

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting of the Town Board with the pledge to the flag, at 7:00 pm

Present: Supervisor James Guzzi  
Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik  
Councilperson William Bender  
Councilperson Phil Massaro  
Councilperson Fred Conte

Resolution # 62

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

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

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: paperwork from Michael Privitera regarding a noise complaint, to be discussed during the public comment period

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$9652.39 for April

Highway- Hauled in screen fill for dirt roads, had tree topper in to remove trees they could not cut on their own, started sweeping roads, removed plow frames and sanders from trucks, gave a speed sign report from CR 31, Cold Spring Rd, and Hill Rd.

Building Dept- 10 permits, 0 C/O, 5 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home, 1 Wedding, 0 Fire Violations, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Fire Alarm Registrations \$ 6203.92 month-Total for 2023 is \$ 18,700.42

Dog Control- 3 calls and a meeting with NYS Ag & Markets for annual recertification

Assessor-36.75 hours, 15 in office meetings, 4 file maintenance hours, 0 parcel transfers, 40 building permits processed, 16 phone calls/ emails, 2 exemptions, 0 file/map maintenance, 0 Splits/mergers, 40 valuations, 0 address changes, 0 escrows, 0 data corrections

Assessment change notices were sent out, the tentative assessment roll was filed for the May 1 tentative roll and available viewing hours posted as per NYS Real Property guidelines. Grievance day is set for June 1 from 4-8 pm and forms can be obtained at the office, emailed or downloaded from the Real Property website. As of May 1 date, there are 1996 parcels in the Town of Livingston. Total assessed value is \$391,281,192 of which the taxable town assessment is \$332,412,529. Exemptions totaled \$58,868,663 of which 192 ag exemptions were \$32,827,826.

#### Resolution # 63

##### Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

#### New Business

Livingston Recreation Park updates: Signups for the Rec Park children's summer program will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at the park from 10 am-1 pm. Supervisor Guzzi showed a rendering of the proposed new building addition and new shed on the screen for informational purposes.

Twin Lakes- June 15<sup>th</sup> is the start of the non-resident pass program. George Weidler discussed the stocking of North Twin Lake, the program had started a few years ago and they have stocked over 2000 trout so far. The early morning/evening Fishing-Swimming permits for non residents are still available for purchase at \$165 for the season which runs June 15<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day. Claire DesBecker also mentioned that volunteers will be assembling Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the North Twin Lake beach area to launch the floating wetland pads. All are welcome.

Supervisor Guzzi reported on the Hometowns Heroes Program being done by the American Legion Post 346, a living tribute to the service men and women from Southern Columbia County. Information and applications can be found on the town website.

Supervisor Guzzi reported on 3 new proposed local laws that would deal with exemptions on property taxes

#### Resolution # 64

Motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm for Local Laws # 1, 2 and 3 of 2023: Local Law # 1 a LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, Local Law # 2 ESTABLISHING INCOME LEVELS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION and Local Law # 3 ESTABLISHING INCOME LEVELS FOR DISABLED AND LOW INCOME REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to set a public hearing for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm for Local Laws # 1, 2 and 3 of 2023: Local Law # 1 a local law providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466-a of the real property tax law, Local Law # 2 establishing income levels for senior citizen real property tax exemption and Local Law # 3 establishing income levels for disabled and low income real property tax exemption

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi reported about information brought to his attention by the Town of Clermont Supervisor regarding an incident with a school bus and trucks following it, in the vicinity of Route 9 and Bingham Mills Rd, by the bridge, with a semi tractor trailer that could not slow down in enough time, and went off the road, to be able to avoid both the bus and other vehicles. According to resident Desiree Weber, who lives near the area and gave an accounting of what happened, there are bus stop signs up but it appears to be a dangerous area for them to stop in. Supervisor Guzzi said Clermont adopted a resolution in regards to the problem and they were going to forward the information to him so that at next month's town board meeting, it can be discussed and a plan developed between the towns, to address the problem.

#### 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- no report, responding to emails as they come in

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 65

Motion to pay bills

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

# 34-41 Highway # 98-129 General

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment- Resident Michael Privitera spoke about his neighbor, Vosburgh's Brewery, on County Route 19, and the noise that is emanating from their premises every week from loud music. It goes on every Sunday from spring till fall, he said. He has talked to them and they have done some mitigation, but nothing useful per Mr. Privitera. He has spoken to our code enforcement office in regards to the issue as well. Per Supervisor Guzzi, Councilperson Massaro will follow up with code enforcement on it.

Resident Dave Kimball, who is on the ZBA, spoke about procedurals at the meetings and that the whole picture regarding a project should be looked at, especially if there are violations, vs the way it is currently being done. Supervisor Guzzi said that the board will look into it.

Resolution # 66

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

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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