

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 14th day of September, 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 # 89

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

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

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Pine Plains Veterinary Association regarding them not renewing contracting with the town for holding services for seized animals for the upcoming year of 2024. She also read a letter from the NYS Association of Towns with “early bird” information on the 2024 Annual Meeting and Training School in NYC in February.

Supervisor’s Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$4,944.42 for August

Highway- Mowing lawns and road sides, did storm clean up, put shoulders on the roads that were paved, did vehicle maintenance

Building Dept- 9 permits, 0 C/O, 5 Abstract C/O’s, 0 Mobile Home, 0 Wedding, 0 Fire Violations, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Fire Alarm Registrations \$ 3,941.15 month-Total for 2023 is \$ 35,414.25

Dog Control- 8 calls for August

Assessor-20.5 hours, 5 in office meetings, 5 file maintenance hours, 13 parcel transfers, 14 building permits processed, 15 phone calls/ emails, 0 exemptions, 0 file/map maintenance, 0

Splits/mergers, 0 valuations, 10 address changes, 0 escrows, 2 data corrections, sale verifications for next year tax roll:202

Resolution # 90

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

Judge Weaver and Judge Guzzi came before the board to ask for approval of a JCAP grant for the coming year.

Resolution # 91

The Board of the Town of Livingston authorizes the Livingston Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender to authorize the Livingston Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000

The Town Clerk received the tentative budget for the year 2024.

Resolution # 92

Motion to transfer \$300,000 General Fund 9901.9 to Highway 5031 per the 2023 budget

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Conte to transfer \$300,000 General Fund 9901.9 to Highway 5031 per the 2023 budget

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 93

Motion to join with the Town of Clermont in sending a letter for a Speed Study Resolution Request/Request for Decreased speed Limit

A motion was made by Councilperson Conte, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to join with the Town of Clermont in sending a letter for a Speed Study Resolution Request/Request for Decreased speed Limit.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

The bids for the Rec Park renovation project were opened and came in higher than expected. Two bids were received- \$1,800,000 and \$1,288,900. The bid information will go back to the

engineer to make sure that everything is correct before the bids are awarded, which will be at a special meeting.

Supervisor Guzzi discussed the town equalization rate that has been dropping. Part of the process to help with raising it, is to start collecting data for any updates or corrections that need to be made on properties. The Town Board decided to use Columbia County Real Property to collect the data for a fee of \$6964 per year for the next 3 years.

Stan Yarian, representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council, thanked the board for re-appointing him. He handed out a brochure about food composting now being available at the County Transfer stations and he also spoke about wanting to see the Town move more towards a climate smart community, and gave out links to a survey as well.

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- received a few donated books on the Civil War

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 94

Motion to pay bills

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

63-67 Highway # 239-271 General

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

Fire Chief Jahns commented on the number of traffic accidents that have happened due to drug/alcohol impairment, and about the recent power outages and the time getting power restored. The new traffic light pattern at Bells Pond was discussed again, some drivers are driving through the old gas station area to avoid the light.

A resident in Twin Lakes asked about a deteriorating catch basin and would like the problem addressed. The Highway Supervisor will need to contact the County as they have the records, need to see who is responsible for the culvert, and another lake area resident asked about the town removing weeds as the beach area is getting narrower every year due to the increasing amount of the weeds. Dave Kimble brought up ongoing issues with the ZBA and Planning Board meeting procedures.

Resolution # 95

Motion to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Conte to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski, Town Clerk