

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
October 20, 2022**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Meager, AMSURE, gave a summary of the Town's Insurance with NYMIR. Mr. Meager stated that one of the biggest areas of Liability is with Cyber Liability. NYMIR will cover Network Security Loss up to \$25,000 for Extortion and \$50,000 for Forensic Expenses. Mr. Meager provided a Cyber Liability Proposal with Cowbell with different options. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Town Board Members that they will leave the Cyber Liability with NYMIR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 Public Hearing on Local Law Extending Moratorium on Solar Arrays. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his report for September 2022. Mr. Cross answered 4 Complaints, brought 1 dog to the Animal Shelter and issued 3 Warnings.
2. Flatley Read, Inc submitted a "Proposal for Grant Writing and Administrative Services" for the Town Board's review. The Town Board will file this for any proposed projects that will come up.
3. The Town of Northumberland received a "Notice of Application to Amend Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for Champlain Hudson Power Express."

NEW BUSINESS

1. 25 MPH Speed Reduction: The Town Board adopted a Resolution #58 in September, 2022 to lower the Speed Limit in Terrel Hills Subdivision. Town Attorney David Brennan stated that the Town of Northumberland still needs to petition both the Saratoga County Public Works and New York State Department of Transportation to request a speed reduction to 25 MPH. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 60 of 2022 which revises Resolution # 58 of 2022 to read:

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland, by a Resolution adopted September 8, 2022, hereby requests the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicles and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed – **25 MPH** at which vehicles may proceed on Cook Circle, Cramer Path, Baker Drive, Tathum Trace, Merchant Road, Yandall Yard, Kingsley Avenue all Town Highways, between Taylor Road and Colebrook Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon receipt of the Notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #60 of 2022

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Resolution #60 of 2022 Adopted

2. 2023 Town Budget: Supervisor Peck submitted the Town’s 2023 Town Budget. Supervisor Peck stated that this budget is a conservative budget. Supervisor Peck reported that the proposed 2023 Town Budget is 7,000 below the Tax Cap. Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #61 of 2022

Notice is hereby given, the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Northumberland, Saratoga County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort, New York where it is available for inspection during regular business hours and on the Town’s official webpage at www.townofnorthumberland.org.

Further notice is hereby given, the Northumberland Town Board will hold a Public Hearing there on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. at the Town Hall, 17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort, New York, and at such hearing any person may be heard.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor \$16,640.00

Councilperson (4) \$5,520.00

Superintendent of Highways \$66,040.00

Town Clerk \$55,080.00

Justices (2) \$9,185.00

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Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 61 of 2022

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye” Resolution #61 of 2022 Adopted

3. Quote from Interlinked for Cyber Support: Supervisor Peck stated that he just received the quotes from Bill Kay with Interlinked regarding Cyber Security. Supervisor Peck stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Kay to review the quotes. Supervisor Peck stated that he does believe that we need Cyber Support. Town Attorney Dave Brennan stated that he would be available to meet with Mr. Kay also to review the quotes with Supervisor Peck.

4. Proposed Local Law amending the penalties for violation of the Zoning Ordinance: Town Attorney Dave Brennan provided Town Board Members with a proposed Local Law – A Local Law amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Northumberland to amend the penalties for violations of the Zoning Ordinance. The Town’s current language for Penalty references and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months for each offense. By leaving the Penalty at six months, the violator can obtain a court appointed attorney if they qualify. Attorney Brennan stated that he thinks up to fifteen (15) days for each offense is more in line. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to hold a public hearing on November 10, 2022 @ 8:00 AM to hear the public’s comments on proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 – A Local Law amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Northumberland to amend the penalties for violations of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the updating the Town’s Comprehensive Plan: The Town Board received from Tracey Clothier, “Town of Northumberland Planning and Zoning Audit”. The first part of the project is an audit of the Town of Northumberland Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2003). This audit identifies areas of the document that need to be addressed and updated. It identifies maps that are needed to convey Northumberland’s land use and other conditions.

The second part of the project is the review and audit of the Town of Northumberland Zoning Ordinance (2006). This audit identifies areas of the document that need to be updated to be consistent with modern land use and zoning regulatory standards. It also includes the recommendation to update the current Town of Northumberland Zoning Map.

Estimated Cost to Complete Comprehensive Plan Update
Update \$8,000

Estimated Cost to Complete Updated Language to the Zoning Ordinance
Update \$4,000

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Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution #63 of 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board approves the Estimated Cost to complete the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update of \$8,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board approves the Estimated Cost to complete the Town's language to the Zoning Ordinance presented by Tracey M. Clothier a Consultant with Studio A.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #63 of 2022.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman John DeLise – "Aye" Resolution #62 Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

1. Board of Assessment Review: Joan Heber has asked to be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Florence Austin. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to appoint Joan Heber to fill the unexpired term of Florence Austin (term expires 09/30/2023). Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Thomas Stayer has asked to be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Paulette Foote. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to appoint Thomas Stayer to fill the unexpired term of Paulette Foote (term expires 09/30/2024). Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 63 of 2022

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 242 - # 275 Total: \$ 97,121.92
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 262 - # 293 Total: \$ 38,698.68
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher # 22 Total: \$ 26.64

Councilman John Delisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #63 of 2022

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman John DeLise – "Aye" Resolution #62 Adopted

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman John DeLisle made a motion @ 9:42 AM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk