

Public Hearings on proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2023, 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, a local law establishing income levels for senior citizen real property tax exemption, and Local Law # 3, a local law establishing income levels for disabled and low income real property tax exemption, were held at 6:45 pm prior to the monthly board meeting. Supervisor Guzzi read a synopsis of each law. A letter from constituent, Joseph Schenk, who could not be present, was read into the record, supporting the increase in senior exemptions on a sliding scale and asking it to be reviewed for possible adjustments on a more frequent basis. The hearing on Local Law 1 was closed at 6:50, LL2 at 6:51 and LL3 at 6:55.

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 8th day of June, 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 # 67

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

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

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: A letter to the Town Clerk from the Town of Huntington, NY in regards to voter registration and a Voter's Identification Resolution they passed was read by the clerk.

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$7640.70 for May

Highway- Mowing lawns and roadsides, finished sweeping roads and cleaned blacktop ditches, spread gravel on Manorton Rd., Pine Wood Rd., Calendar Rd., and Hamm Rd. Fixed box culvert

on Church Rd. Had tree topper in to cut dangerous tree and cut one behind the History Barn. Waiting on town attorney to finalize paperwork with Transco for \$290,000 from them for road damage due to the power line work they did. Triform agreed to pay the town \$2500 to mill blacktop over box culvert on Bells Pond rd, with Town Board approval.

Building Dept- 7 permits, 0 C/O, 4 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home, 1 Wedding, 1 Fire Violations, 3 Fire Inspections, 2 Fire Alarm Registrations \$ 4295.79 month-Total for 2023 is \$ 22,996.21

Dog Control- no report

Assessor-26.5 hours, 9 in office meetings, 18 file maintenance hours, 8 parcel transfers, 0 building permits processed, 15 phone calls/ emails, 0 exemptions, 0 file/map maintenance, 0 Splits/mergers, 0 valuations, 0 address changes, 0 escrows, 5 data corrections

The tentative assessment roll was filed May 1st. The assessor was available 4 days to sit with the rolls per Real Property guidelines. No changes can be made till after the final roll July 1st. Grievance day is set for June 1 from 4-8 pm.

Resolution # 68

Motion to approve Triform to pay the Town of Livingston \$2500 to mill blacktop over the box culvert on Bells Pond Rd.

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to approve Triform to pay the Town of Livingston \$2500 to mill blacktop over the box culvert on Bells Pond Rd.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 69

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Conte, 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 have started and there are 70+ children signed up so far.

Twin Lakes- Steve Blair reported they are all set with the employment of attendants for the North Twin Lake public area and asked that the highway dept remove the Covid signs that had been put up during the pandemic. George Weidler reported that they have changed the donation box to a fish stocking donation box and that 225-250 fish will be going in to the lake on June 15th. The early morning/evening Fishing-Swimming permits for non residents are still

available for purchase at \$165 for the season which runs June 15th through Labor Day. Claire DesBecker reported that they launched the floating wetland pads. A look but don't touch policy is encouraged for them and testing of the lake water is planned for this summer.

Resolution # 70

Motion to appoint Stan Yarian as town representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to appoint Stan Yarian as town representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi reported that in regards to the Livingston/Clermont Route 9 bus incident issue, it is being looked into by the state and they will report back to both municipalities. Also the bids are out for the Rec Park building and due back to the town by July 15th.

A town resident made a request for pickle balls line to be drawn on the tennis courts at the Rec Park and the request is being forwarded to the Livingston Recreation Association.

Resolution # 71

Motion to adopt Local Law No. 1 of the year 2023, 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

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to adopt Local Law No. 1 of the year 2023, 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

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 72

Motion to adopt Local Law # 2, a local law establishing income levels for senior citizen real property tax exemption

A motion was made by Councilperson Conte, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to adopt Local Law # 2, a local law establishing income levels for senior citizen real property tax exemption

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 73

Motion to adopt Local Law # 3, a local law establishing income levels for disabled and low income real property tax exemption

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Conte, to adopt Local Law # 3, a local law establishing income levels for disabled and low income real property tax exemption

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 74

Motion to approve expenditures of highway monies for road repairs and improvements for the sum of \$582,033 on 6 total miles of roads commencing at White Oak rd at CR 8 and leading to.8 mile in for \$69,000, Bells Pond Rd. to the town line 1.4 miles for \$125,000 and Church Rd at CR 19 to the town line 2 miles for \$235,000

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to approve expenditures of highway monies for the above amounts and road areas. A roll call vote was taken

Votes

Supervisor Guzzi-Aye

Deputy Supervisor Yandik-Aye

Councilperson Bender-Aye

Councilperson Massaro-Aye

Councilperson Conte-Aye

Supervisor Guzzi brought up a discussion on the speed of traffic on County Route 31 in the town. Although it's a county road so the town does not have jurisdiction, they should ask the Columbia County Dept. of Public Works to look into it

Resolution # 75

Motion to request the Columbia County Dept. of Public Works committee to examine the speed limit on County Route 31 from the Route 9 Blue Stores area, to the town line on CR31 to possibly bring the speed limit down to 45 mph.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conte, seconded by Councilperson Bender to request the Columbia County Dept. of Public Works committee to examine the speed limit on County Route 31 from the Route_9 Blue Stores area, to the town line on CR31 to possibly bring the speed limit down to 45 mph.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Senior Citizens Advisory Council- Pauline Czajka reported that NYS had conducted a survey on the needs of Seniors, but that Columbia County was looking into doing one of their own. The office of the aging via Meal on wheels is providing 180 meals a day to senior residents. The American Red Cross has free smoke detectors available if you contact them, they will send one out and Columbia Opportunities has weatherization assistance money available for eligible senior citizens

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as per the supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- thanked the town for taking down the dead tree by the history barn and reported that they have some WW 2 era artifacts that are on loan

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 76

Motion to pay bills

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

42-49 Highway # 130-164 General

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment- Pauline Czajka asked about the emergency management town committee and Supervisor Guzzi reported that James Campion has taken over as head of it and has met

with the County Emergency Management liaison. Charles Schneider inquired about a town assessment reval and if one has been scheduled yet as the town equalization rate was one of the lowest in the County, and a lot of properties get missed when upgrades are done to them and not reported. Supervisor Guzzi said the town will be having the County office of Real Property go through our inventory of properties to update information as a start, and that they want to do the process correctly so that money is not spent only to have the rate slide back down shortly after a reval being done. It was asked when the Pleasantvale Rd. bridge will be ready and Supervisor Guzzi said it should be the end of 2023 into early 2024. Dave Kimball commented that neither the ZBA or Planning Board should be making recommendations to people in regards to projects, he also said that the town should have a system to amplify voices at the meetings so that people in the rear of the room can hear what is going on as well. Desiree Weber commented on a Planning Board special use permit approval that was given for a neighboring property on Bingham's Mill Rd, and issues related to that approval in that it was first denied and then the Board voted to rescind that denial and approve the project, with no notice given to the public on that vote. She and residents of the neighborhood have issues with what was done.

Resolution # 77

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 8:51 pm

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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