

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the town of Livingston, County of Columbia, and the State of New York was held at the town hall, 119 County Route 19, Livingston, NY on the 9th day of July, 2015.

Present:

Supervisor James Guzzi

Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik

Councilperson Kelly McDonald

Councilperson William Bender

Councilperson Phil Massaro

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting with a moment of silence, and the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution # 81

Motion to approve monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilperson McDonald, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to approve the minutes of the June 11th regular town board meeting, and the June 18th special meeting.

Votes 5 Ayes

New Business

There was a discussion on the possible sale of the town owned land at Twin Lakes. The town has discontinued the bidding process on it that was currently in place in a statement read by Supervisor Guzzi. He said that the board will be deciding whether to keep it or not. Monies received, if it does get sold, would go towards updating the Rec park. The town never formally deemed it a park. The town would also be willing to look at trying to do something there if feasible. The town attorney also spoke briefly on the subject, stating that the subject was purchased in 2006 or 2007. It had been a problem spot for the town and the town wanted to do something to clean it up. There was never a town resolution making it a town park area, and no State or Federal money was ever received or utilized for such. It was cleaned up by the town. The town is not obligated to sell it and will listen to the public. The sale would be subject to a permissive referendum if the town decided to go ahead with a sale of the land. Supervisor Guzzi appointed Deputy Supervisor Yandik, and Councilperson Massaro as Park Recreation Project representatives to work with a group of interested town members on the issue. Members of the audience were then given a chance to address the board on the subject. Many came out in favor of the town keeping the land and gave their accounts of growing up and using that area, and of residents that currently use it as well. There was some comment on current

noise problems and also new weeds being introduced into the lake. A town resident, who was a former NYS employee in the Parks and Recreation Dept. spoke about parks not having to be formally recognized by resolution to be considered a town park, it can be dedicated by other means. He just asked that the process be followed correctly whichever way the town decides to proceed. There were other audience members that spoke out in favor of the sale and cited the Rec Park in Livingston and the summer program that the town provides for free of charge to town residents , and that proceeds from the sale could be used for increased funding for other Rec park programs, including ones for the senior citizens. A few people spoke of the liability to the town owning it.

Communications: None

Monthly Town Reports

The following reports were read:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$2884.58 for June

Highway- did annual OSHA training, mowed lawns, and road sides, cut shoulders, stone topped roads, did weed eating and filled holes, did work at Rec Park.

Building Dept- no report

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- report as submitted

Resolution # 82

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender to approve the monthly reports as read.

Votes 5 Ayes

Old Business

An update on the rec park was given, the roofs were painted on the buildings. There are 84 children registered for the summer program. More peat stone was put in by the slide as recommended by the inspector from the Columbia County Health Dept.

Supervisor Guzzi gave an update on the Rec Park project Scout Robby Dunn is working on for his Eagle Scout project. Scout Dunn will be meeting with the scouts next week on the project.

Supervisor Guzzi read a letter stating that Scout Jeremiah Burdick of Troop # 32 of Elizaville, was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout on July 2, 2015, and will be recognized at a court of honor on August 2, 2015.

Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Citizens Advisory- no report

Senior Council- in a initial sampling of preference for the senior gathering, it was split about 50/50 for those that supported a barbecue vs those that were for the Christmas party idea.

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as stated in Supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- There were 2 visitors this past month. The seniors group that met at the Linlithgo Reformed Church has disbanded due to declining membership and donated their photo albums to the town.

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- First victory- in the preliminary staff report, it appears eminent domain is off the table per the PSC.

New Business-continued

Judge Moore spoke before the board on a quirk in the town's dog control law, that there was no designated place for dogs to go after 6 pm. for those that have to be quarantined. He talked to the Columbia Greene Humane Society and they were willing to give dog control officer, Martin Palumbo access to their quarantine area, day or night if needed, but a contract with them is required by NYS Ag and Markets to do so. Supervisor Guzzi agreed to call Ron Perez from the CG Humane Society and make the arrangements.

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 83

Motion to pay bills

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, to pay the bills as presented.

71-79 Highway

179-209 General

Vote 5 Ayes

Public Comment

More comment on the Twin Lakes land sale issue with a town resident in favor of the town selling the land.

Resolution # 74

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to adjourn the meeting.

Votes 5 Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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