

A public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2025, a local law to adopt Short Term Rental regulations for the Town of Livingston was opened at 6:45 p.m.

The law was advertised in the local newspaper and on the website.

Jeremy Steuhl gave a presentation on the law. The yearly fee will be \$500. Fire Chief Jahns asked if the Fire Company will get a list of the short-term rentals that will be registered and Supervisor Guzzi said yes. There being no further questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:52 pm.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Present: Supervisor James Guzzi

Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik

Councilperson Phil Massaro

Absent: Councilperson William Bender

Councilperson Fred Conte

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

#### Resolution # 58

#### Motion to approve the March monthly minutes

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

Votes: 3 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: The Town Clerk read a thank you note from the Southern Tier Senior Citizens for the Town's donation to the group.

Also read was the Ag and Market report for dog control which was satisfactory.

#### Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$20,348.04 for March

Highway- started sweeping roads, painted wings and removed the plows from the tucks, did vehicle maintenance and sign maintenance. Also did storm clean up, and removed the children at play signs at the Rec Park as per a request by the insurance company. Started ditching on Willowbrook Rd.

Building Dept- 3 permits, 0 C/O, 5 Abstract C/O's, 1 Mobile Home. 0 Fire Violations, 6 Fire Inspections, 0 wedding \$ 1903.00 month-Total for 2025- \$ 5529.25

Dog Control- no report

Assessor-43 hours, 18 in office meetings, 7 parcel transfers, 0 building permits processed, 30 phone calls/ emails, 250 exemptions, 6 file/map maintenance, 0 Splits/mergers, 0 valuations, 0 address changes, 0 escrows, 185 recollection project parcel reviews.

Exemption renewals continue to be processed. Change of assessment notices for increases will be sent out in April.

#### Resolution # 59

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

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

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

#### New Business

#### Resolution # 60

##### Motion to approve Local Law #3 of 2025, a local law to adopt Short Term Rental regulations for the Town of Livingston

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to approve Local Law #3 of 2025, a local law to adopt Short Term Rental regulations for the Town of Livingston

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

#### Resolution # 61

##### Motion to appoint Jeremy Steuhl as a town building inspector and the building department office manager

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to appoint Jeremy Steuhl as a town building inspector and the building dept. office manager.

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

#### Resolution # 62

##### Motion to approve Colarusso and Sons to blacktop the Rec Park around the building and the handicap area, and the two parking lots for a total price of \$87,750.

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to approve Colarusso and Sons to blacktop the Rec Park around the building and the handicap area, and the two parking lots for a total price of \$87,750.

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

#### Resolution # 63

Motion to approve section 284 of Highway Law in relation to the CHIPS program for the Highway Dept in the amount of \$ 135,000 for 1.1 miles of town highways commencing Church Rd by Willowbrook Rd leading to State Route 82 and Platner St- Rt 82 to Town Line

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, to approve section 284 of Highway Law in relation to the CHIPS program for the Highway Dept in the amount of \$ 135,000 for 1.1 miles of town highways commencing Church Rd by Willowbrook Rd leading to State Route 82 and Platner St- Rt 82 to Town Line.

Supervisor Guzzi-Aye

Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik-Aye

Councilperson Phil Massaro-Aye

#### Resolution # 64

Motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm at Town Hall, prior to the regular town board meeting for Local Law #4 of 2025, a local law to amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Livingston in relation to accessory structures.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, , seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to set a public hearing for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm at Town Hall, prior to the regular town board meeting for Local Law #4 of 2025, a local law to amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Livingston in relation to accessory structures.

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

The open positions for alternate on the ZBA and Planning Board will be re advertised with resumes due to the Town Clerk by end of business May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Also advertised will be the position of ZBA secretary that is open, and those will be due May 6<sup>th</sup> 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- no report

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 Bender, to pay the bills as presented.

# 19-25 Highway # 73-105 General

Vote 3 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

Supervisor Guzzi opened comment on the new no swimming policy at the North Twin Lakes by giving a history of the purchase of the area, and the clean up the town did to it. It was originally going to be a green space. The town had looked into a swim program and was told all the requirements it would need and the town did not have the money for it. As they knew there would be swimming concerns, the health dept. said to put up swim at your own risk signs and it had been operating that way about 16 years or so. The park grew, then Covid hit and it began drawing too many people. The town put together the pass program to alleviate the problems. Then just recently the town received a letter from the health dept, where they called it a "bathing beach" and said swimming could not be allowed anymore unless the area was brought up to NYS code with life guards, buoys and other regulations needed, otherwise, no swimming signs would need to be posted. The town is not shutting down the park, you can still access it for boating, fishing and picnicking. The next step is to contact an engineer to see about a feasibility study and the initial cost. Deputy Supervisor Yandik, talked about grants that may be available to help with this and other aspects of improvements. The Supervisor spoke with the health dept and the town attorney to see if anything else could be done, but there's no getting

around the law. Members of the audience spoke out about how the nee pass system had quieted the area down and there was much positive feedback from people about the area. A question was raised about if dogs were allowed, and the answer was not on the beach or water areas. It was also asked if it could be kept the way it is, and that will not be allowed per the town. A resident raised the question about if they could consider it an unimproved shoreline which by NYS law you are allowed to go in the water, but per the town attorney, that area does not fall under that category. There is not a problem with the water quality in that area, the notice by the Health Dept. was triggered by the popularity of the area with it being out there on the internet, on the town website, and the additional word of mouth it has generated. Refunds are being offered to any non-resident pass holder who wished to received one. The majority of those in attendance at the meeting in the audience would prefer to keep it the way it is, rather than have it upgraded to a full beach area with lifeguards and such. There will till be attendants there this season to check passes for those that want to go there but there will not be police patrols checking on swimming. At this time there were 351 resident passes given out, and 125 non-resident passes that had been purchased for this year. In closing the discussion, Supervisor Guzzi said that he is looking into the cost of a feasibility study and he would like to know what the public really would prefer be done with the area.

#### Resolution # 66

#### Motion to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to adjourn the meeting.

Vote 3 Ayes, 0 No

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski,

Town Clerk

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