

A regular 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 August, 2014.

Present: Supervisor James Guzzi
Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik
Councilman Phil Massaro
Councilwoman Kelly McDonald

Absent: Councilman William Bender

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting with a moment of silence, and the pledge to the flag at 7:00 PM.

Resolution # 108

Motion to approve monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Massaro to approve the monthly minutes.

Votes 4 Ayes

Monthly Town Reports

The following reports were read:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

Dog Control

Building Inspector

Highway-update on current projects

Resolution # 109

Motion to approve Highway Dept. painting of Bldg # 3

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilman Massaro, to authorize the town highway dept. to paint building # 3

4 Ayes

Resolution # 110

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

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

Votes 4 Ayes

Resolution # 102

Motion to issue a negative SEQR declaration

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilman Massaro to issue a negative SEQR declaration for local law # 4

4 Ayes

Old Business

Update on the town website design- Looks like a late September/early October launch for the new town web site.

Jim McFarland gave an update on the new zoning map that is being done by Pro Printers. Mr. McFarland met with Supervisor Guzzi and Deputy Supervisor Yandik to go over the project. It will be approx. \$250 for the map and framing. A pdf of it will also be put on the website when it's completed.

Resolution # 111

Motion to approve the printing and framing of the zoning map

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik and seconded by Councilwoman McDonald to authorize Mr. McFarland to proceed with the printing, laminating and framing of the new zoning map.

4 Ayes

New Business

Discussed Mr. Al Scott and his request to have a refund given for the weddings he has paid for but will not be doing at his wedding venue site. He had paid for 22 up front but said he was only going to be having 16.

Resolution # 105

Motion to refund Mr. Scott for the fees paid for the unused wedding dates

A motion was made by Councilman Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to return the unused portion of the fees paid by Mr. Scott, to him

Votes 3 Ayes,

1 Nay-Councilman McDonald

The board will be sending the following letter on town letterhead to all wedding vendors to clarify the town policy on its commercial event fees:

“The Town Board would like to clarify its policy on commercial event fees in response to concerns expressed by some applicants during the 2014 season.

Some applicants have requested that the town refund event permit fees for unused events below the maximum number that they applied for, received approval for, and ultimately paid for at the beginning of their application.

The town will honor this request this season, but only this season. Beginning in 2015, applicants may pay for events as needed and when needed, up to the maximum number of events for which they are approved, but once an event fee is paid and issued, no refund will be given for cancelled events or other unplanned circumstances.

Sincerely,

The Town Board”

Discussed the possibility of the Livingston Post Office having its hours reduced due to the post office losing money and the USPS reducing hours and closing post offices around the country to reduce costs. They are proposing reducing the hours at Livingston to 6 hours a day. There will be a meeting on August 25th at 2 pm with a representative from the Westchester District. The town hall will be used to accommodate the expected crowd of people.

Announced that the town equalization rate for next year was set at 93% which is up 3 points

Discussed that the current town handyman-Tim Howard, has decided to move on from the position. The town will advertise for a new handyman.

Upcoming town events: the town tree lighting will be Friday, Dec. 5th this year. There will be a soup/supper at the Linlithgo Reformed Church on Church rd as well. A senior citizen luncheon will be held on Sat. Dec. 6th.

An update was given on the town recreation program which was ending on Fri, Aug. 15th. The program went well and the children enjoyed many fun events and field trips.

Discussed the bids for the work on the town hall/history barn/rec park. Only one bid was received. It was decided that the town would extend the bidding till Sept. 2nd at 3pm with a

special meeting on Sept. 4th at 7 pm to open the bids. The bid received was not opened and will be held to be opened along with any other bids that come in.

Resolution # 113

Motion to extend the bidding on the building repair work and have a special meeting on Sept. 4th at 7 pm to open bids

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik to extend the bidding on the repair work projects till Sept. 3rd at 3 pm. and to hold a special meeting on Sept. 4th at 7 pm to open the bids

4 Ayes

Committee Reports

Buildings-nothing to report

Citizens Advisory- nothing to report

Senior Council-more residents are needed to participate at the nutrition site lunches

Planning and zoning- nothing to report

Ethics- No report

Highway- No report

Communications- Nothing to report

Office Support- the newly hired computer technology person is working out well

Historian- no report.

Special Projects- No report

County Environmental Management Council: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 114

Motion to pay bills

A motion was made by Councilman Massaro, seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, to pay the bills as presented.

84-94 Highway

213-247 General

Vote 4 Ayes

An update was given on the Vosburgh Bridge repair work. It is expected to take another 60-80 days to complete.

Resident Gerald Couse asked the board for an executive session to discuss some town matters with the board. The board declined his request to enter the executive session.

Public Comment

Supervisor Guzzi gave an update on the Bingham Mills bridge work. There was a meeting today at the county level to determine what's the best repair route to take. They are not looking to make it wider.

Resident Gerald Couse took the floor with prepared remarks, concerned about the perceived conflict of interest with the current CEO/Building Inspector James Trapp also working for Crawford and Associates Engineering firm. He stated that there is a representative who works for the state who can provide help for the CEO/building inspector at no charge to the town. A question was brought up as to whether the CEO/building inspector is allowed to go on private property without permission, to check on possible violations. Mr. Trapp was going to check into it and find out.

Resolution # 115

Motion to Enter Executive Session

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Supervisor Guzzi, to enter executive session.

Votes 4 Ayes

Resolution # 116

Motion to reopen the town board meeting

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilwoman McDonald to reopen the town board meeting.

4 Ayes

Resolution # 117

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilwoman McDonald, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, to adjourn the meeting.

4 Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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