

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
September 16, 2021**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 8:00 AM by Supervisor Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisors Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman George Hodgson was absent. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

David Meager, Account Executive with AMSURE, did a "Summary of Insurance" which covered updates and recommendations for the 2021/2022 Insurance Package.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officer: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his August Report. Mr. Cross answered 5 complaints; brought 1 dog to the Shelter; issued 1 Warning and had 1 dog bite.

2. Letter from FAA regarding Antenna Tower: The Town of Northumberland received a copy of a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration addressed to AT & T regarding if a light was mandated on an Antenna Tower at 199 feet above ground level which will be installed at 5 Blue Heron Terrace. The Federal Aviation Administration has conducted an aeronautical study. The aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation. Based on this evaluation, marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety.

NEW BUSINESS

1. October's Town Board Meeting: It was the consensus of the Town Board Member to hold October's Town Board Meeting on October 14, 2021 @ 8:00 AM.

2. Supervisor Willard Peck reminded the Town Board Members that there will be a workshop with the Planning Board Members on Monday September 27th @ 6:00 PM to discuss Solar Arrays in future.

3. Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected Officials: Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that the Town Board needs to adopt a Resolution to establish the standard work day for Supervisor Peck. In error, the Record of Activity that was reported to the NYS Retirement System was incorrect for Supervisor Peck. Councilman John Delisle introduced Resolution #57 of 2021 –

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BE IT RESOLVED; That the Town of Northumberland, Location Code 30348, Revises Resolution # 50 of 2020 to reflect the updated “Record of Activity” result for Willard H. Peck as follows

Willard H. Peck, Supervisor, Term 01/01/2020-12/31/2021. Standard Work Day 7/Record of Activity 2.27

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The Town Clerk will report the revised Record of Activity for Willard H. Peck to New York State and Local Retirement based on the record activity.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #57 of 2021.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Abstain”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #57 of 2021 Adopted

4. Tax Collecting hours changes: Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Town Board that she is going to be implating some changes effective 2022. The Town Clerk’s office will be open 8 – 4 PM, Monday – Thursday (Lisa and myself will be staggering our lunch during tax season). Friday’s still 8 – 1 PM. Tuesday night 6 – 8 PM. The office would only be open on Saturday, the last Saturday of January, which in 2022 is January 29th. The hours will still be 9 – 12 Noon. Clerk Murphy stated that she will be activating the feature offered from Williamson Law, our Tax Collecting software company, allowing residents to pay their taxes on line. The Town offers TAXGLANCE on our Web Page, this is a free feature for Municipalities that have TAX GLANCE. The money would be deposited directly into Tax Collector’s Account.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opting out of retail and on-site consumption of Cannabis: Supervisor Peck reported that Town Attorney David Brennan prepared a draft Local Law for the Town Board’s review. The Local Law is to allow the Town of Northumberland to Opt-Out of the Retail Dispensary License and On-Site Consumption License Provisions of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act. Town Supervisor Peck stated the Town Board can always Opt-In at a later date. Supervisor Peck asked the Board Members to take it home and review the document and if the Town Board is happy with the language, a Public Hearing could be set up in November.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 58 of 2021

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

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A (General Fund) Vouchers # 229 - # 245 Total: \$ 17,294.33
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 228 - # 246 Total: \$ 23,143.03

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 58 of 2021

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Resolution # 55 of 2021 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:51 AM to adjourn the Regular Monthly. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk