

A Public Hearing on proposed Local Law # 2 of 2021 amending the Livingston Zoning Law of the Town of Livingston in relation to solar energy uses was held at 6:45 pm prior to the regular town board meeting.

Supervisor Guzzi read highlights from the proposed law and then opened the floor to public comment.

Fire Chief Jahns had a question on the language of the law answered by the board, and there being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:50 pm.

Resolution # 79

Motion to close the public hearing

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to close the public hearing.

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

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 9th day of September, 2021.

Present:

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

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

Resolution # 80

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Shumsky, to approve the minutes of the August monthly town board meeting.

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: None

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$1924.25 for August

Highway- Mowed lawns and roads, replaced culverts, did ditching and storm clean up

Building Dept- 7 permits, 0 C/O, 3 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home. 0 Fire Violations, 1 Fire Inspection, 1 Alarm registration, 0 Weddings \$ 1,450.30 month-Total year to date \$35,680.41

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- no report

Resolution # 81

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

New Business

Steve Blair from the Friends of Twin Lakes Group gave an update. The park pass requirement is now done for the season, ending on Labor Day. He said the park only filled up one day and that the majority of the users were Livingston residents. He asked about the Town possibly doing a mailing next spring to get the word out and for them to think of increasing the number of non-resident passes. There were no real parking issues he said.

An update to the Rec Park building renovation work was also given. The countertop had to be re ordered as the original one was discontinued so the town is still waiting on it to be made and delivered for installation.

The Town Board discussed doing a town wide tax assessment revaluation to bring the town tax rate closer to 100 %, it is now around 75 % and the board decided to hold off on the issue till next month, to look into it further.

The Town Board put together a Cannabis Working Group to review NYS materials and case studies in regards to the Town opting "in" or "out" of Town wide Cannabis Dispensaries and/or On-site Cannabis Consumption parlors before the State imposed deadline of December 31, 2021. It was the group's recommendation that the Town of Livingston "opt out" of permitting town wide dispensaries and consumption sites at this time.

Resolution # 82

Motion to approve the Town of Livingston to opt out of Town wide Cannabis Dispensaries and/or On-site Cannabis Consumption parlors.

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to approve the Town of Livingston to opt out of Town wide Cannabis Dispensaries and/or On-site Cannabis Consumption parlors.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 83

Motion to approve the EAF with a negative declaration for Local Law # 2 of 2021

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to approve the EAF with a negative declaration for Local Law # 2 of 2021.

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no.

Resolution # 84

Motion to approve amending the Livingston Zoning Law of the Town of Livingston in relation to solar energy uses

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to approve amending the Livingston Zoning Law of the Town of Livingston in relation to solar energy uses.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi discussed that the Highway dept has one truck that is no longer usable. They found one at Romeo Chevrolet to replace it. A 2022 Chevy Silverado 3500. They would put a plow and sander on it and would not have to bond as the town has the money to purchase it.

Resolution # 85

Motion to authorize the Town of Livingston to purchase a 2022 Chevy Silverado 3500 for \$45,197.50 for the Highway Dept.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to authorize the Town of Livingston to purchase a 2022 Chevy Silverado 3500 for \$45,197.50 for the Highway Dept.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi reminded the public that resumes for both the position of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and Livingston representative to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board are due to the Town Clerk's Office by September 24th.

Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Senior Citizens Advisory Council- no report

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as per the supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- The historian has spent 32 hours in August working on painting outside areas of the History Barn, as well as gutter work and tree branches removal. He had 4 visitors for the month and he is still editing the town resident videos that had been made.

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 86

Motion to pay bills

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

67-74 Highway

198-225 General

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

A resident asked if there were any updates to the Red Wing application and Supervisor Guzzi said he had not heard anything official, and that the town had done some traffic studies and had some background information as well as being in discussions with the Towns of Clermont and Milan, who would also be affected, but nothing new to report.

Judge Weaver thanked the Highway Dept for the road markings they did in Glenco Mills and also reported that it was in September, 44 years ago, that he was appointed to the bench to fill former Judge Lockwood's position.

Resolution # 87

Motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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