

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Town Budget was held at 6:45 PM prior to the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Guzzi gave an overview of the budget, showing the inclusion of the Rec Park addition work in it and stating that there will be 5% raises for town employees and the tax rate will be 1.85 per thousand. No rate increase again this year for taxes. The public hearing was closed at 6:51 PM.

Resolution # 101

Motion to close the Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilperson Conte, seconded by Councilperson Massaro 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 November, 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 # 102

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

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

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: Supervisor Guzzi read a letter of resignation from Planning Board/ZBA secretary Eileen Yandik, announcing her retirement

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor-

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$3970.81 for October

Highway- Finished mowing lawns and road sides, put boom mower on mowing brush, patched roads, all sanders are on the trucks, cutting brush foresight distance.

Building Dept- 5 permits, 0 C/O, 2 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home, 0 Wedding, 0 Fire Violations, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Fire Alarm Registrations \$ 2508.80 month-Total for 2023 is \$ 41661.10

Dog Control- 6 calls for October

Assessor-23.25 hours, 2 in office meetings, 2 file maintenance hours, 8 parcel transfers, 48 building permits processed, 16 phone calls/ emails, 0 exemptions, 6 file/map maintenance, 5 Splits/mergers, 3 valuations, 0 address changes, 0 escrows, 0 data corrections

Resolution # 103

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 104

Motion to approve the 2024 Town Budget

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Conte, to approve the 2024 Town Budget.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

New Business

It was announced that Christmas in Livingston will be Friday December 1st beginning at 6:30 with the tree lighting at the gazebo, followed by a dessert buffet and visit from Santa at the Town Hall. The senior citizen luncheon will be Saturday, December 2nd at noon, also at the Town Hall. Reservation can be made by calling 518-851-9441 ext 311.

Resolution # 105

Motion to appoint Ken Leggett to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Conte, to appoint Ken Leggett to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review.

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 106

Motion to appoint Stan Yarian to the Columbia County Climate Smart Committee.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to appoint Stan Yarian to the Columbia County Climate Smart Committee

Votes 5 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi brought up about looking into hydro-raking as a possible weed control alternative for North Twin Lake. He also gave the news that the Rec Park construction project will be breaking ground shortly.

Jeremy Steuhl gave a brief summary of the training that was done at Columbia-Greene Community College for ZBA and Planning Board members.

There is a need for a new member of both the ZBA and Planning Board. The positions will be advertised with a submission deadline of December 8th and interviews on December 11th.

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

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 107

Motion to pay bills

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

78-82 Highway # 296-318 General

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

Fire Chief Jahns spoke about double registrations on fire alarms with the County and town and some flack he is getting from residents about it

Grace McKinney questioned the music being done at the Vosburgh Brewery and the recent approval that the planning board gave to them

Dave Kimble asked that the smart board screen be a little higher for viewing and asked if the town had looked into getting any microphones yet for the meetings as well, to be able to hear people more clearly.

Resolution # 108

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 8:09 pm

Vote 5 Ayes, 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski, Town Clerk