

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 14th day of May, 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 # 62

Motion to approve monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson McDonald to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting.

Votes 5 Ayes

Communications: None

Monthly Town Reports

The following reports were read:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local share remitted to town of \$1983.08 for April

Highway- Paved and put shoulders on Maple Lane and Sparrowbush intersection with Rt 9, mowed, painted soffits and installed flag at Rec Park,, graded dirt roads, finished sweeping roads, fixed signs

Building Dept- No report

Dog Control- No report

Resolution # 63

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 5 Ayes

Old Business

There was only one bus bid for the summer program at the Rec Park. The bid was from Pat Zanchelli Inc.

Resolution # 64

Motion to award bus contract to Pat Zanchelli, Inc.

A motion to award the bus contract to Pat Zanchelli, Inc. for the Rec park summer program was made by Councilperson McDonald, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik

Votes 5 Ayes

The board discussed the Pine Tree Mobile Home Park accident from last month and the request for guard rails that was made. A letter was sent to the DOT and the Traffic Safety Board. DOT called and said it was impressed with the paperwork that was sent and that they are working on the request.

An update on the work that has been done on the Rec Park was given by Supervisor Guzzi. The electrical work was done and passed inspection. The heating system was cleaned and a new oil tank was installed. The main building has new siding and windows. There was new carpeting and fresh paint put in the modular building. New picnic tables have been placed and the grounds work is being done.

Some work that still needs to be done is installing the blinds, painting of the modular and pavilion roofs, and work on the tennis court surface which will be a 2016 project.

The Eagle Scout project for the sign and baseball backstops at the Rec Park is still in progress. He has been raising money for it.

Councilperson McDonald will be interviewing candidates for the position in the building inspectors office next week.

New Business

Desiree Webber gave a presentation on micro chipping dogs and its advantage for the town. She showed the board the device the dog control officer would use to check the dogs he finds, to see if they have been chipped. She also does clinics to chip dogs at a fee of \$11 per dog to register them, and would be willing to do one for the town. The town will look into having a clinic, possibly at the Rec Park.

Resolution # 65

Motion to purchase a micro chip scanner for \$300

A motion was made by Councilperson McDonald, seconded by Councilperson Massaro for the town to purchase a microchip scanner for animals at a price of \$300.

Votes 5 Ayes

Michael Boote received his certificate of attendance for the Grievance Board of Assessment Review training to be able to sit on the board.

Supervisor Guzzi spoke of the Government Efficiency Plan that is part of the 2015 budget and that towns need to show how they are cost saving, so that town residents can get some money back to them for the town staying under the 2% cap. The town has been doing it, but now has to show what they have been doing to save on town costs. It needs to be sent in, for town residents to receive the money. We can tag onto the county paperwork. If we do nothing, nothing will happen, other than the residents won't receive the money.

Resolution # 66

Motion to authorize the Town of Livingston to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan with the County

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender to authorize the Town of Livingston to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan with Columbia County. The resolution is attached to the minutes herein.

Votes 5 Aye

The Solar panel committee has been meeting and has drafted a law on free standing solar panels. A public hearing needs to be set up for it and it was decided that the public hearing will be June 11th at 6:45 pm.

The town was able to get a used pickup truck from the county for free. It's in good shape.

The Democrats will be caucusing on Sunday, June 7th at 1 pm at the town hall.

The Iroquois Pipeline has a \$500 grant program that could be utilized for the Rec Park. They are looking for area photos to used for their calendars, and the towns that have one selected will get the \$500 grants.

Committee Reports

Buildings- covered under Rec park update

Citizens Advisory- no report

Senior Council- asked about having a barbecue for the seniors in September at the Rec Park. Supervisor Guzzi asked Councilperson McDonald to get together with Donna Lynk, and Senior Representative Pauline Czajka to go over the details.

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as stated in Supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- A new computer was purchased for the Town Clerk's office for the Decals Program as the old computer was outdated and would not support the DEC updates.

Historian- no report. Deputy Supervisor spoke about our Historian, Mr Gatti, being on a local radio program talking about the Livingston History grant, the Livingston family and how electricity started in Livingston. It airs in June as part of a 12 part series.

County Environmental Management- The Good Earth keeping awards were voted on and Deputy Supervisor Yandik and Pam Kline of Farmers and Families for Livingston won an award. The awards will be presented June 22 at 7 pm at 401 State St Hudson.

Emergency Management- Pauline Czajka spoke about their April meeting. They reviewed local law # 1 of 2001. They reviewed the notebooks and reorganized and simplified them. The room upstairs with the emergency items that are stored in it, needs to be inventoried and items that are not needed anymore, donated to other facilities to use. None of it was purchased with town money, it was all donations. The Livingston shelter is designated as a warming shelter only and the council members felt it should stay that way. More copies of the brochures were made and are available in the lobby at town hall. The committee will be meeting periodically.

Special Projects- no report.

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 67

Motion to pay bills

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

49-59 Highway

107-143 General

Vote 5 Ayes

Public Comment

A town resident asked about the possibility of Spring Rd being blacktopped, and if any grants were available. Supervisor Guzzi said CHIPS funding is there but he was not sure where it is, on the list of roads to be done. It was also asked about County 31 and if that was going to be paved as well. The county is working on their list as well. The County is trying to get away from bonding for them. A resident asked if the highway dept. has any blacktop left over from the roads, if they could use it for the town hall parking lot that needs it.

Resolution # 68

Motion to Adjourn

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

Votes 5 Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

~~SAMPLE RESOLUTION~~

RESOLUTION #66 of 2015

TITLE: To authorize the Town/Village of TOWN OF LIVINGSTON to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan.

WHEREAS the State of New York has required each local government unit to file a Government Efficiency Plan with the New York State Division of Budget (DOB) and

WHEREAS the County is looking to be the lead governmental unit for filing the Plan, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town/Village of LIVINGSTON hereby agrees to work with the County and submit ideas for the plan which will save at least 1% of the 2014 combined tax levy amount of all participants, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town/Village of LIVINGSTON agrees to make its best effort to implement the Plan beginning in 2017 to 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town/Village Board authorize their Chief Financial Officer to certify the Government Efficiency Plan.