

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
December 7, 2023**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes on the proposed 2024 Town Budget. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officers Report: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his Report for November 2023. Mr. Cross answered 3 Complaints; issued 2 Warnings and had 2 Bite Cases.
2. Rebuilding Together Saratoga County: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he received an email from Michelle Larkin, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Saratoga County. Rebuilding Together Saratoga County is planning to apply for funding to provide critical home repairs for low-income homeowners in Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties through the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal Affordable Housing Corporation. Rebuilding Together Saratoga County is requesting \$500,000 to provide critical health and safety reports for twenty-five low-income homeowners. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated she will reach out to Michelle Larkin regarding the Town sending a Letter of Support for this important project.
3. Waste Management-Green Ridge: Supervisor Peck stated that Waste Management has submitted an application to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to expand and increase the capacity of their landfill located on Peters Road. Supervisor Peck stated that documentation was given to the Town regarding proposed changes and Environmental Impact Assessment Statements from Waste Management-Green Ridge. Supervisor Peck stated that he has started to review the documents. Supervisor Peck stated that after he reviews everything and the Board Members have had an opportunity to also review documents, he will invite representatives to come to the Town Board Meeting to give a presentation.

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Supervisor Peck stated that he has been in discussions with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding some of his concerns. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that any Board Member that wishes to have a complete copy, please let her know and she will provide thumb drives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bimar Consulting LLC: Safe Systems Corporation will be ceasing business operation as of December 31, 2023 regarding Drug and Alcohol Testing for the CDL drivers at the Highway Garage. Safe Systems Corporation will be transitioning the Town's Business to Bimar Consulting LLC. They have enclosed a Service Agreement for 2024 for Highway Superintendent Richard D Coffinger to sign. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion authorizing Highway Superintendent Coffinger to sign the Agreement between Bimar Consulting LLC and the Town of Northumberland for drug and alcohol testing. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Speed Alert Message Sign: Supervisor Peck stated that the Town of Northumberland has been talking for some time of getting portable Speed Alert signs that can be moved around the Town. Highway Clerk Christina Kilburn obtained two quotes from All Traffic Solutions:

Speed Alert 18 Radar Message Sign with all necessary equipment - \$12, 206.01

Speed Alert 24 Radar Message Sign with all necessary equipment - \$18,156.86

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to authorize Supervisor Willard Peck to sign Quote – Q80843 for two (2) Speed Alert 18 Radar Message Sign with All Traffic Solutions for \$12,206.01 each. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. End of the Year Meeting: Councilman John DeLisle made motion to hold the End of the Year Meeting on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 @ 8:00 AM. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Organizational Meeting: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to hold the Organization Meeting on January 4, 2024 @ 8:00 AM to be followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Visitor Center: Supervisor Peck stated that Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center, located on Route 29/Ferry Street in Schuylerville has been staffed by Volunteers. The Center is part of the Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership. The Town's were asked to make a \$10,000 seed donation to go towards paid staff for manning the Center. Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership has received a \$150,000 Grant from Carrie Woerner which is reimbursable. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion authorizing a \$10,000 donation to Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership to staff the Visitor Center and other operating expenses. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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6. Resolution honoring Bernard Shaw as the Town's deceased Veteran: The Town of Northumberland will be honoring a deceased veteran on December 19th prior to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's Meeting. The Town of Northumberland will honor Bernard Shaw. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 59 of 2023 – **Resolution Honoring Deceased Veteran Bernard Orville Shaw**

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw was born March 25, 1920 in Ballston Spa to Aubrey and Tressa (Clark) Shaw, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw attended South Glens Falls Central School thru 9th grade at which time he went to work on the family farm, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw joined the Navy on December 11, 1941 where he bravely and proudly served his country going to Pearl Harbor after the bombing. He traveled to China, Okinawa, and Panama where he worked on the USS Wiley Destroyer, and obtaining the rank of Machinist Mate 1st Class USN, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw earned many awards and ribbons, the Good Conduct Ribbon, American Area Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw after 4 years, 3 months and 29 days of military service was honorably discharged from the US Naval Service on April 9, 1946, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw met his future wife Agnes Ogden from Fort Edward in 1943 while he was home on leave, and married on June 29, 1947 and they were married for 71 years, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw and Agnes O Shaw had four children: Cathleen, Daniel, Franklin, and Elizabeth, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw purchased his farm on Kobor Road in 1944 and made payments while he was in the Navy, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw attended four years of Agricultural school, where he traveled to different farms each Sunday, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw was always proud of being a Charter Gansevoort Volunteer Fireman and proudly was the one to drive their first firetruck into the Town and was the first Assistant Fire Chief, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw was a member of the Free Masons for 75 years, and a member of the United Methodist Church in Gansevoort, and

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WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw served as Town of Northumberland Justice of the Peace from 1954 – 1975 and held the position of Town of Northumberland Highway Superintendent from 1976 – 1983, and

WHEREAS, Bernard Orville Shaw was the Northumberland Republican Chairman from 1950 – 1975.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Northumberland Town Board hereby honors Bernard Orville Shaw for his valiant service to our Country and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bernard Orville Shaw is honored for his outstanding honesty, integrity, loyal nature, his wealth of knowledge and exceptional work ethic which made him an outstanding farmer, Community Volunteer and Elected Official, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board hereby declares December 19, 2023 as Bernard Orville Shaw Day in honor of his many contributions to our Nation and the Town of Northumberland.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #59

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #59 of 2023 Adopted

7. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she would like to personally thank Councilman John DeLisle and his Company Grasshopper Gardens for volunteering his employees time and donating the mulch to spruce up the Town Hall. Clerk Murphy stated that so many people coming to the Town Hall complimented on how nice the grounds look at the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2023 Update Northumberland Comprehensive Plan (Draft): Supervisor Willard Peck asked everyone to please review the final Draft by the January 4, 2024 Town Board Meeting to see if there are any further changes needed. Town Clerk Murphy asked if the Comprehensive Plan must go to County Planning for their review. Town Attorney Brennan stated that yes it does. Supervisor Peck stated that he received an email from Tracey Clothier, Clothier Planning and Consulting, in which she says she is preparing a short summary of some options for how to deal with accessory units in the Zoning.

2. Stonebridge Farm PUD Update: Town Attorney David Brennan stated that Stonebridge Farm will be revising their PUD and will provide information as soon as they have it prepared.

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DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfer: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town is scheduled to receive approximately \$240,000 in CHIP reimbursement for the Highway Fund on December 14th. The General Fund needs to loan the Highway Fund \$150,000 to cover expenses until we receive the CHIP reimbursement. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 60 of 2023 –

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes a \$150,000 loan from the General Account to the Highway Account, and be it further

RESOLVED, upon receipt of the CHIP Reimbursement, the Highway Account will reimburse the General Account the \$150,000 loan.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #60 of 2023.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #60 of 2023 Adopted

2. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 61 of 2023

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 327 - # 360 Total: \$ 180,125.53
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 299 - # 314 Total: \$ 80,986.72
SS (Sewer) Voucher # 10 Total: \$ 22.14

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #61 of 2023.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #59 of 2023 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:09 AM to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation matters. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman John DeLisle made a motion @ 9:50 AM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Peck reported no action was taken.

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Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:55 AM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Murphy, Town Clerk