

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 11th day of September, 2014.

Present: Supervisor James Guzzi
Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik
Councilwoman Kelly McDonald
Councilman William Bender

Absent: Councilman Phil Massaro

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting with special remarks in observance of the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, and a moment of silence. Judge Moore led the pledge to the flag and introduced his court workers.

Resolution # 120

Motion to approve monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to approve the monthly minutes as amended to change the number of Special Events for the Scotts to 15.

Votes 3 Ayes

Councilman Bender abstained

Monthly Town Reports

The following reports were read:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

Dog Control

Building Inspector

Highway-update on current projects and the supervisor reported that the town should be in good shape to buy the new truck without going into the capital reserves. Building # 3 was painted, they also did the gas shed.

Resolution # 121

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 4 Ayes

Old Business

Update on the town website design- October 1 will be a soft launch for the new town web site.

The town was awarded a grant of \$8200 from the Preserve NY grant program to conduct a cultural resource study in the town.

Resolution # 122

Motion to accept the Preserve NY grant

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Supervisor Guzzi, to accept the \$8200 grant from Preserve NY for the cultural resource study.

4 Ayes

An update was given on the meeting that was held recently with the representative from the US Postal service regarding the reduction of hours at the Livingston Post Office. It looks like the new hours may be: open from 9-1 and 3-5. No date was set for conversion to the new hours per Post Mistress Nancy Merritt.

On Wed. Sept 3rd at the regular meeting of the Planning Board, there was a special recognition for Martin Schroeder and his years of service to the town.

The board discussed the need for a new town handyman due to the resignation of the current handyman. The position was advertised and Councilman Massaro and Deputy Supervisor Yandik interviewed candidates for the position.

Resolution # 123

Motion to appoint James Molinski to town handyman position

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to appoint James Molinski, to the position of town handyman

4 Ayes

The board gave a thanks to resident and planning board member, James McFarland, for all his work in helping to get the new large zoning map for the town hall meeting room.

Supervisor Guzzi gave an update on the Bingham Mill Rd. bridge. An RFP for design work was in process at the Columbia County Public Works committee meeting. Total construction costs

are about \$750,000 to re open it. If left closed it would still need a turn around, at a cost of about \$120,000-150,000. There is some metal that could be salvaged from it that could be sold for about \$50,000 to \$70,000 to offset the cost. The turnaround would be a town expense, not county.

Residents of Livingston and Clermont interested in keeping the bridge closed were in attendance and presented the board with a petition signed by residents of the road asking for it to remain closed.

Supervisor Guzzi will ask the county to hold off for another month to allow for more information to be obtained on the bridge and he would like to have the town board members go over the information that has been presented and give him their recommendations as to how he should vote on it at the county level.

New Business

There will be a dedication on Saturday, September 20th at 2 pm at the Rec Park playground in memory of Jack Schroeder.

There is a need to have an interim lawyer to fill in for the assessor's office. Mark Greenberg's name was brought forward.

Resolution # 124

Motion to appoint Mark Greenberg as interim attorney for the assessor's office

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bender to appoint Mark Greenberg as interim attorney for the assessor's office.

Votes 4 Ayes

The board discussed utilizing the handyman to do some of the rec park repair work to offset the costs a bit.

The board discussed dog control and ways for the public to have better access to the dog control officer. Will look into having him have an extension on the town phone system where people can leave voicemail messages for him, as well as more information on the new town website. Also looking into an export from the town clerk's office to the dog control officer for him to be able to access the records when needed.

Committee Reports

Buildings- A thanks to Councilmen Bender and Massaro for all their work they did in the building repair bid process.

Citizens Advisory- nothing to report

Senior Council- sent letters to neighboring towns to remind them of the nutrition site that's available in the town.

Planning and zoning- nothing to report

Ethics- nothing to report

Highway- nothing report

Communications- nothing to report

Office Support- nothing to report

Historian-nothing to report.

Special Projects- nothing to report

Emergency Management- nothing to report

County Environmental Management Council: gave an overview of the gas pipeline expansion proposed for the NE corner of the county, working to get the town of New Lebanon to take a stand on it. Also talked about the crude oil tankers that go up and down the Hudson River and having the BOS take a stand on tighter regulations for them.

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 125

Motion to pay bills

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

95-98 Highway

248-271 General

Vote 4 Ayes

Public Comment

Question from a resident on the repair work bid and if the bid needed to be rebid if the town only accepted certain components of it and Supervisor Guzzi said they had checked with the town attorney on it and it was ok to do it the way they did.

Comments from residents in favor of the Bingham Mill bridge reopening were made as well.

Resident Charles Schneider spoke about the vault in the Linlithgo Reformed Church cemetery for revolutionary war heroes that needs repair and that a plaque was received from Congressman Chris Gibson's office for it.

An update on the Vosburgh Bridge road repair was given and it looks like it will be about another 4-5 weeks before it will be back open.

A question was raised on the land the town owns in Elizaville at North Twin Lake and if the board had thought about the town divesting itself of it as it has not worked out the way the town had planned to utilize it. The board is looking into it and will probably address the issue next year.

Resolution # 126

Motion to Enter Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bender, to enter executive session.

Votes 4 Ayes

Resolution # 127

Motion to reopen the town board meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Bender, seconded by Councilwoman McDonald to reopen the town board meeting.

4 Ayes

Resolution # 128

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Bender, seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, to adjourn the meeting.

4 Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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