

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
February 9, 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 John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Paul Bolesh was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy and Building/Zoning Administrator Michael Terry.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the Public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Organizational Meeting Minutes: Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes with the following change: Dog Control Officer's salary - \$6,500 per year and Assessor Clerk's hourly rate \$26.00 per hour. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion with changes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officer's Report for January 2023: Ed Cross answered four (4) Complaints; brought one (1) dog to the shelter issued two (2) warnings and issued one (1) Summons.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider Website Design and Development Services Proposals: Clerk Denise Murphy stated that we have received a proposal from Hometown Marketing Solutions, LLC to redesign the town's Web Page. They are proposing it be done in Phase I (New design and building of the Website) and Phase II (Updating town's history, areas of interest, services). Phase I – Design \$5,000.00; Phase II – Design \$3,000.00. There would be a monthly Maintenance fee of \$100.00. Councilman John DeLisle stated that he would like to know what websites this company has designed and of those are any municipalities. Councilman DeLisle stated he would like to see if we can't contact other Companies that have worked with Municipalities. Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she will reach out to Spa.Net.

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2. Exemption for Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Workers: Supervisor Willard Peck stated after having a discussion with Walter Smead, he is recommending not trying to push this Exemption through prior to the March 1 taxable status date. The Town would need to hold a Public Hearing immediately then adopt it. The Volunteer Fireman or Ambulance Worker would have to obtain the required certifications needed to apply before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Walter Smead, Assessor, stated he thinks the town should wait and adopt for March 1, 2024, Taxable Status Date. Presently a Volunteer Fireman or Ambulance Worker can get a credit on their Income Taxes. If they opt to take the Exemption on their Property Taxes, they wouldn't be eligible for the Income Tax Credit. It was the consensus of the Board Members to hold off and adopt it in the next few months.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board that Matthew Diehl has resigned from the Highway Department. Supervisor Peck wanted the record to show that we thank Mr. Diehl for his service.

4. Highway Supt Coffinger submitted a report. Mr. Coffinger stated that everything is going well. They are enjoying the lack of snow. This winter the highway department has decided to redo a dump box on one of our plow trucks which was extremely rusty. The cost was roughly \$4,000 vs. purchasing a new dump box which would have cost the town \$38,915.80.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Stonebridge Farm Amended PUD: There is no new information to report.

2. Update quote for the purchase of two (2) International Model CV515 4 x 2 dump trucks: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that at January's Town Board Meeting the Town Board authorized the purchase of two new trucks at a total cost of \$80,971.97 each. When HL Gage went to order, the price had already changed to \$84,971.97 each, which is an increase of \$4,000 per truck. Mike Rizzo with HL Gage reached out to the Town on January 31<sup>st</sup> that the new price was only good through February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he reached out to each Board Member looking for authorization to sign due to the Friday deadline which was prior to our Town Board Meeting. It was the consensus of the Town Board Members authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to submit a Letter of Intent to purchase two (2) International Model CV515 dump trucks with options in accordance with the current Onondaga County Bid Ref. #106-19 on Gov, proposal #9151-01 for the dollar amount of \$169,943.94.

3. Comprehensive Plan: Councilman John DeLisle received from Tracy Clotheir a list of questions for Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilman DeLisle gave each Town Board Member a copy of the questions and asked each Member to review and mark up what should be omitted, changed or remain the same.

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4. Solar Language: Supervisor Peck provided Town Board Member's with his thoughts for Solar Language. Supervisor Peck thought possibly adding "The Planning Board is granted full discretion to direct siting away from land that the Planning Board determines in their judgement, on a site-specific basis, to be superior agricultural land." Local Law #3 of 2022 extended the Moratorium on certain Solar Energy Systems until March 20, 2023.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Board of Assessment Review: Lisa Clark has resigned from the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately due to moving out of the Town of Northumberland. Stuart Baker has asked to be appointed to fill the vacancy. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to appoint Stuart Baker to fill the remaining term of Lisa Clark (term will expire 09/30/2026). Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Schuyler Park Committee: Councilman John DeLisle's term on Schuyler Park expires 05/31/2023. Councilman John DeLisle wishes to be reappointed. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to reappoint John DeLisle to the Schuyler Park Committee (term will expire 05/31/2026). Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman John DeLise – "Abstain"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"  
Councilman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"      Motion Carried

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals has been down one full time member. Mr. Paul Becker wishes to be appointed to fill that vacancy. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to appoint Paul Becker to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Term expires 02/28.2028). Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board: Lisa Black's term on the Planning Board expires 09/30/2023. Town Clerk Murphy stated she will reach out to see if she wishes to be reappointed.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 27 of 2023

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 20 - # 56 Total: \$ 1,356,886.88  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 21 - # 55 Total: \$ 46,429.96  
SS (Sewer District Voucher #1      Total: \$56.87

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Councilwoman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #27 of 2023

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #27 of 2023 Adopted

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 9:05 AM.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy

Town Clerk