

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 10th day of December, 2015.

Present:

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

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

Resolution # 110

Motion to approve monthly minutes

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson McDonald to approve the minutes of the November 12th town board meeting.

Votes 5 Ayes

Communications: none

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$2655.84 for November

Highway-no report

Building Dept- 8 Building permits, 6 C/O permits and 8 Abstract C/O's, and 4 Mobile Home permits

Dog Control- The town received a satisfactory report from the State for dog control. The chip device is in use by the dog control officer.

Assessor- no report

Resolution # 111

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

The climate change resolution brought forth by Michael Hamilton, from the County Environmental Management Council, last month, was reviewed and discussed by the board members

Resolution # 112

Motion to approve the Climate Change Resolution

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson McDonald, to approve the Climate Change Resolution (attached to these minutes)

Votes 5 Ayes

The new sign for the Rec Park that was built by Robby Dunn and the Boy Scouts for his Eagle Scout project, was presented to the public by the board in picture form on the projector.

The signs for the Town land at North Twin Lakes are finished and were shown to the public. The highway dept. will be installing them shortly. The survey on the property has also been completed.

New Business

The end of the year meeting for the town board will be 12/31/15 at 2 pm at the town hall. The organizational meeting for 2016 will be 1/14/2016 at 7 pm followed by the regular board meeting.

Reminders that the Library cookie sale is Sat, Dec. 12th from 9-noon and the senior luncheon is Dec 19th at 11:30 at the church.

The town received correspondence from the Columbia Land Conservancy looking for town support for farmland protection grants for the properties of the Hamm farm and Locust Hills Farm owned by the Fitzgerald family.

Resolution # 113

Motion to approve letters of support to the Columbia Land Conservancy for the Hamm and Fitzgerald farms for the farmland protection grants that the families are submitting.

A motion was made by Councilperson McDonald, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to approve sending letters of support from the town, for the farmland protection grants, to the Columbia Land Conservancy.

Votes 4 Ayes

Deputy Supervisor Yandik recused himself

There are openings for one member for both the Planning Board and ZBA. Applications for interested parties can be submitted to the town clerk till December 23rd.

Committee Reports

Buildings- The Rec park building was winterized

Citizens Advisory- no report

Senior Council- Pauline Czajka was added as a member

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as stated in Supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- is working on geneology with a few people

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- At least another year for the power line project as they will have to be rebid again.

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 114

Motion to pay bills

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

123-130 Highway

327-354 General

Vote 5 Ayes

Public Comment

The town is looking to get together with the Friends of Twin Lakes to go over where they are in the progress of forming their nonprofit group and a resident asked that the information once known, be published so that people can attend it.

Resolution # 115

Motion to Adjourn

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

Votes 5 Aye

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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Resolution of the Town Board
of the Town of Livingston, NY
regarding Climate Change
December 10, 2015

WHEREAS an overwhelming majority of credentialed scientists, in the United States and abroad, support the findings that climate change is happening and that human activities are a key contributor to it;

WHEREAS the U. S. National Academy of Sciences and the U. K. Royal Society have stated, “It is now more certain than ever, based on many lines of evidence, that humans are changing Earth’s climate. The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, accompanied by sea-level rise, a strong decline in Arctic sea ice, and other climate-related changes;” (<http://dels.nas.edu/resources/static-assets/exec-office-other/climate-change-full.pdf>)

WHEREAS the 2014 National Climate Assessment, reviewed extensively by the National Academy of Sciences and a Federal Advisory Committee, states that in the Northeast, “Heat waves, coastal flooding, and river flooding will pose a growing challenge to the region’s environmental, social, and economic systems... [which] will increase the vulnerability of the region’s residents, especially its most disadvantaged populations;” (<http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/regions/northeast>)

WHEREAS the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review of the U.S. Department of Defense states that the effects of climate change are “threat multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability, and social tensions – conditions that can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence;” (<http://climateandsecurity.org/2014/03/04/climate-change-and-national-security-in-the-2014-quadrennial-defense-review/>)

WHEREAS the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change has reported “Impacts from recent climate-related extremes, such as heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones, and wildfires, reveal significant vulnerability and exposure of some ecosystems and many human systems to current climate variability ... and “All aspects of food security are potentially affected by climate change, including food access, utilization, and price stability;” (https://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/images/uploads/WG2AR5_SPM_FINAL.pdf)

WHEREAS New York State “Executive Order No. 24 set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York State by 80 percent below the levels emitted in 1990 by the year 2050;” (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/80930.html>)

WHEREAS the Union of Concerned Scientists has called “for government and corporate decision makers to reduce the threat of global warming by:

- Expanding the use of renewable energy and transforming our energy system to one that is cleaner and less dependent on coal and other fossil fuels.

- Increasing vehicle fuel efficiency and supporting other solutions that reduce U. S. oil use.
- Placing limits on the amount of carbon that polluters are allowed to emit.
- Building a clean energy economy by investing in efficient energy technologies, industries, and approaches;”
(http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/global_warming_101#.VPIobUvYkpE)

WHEREAS if left unaddressed, the consequences of climate change will adversely impact all Americans, hitting the most vulnerable populations--children, the elderly, the sick and the poor—hardest, and saddling future generations with the costly burden of a damaged planet; and

WHEREAS most faith traditions recognize a moral obligation to care for the most vulnerable peoples and to be responsible stewards of the Earth;

WHEREAS global warming and resultant climate instability are broadly considered issues requiring correct and sustained actions by nations, states, and communities;

WHEREAS local, state and federal governments are incurring increasing costs to repair damage from severe climatic events, and these costs are only expected to increase and will ultimately be borne by taxpayers;

WHEREAS addressing climate change through increased energy efficiency measures and increased development of renewable energy sources could provide benefits in terms of employment and sustainable economic activity;

WHEREAS the region has experienced multiple 100 year storms in the past 10 years; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Livingston:

1) urges the County of Columbia, the State of New York, and the Congress and President of the United States of America to take prompt and effective measures to rapidly address climate change by promoting and encouraging a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and their associated infrastructure, improvement in the efficiency of energy systems, and the development and installation of renewable energy systems; and

2) stands ready to work with any level of government to achieve these goals, that will in the process create safe, sustainable jobs and provide real, clean energy solutions for generations to come.