

The regular monthly 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 24th day of March, 2016.

Present:

Supervisor James Guzzi
Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik
Councilperson William Bender
Councilperson Phil Massaro

Absent: Councilperson Kelly McDonald

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag, at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution # 45

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to approve the minutes of the February monthly town board meeting.

Votes: 3 Ayes

1 Abstain-Deputy Supervisor Yandik

Communications:

Supervisor Guzzi read a letter from the Town of Taghkanic thanking the Town of Livingston Highway Dept. for their help in building Taghkanic's salt shed.

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$4038.33 for February

Highway- The final CHIPS check came in at about \$18000.

Building Dept- 10 Building permits, 0 C/O permits, and 1 Abstract C/O

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- no report

Resolution # 46

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 4 Ayes

New Business

Scout Robby Dunn of Germantown Troop 122 gave a report on the Eagle Scout Project he did for the Rec Park in the Town of Livingston, installing new signage.

The board discussed a report by the town building inspector about the number of open building permits in the town and that there are quite a few open and outstanding and the need to institute new fees to get them re-inspected and closed out.

Resolution # 47

Motion to have the building dept charge a \$50 fee for a certificate of occupancy without a re-inspection and \$75 fee for a certificate of occupancy with a re-inspection.

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender to allow the building department to charge \$50 for a CO without a re-inspection and \$75 for a CO when a re-inspection is necessary.

Votes 4 Ayes

Supervisor Guzzi announced that culvert work over County Route 19 by Lynk's Rd. will begin later in the spring. The road will be fully closed and a temporary off site detour will be in place at that time.

Committee Reports

County Environmental Management- Michael Hamilton gave a report. There will be an event on April 24th- Citizens Climate Lobby involving the towns of Livingston, Clermont and Germantown. Called "Climate-What's the Big Deal" it will be a dialogue about climate change. He asked if the Town of Livingston could help sponsor it. No money is involved with that, just in name only.

Resolution # 48

Motion for the Town of Livingston to sponsor the Climate Change Event on April 24th

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender to have the Town of Livingston as a named sponsor for the Climate Change Event to take place April 24th jointly with the towns of Clermont and Germantown.

Votes 4 Ayes

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 49

Motion to pay bills

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

24-37 Highway

49-77 General

Votes 4 Ayes

Buildings- NYS is now requiring CO detectors in commercial buildings within the state. The town will have the handyman check for ones needed within the town buildings. A new well pump had to be installed at town hall after the one there went bad. The well has been chlorinated after the repairs and a water test will be done and sent to the lab.

Citizens Advisory- no report

Senior Council- no report

Planning and zoning- the lot line adjustment law has been reviewed by the town attorney. He made changes and it is working through the process.

Ethics- no report

Highway- the dept. went over a list of items from the insurance company and was able to get a \$550 rebate.

Communications- no report

Office Support- the copier lease for the town clerk's office is up in April and the town can either buy the one they are currently leasing or go with another lease on a new machine.

Resolution # 50

Motion to lease a new copier from Hudson Valley Office Equipment for the town clerk's office

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to enter into a lease agreement with Hudson Valley Office Equipment for a new copier for the town clerk's office.

Votes 4 Ayes

Historian- Historian Joe Gatti said it has been quiet at the History Barn and that in related news, he will be retiring from the County this year and will be able to devote more time to the history barn.

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- Power Lines-no report

Twin Lakes: another meeting is scheduled for 3/31 at 6pm. Supervisor Guzzi and Councilperson Bender will be there.

The town is looking into the issue of large scale solar leases that seem to be coming to the area. The town is not sure that the way the town code is written, if it is strong enough to deal with them, and will be checking into that.

Resolution # 51

Motion to appoint Walter J Molinski, Jr. to the position of town handyman at \$30 an hour for the year 2016 till 12/31/2016

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender to appoint Walter J Molinski, Jr. to the position of town handyman at a rate of \$30 an hour for the calendar year 2016 thru 12/31/16.

Public Comment

A resident commented about the fact that there were no penalties for building without a permit and so no incentives to make people do it and that the town permit fees were on the low end of the scale compared to other towns within the county. Another resident thanked the town for posting the minutes and meeting agendas to the website in a timely manner. Also wanted to know if the town had done anything about jake brakes on town roads, and asked how much time the resident deputy spent in the town.

Resolution # 52

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, to adjourn the meeting.

Votes 4 Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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