

A Public Hearing on the 2020 Town Budget was held at 6:45 PM prior to the regular town board meeting

Supervisor Guzzi opened the public hearing with a brief commentary on the budget. Taxes will be holding steady at approx. \$1.88 per thousand. There will be a 2% cost of living raise for employees. A new loader is being budgeted for. He then opened the hearing to public comment.

Michael Boote commented on the fees for special events and if the amount charged for the special events wedding fees should be increased.

Mary Kimball asked if there is a contingency amount in the budget for defending lawsuits and wanted to know why the retirement section went up. There is no contingency section and retirement went up due to one employee catching up with their retirement funds.

The public hearing was closed at 6:58 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

Present:

Supervisor James Guzzi

Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik- entered the meeting at 7:11 pm

Councilperson William Bender

Councilperson Phil Massaro

Absent: Councilperson Thomas Shumsky

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

Resolution # 108

Motion to approve the October monthly minutes

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

Votes: 3 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: none

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$2982.3 for October

Highway- Hauled millings off Rt 9G, screened millings with county screener, spread millings on Schuderhook hill dirt section, also ditched that area and replaced culvert, finished ditching Oak Hill Rd, serviced trucks and dressed them for winter, calibrated 2 trucks with computerized sanders on getting GPS working so they can print off how much is used on every road

Building Dept- 10 building permits, 0 C/O, 4 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home. 0 Fire Inspections. 0 Wedding, 1 Fire Violation, 0 Alarm Registrations

Total for the month: \$2397.00 Year to Date: \$ 34,786.76

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- 28 hours with 11 parcel transfers, 10 building permits processed and 8 phone calls. He is currently preparing to send out exemption renewal forms, 1 property received a change in assessment

#### Resolution # 109

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

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

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

#### New Business:

Christmas in Livingston will be held on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> this year. A soup supper with free will donations will be at 5:30 at the Linlithgo Reformed Church on Church rd, with the tree lighting at the gazebo in town at 6:30 followed by a children's party with Santa and dessert buffet at the Town Hall. All residents are welcome.

The Senior Luncheon will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Linlithgo Reformed Church on Church rd.

The new carpeting was installed in the meeting room.

The Rec Park playground equipment should be installed the week before Thanksgiving.

A Veteran's Day celebration with American Legion Post # 346 was held at the gazebo in town on Veteran's Day

The Town Board received and accepted a letter from Town Planning board member James McFarland, who is resigning December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Martin Nayowith, the current alternate Planning Board member will be moved up to a full seat on the board. The Town Board will be

accepting applications for the alternate planning board seat. All resumes need to be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Resolution # 110

Motion to approve the 2020 Town Budget

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to approve the Town of Livingston Town budget for the year 2020

Votes: 3 Ayes, 0 No

Resolution # 111

Motion to nominate Stan Yarin to be re appointed as representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council to serve the remainder of an unexpired 2 year term

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to nominate Stan Yarin to be re appointed as representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council to serve the remainder of an unexpired 2 year term.

Votes: 3 Ayes, 0 No

Mr. Yarin gave the Town Board an article he was associated with the was in the Register Star dealing with road salt issues.

Old Business:

An update was given on the Twin Lakes Park area, it is in good shape and the DEC biologist that was there in the summer to take samples said the lake is good to be able to introduce new species into it.

The board discussed the 209U hazardous materials form and enforcement of it by businesses that are required to submit it. A meeting between the board members, the town code enforcement officer and the fire chief will be set up to see what improvements can be made to getting them returned.

.Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Citizens Advisory- no report

Senior 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- they are going through and organizing files. Mid-Hudson Cablevision ran a line from the Town Hall to the History Barn for better Internet access for them.

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- the committee gave the Town Clerk information on the Safe at Home Program to add to the town website. They have a few new committee members

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 112

Motion to pay bills

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

# 100-108 Highway

#294-319 General

Vote 4 Ayes, 0 No

Resolution # 113

Motion to approve the 2020 contract with the Columbia Green Humane Society for dog control

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to approve the 2020 contract with the Columbia Green Humane Society for dog control.

Vote 4 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

Resident Carole Clark spoke of her concerns with Planning Board meetings and had gone to the Dept. of State for clarifications on meetings. She felt the public was denied their right to hear the process of the decision making on the Global Partners vote as there was no discussion amongst the board prior to voting.

Michael Boote spoke on the odors coming from the hemp farm on Rt 9

Resolution # 114

Motion to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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