented his October 2011 Dog Control Officer Report. Mr. Cross stated he answered 12 complaints; brought 3 dogs to the Animal Shelter; issued 3 Warnings; and dealt with 2 dog bites.

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2. Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza submitted his October Monthly Permit Report for 2011 and his complaint report.
3. The Town Clerk provided Town Board Members with the 2010 Census information. The Town of Northumberland population was increased by roughly 10% since the 2000 Census.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale reported that Schuyler Park had a successful year. Sport events wrapped up last week. The fields have been used continually since the end of August. The pavilion structure is up; the concrete still needs to be poured. The next goal is the pavilion/concession stand. Councilman Daniel Gale wanted to thank Neil Petteys, Highway Sup't and his crew for all their help this past year.
2. 2012 Town Budget: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board held a Public Hearing on the 2012 Town Budget. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Northumberland is facing difficult times. The Town of Northumberland Town Board runs a conservative and efficient local government. The Town of Northumberland filed their Property Tax Cap Form with the New York State Office of the State Comptrollers as required by law. The Town of Northumberland is under the 2% tax cap. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that during the Public Hearing he recommended reducing the Buildings/Contractual Expenses (A1620.4) by \$2,000.00 which will lower the General Fund Appropriation to \$809,415.00 and the unexpended fund balance to \$35,529.00. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he also recommended reducing the Highway Hospital Medical expenses (DA9060.8) by \$2,000.00 which will lower the Highway Fund Appropriations by \$1,064,618.00 and the amount to be raised by tax will be reduced to \$501,555.00. Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution #55 of 2012

WHEREAS, Supervisor Willard Peck introduced a proposed 2012 Town Budget as required under Municipal Town Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland Town Board reported its tax levy limit to the Office of the State Comptroller prior to the adoption of the Town Budget as required by the Tax Cap Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland held a Public Hearing on November 3, 2012 and presented the recommended 2012 Fiscal Budget for the Public's Comments and posted proposed salaries of the following town officers:

Supervisor: \$13,500.00
Town Councilman (4): \$4,400.00
Superintendent of Highway: \$53,350.00

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Town Clerk: \$38,750.00
Justices (2): \$7,150.00

THEREFORE, the following corrections were recommended for the General Budget which would reduce Buildings/Contractual Expenses (A1620.4) by \$2,000.00 and lower the General Fund Appropriation to \$809,415.00 and the unexpended fund balance to \$35,529.00 and

THEREFORE, the following corrections were recommended for the Highway Budget which would reduce the Highway Hospital Medical expenses (DA9060.8) by \$2,000.00 and lower the Highway Fund Appropriations by \$1,064,618.00 and the amount to be raised by tax is reduced to \$501,555.00, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the 2012 Town Wide Budget is adopted with noted changes, and be it further

RESOLVED, the 2012 adopted Town Wide Budget will take effect January 1, 2012.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #55 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #55 of 2011 Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

1. Transportation/Nutrition Agreement for 2012: Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #56 of 2011

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Office for the Aging has agreed to provide, through subcontract, a transportation program and nutrition program for senior citizens in the Town of Northumberland from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, for each service the cost is as follows:

\$725.00 for Transportation
\$725.00 for Nutrition Service (a dining program and/or Home Delivery Meals),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an Agreement with Saratoga County Office for the Aging for Nutrition and Transportation

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services for the senior citizens in the Town of Northumberland from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and be further

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland will pay to the Saratoga County Office of the Aging, the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$725.00) for the Nutrition Agreement and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland will pay to the Saratoga County Office of the Aging, the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$725.00) for the Transportation Agreement and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland will make payments quarterly as follows:

- January 1, 2012: \$363.00
- April 1, 2012: \$363.50
- July 1, 2012: \$363.50
- October 1, 2012: \$363.50

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #56 of 2011.

- Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
 - Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
 - Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
 - Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
- Resolution #56 of 2011 Adopted

3. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board that he will not be able to attend December’s Town Board Meeting. It was the consensus of the Town Board to hold December’s Town Board Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2011 @ 7:30 PM. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Town Board that David Meager with Adirondack Trust Insurance would like to meet with the Town Board prior to the Meeting. The Town Board Members will meet informally with David Meager @ 7:00 PM prior to the December Town Board Meeting.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfers: Councilman Daniel introduced Resolution #57 of 2011:

WHEREAS, the following General accounts are over:

- A7110.4 (Parks/Contractual) \$ 136.00
- A7310.4 (Youth Program/Contractual) \$4,261.00

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

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A1990.4 (Contingent Account) \$4,297.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #57 of 2011.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #57 of 2011 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #58 of 2011

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland purchased a new roadside mower and paid cash for the new piece of equipment and

WHEREAS, the capital improvements to town roads caused from Hurricane Irene was not anticipated, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board increases the Town Highway Budget as follows:

From: DA909 \$77,673.00

To: DA5112.2 \$41,673.00

DA5130.2 \$36,000.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #58 of 2011.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #58 of 2011 Adopted

2. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #59 of 2011

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers #360 - #399 Total: \$58,079.93

DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers #222 - #254 Total: \$35,176.60

SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher #13 Total: \$34.03

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #59 of 2011

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Supervisor Willard Peck - "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution #59 of 2011 Adopted

3. Supervisor Willard Peck presented his October 2011 Monthly Report

DEPARTMENTS

Municipal Center & Parks: Councilman Daniel Gale reported that the first Building Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1 @ 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

COMMITTEES

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys informed the Town Board Members that he would like to solicit bids for the sale of the town's road side mower. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 60 of 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland is soliciting bids for the sale of a 1993 Case/IH Tractor, 4 Wheel Drive with Alamo Versa/ with Mid Mount Flail with 74 Inch cut. The minimum bid is \$5,000.00. The tractor can be seen at the Northumberland Highway Department, 42 Leonard Street, Gansevoort, NY during regular business hours. Any questions should be addressed to Neil Petteys, Highway Supt at 518-793-6901. All sealed bids must be received by 4:00 PM on December 2, 2011 and they will be opened on Monday, December 5, 2011 @ 7:30 PM. All sealed bids can be mailed or dropped off at Town of Northumberland, PO Box 128 – 17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort, NY 12831. The Town of Northumberland has the right to reject any or all bids.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #60 of 2011

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys reported that he has met with FEMA Officials regarding damage to the Town of Northumberland from Hurricane Irene. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he has documented roughly \$50,000 of expenses to the Town of Northumberland associated with the Hurricane. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that all the paving has been completed for 2011.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:00 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues and Union Contract. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 10:05 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Willard Peck stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an Agreement between the Town of Northumberland and Teamsters Local 294 covering the Highway Employees from January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2016 based on terms as discussed during Executive Session and to be ratified at December 5, 2011 Town Board Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 10:10 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D Murphy
Town Clerk