

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

Compiled by Dave Siegel; Secretary Lagrange Democratic Committee

Date: July 3, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

IN ATTENDANCE

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Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (6/19/2024) were approved and accepted by all.

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- Letter of Resignation from Margaret Montuori, Deputy Tax Collector, effective 7/31/2024 was accepted with regrets.
- Letter of Resignation from Sharon Beale, Deputy Town Clerk, effective 7/30/2024 was accepted.
- Receiver of Taxes appointment of Sharon Beale as Deputy Tax Collector, effective 7/31/2024 was accepted.
- Receiver of Taxes requests the Town Board to set the salary for the Deputy Tax Collector, Sharon Beale as her current salary to be reviewed again in the next budget cycle. - Accepted
- Town Board to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with JP McHale Pest Management- This will be a new agreement with no monthly fee, just on an ongoing as need basis. - Accepted
- Maung Htoo, Chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) requests Town Board approval to attend the NYS Association of Conservation Commission (NYSACC) Conference on the Environment via Zoom on 9/18/2024. Cost not to exceed \$80.00. - Accepted

- Rolling Meadows Conditional Phasing Approval: The Planning Board referred this to the Town Board for their comments. It was accepted with the hope that this will be the final phase of this project.
- Town Hall Cleaning Contract, The Town Board is evaluating the contract which is from a company the Comptroller recommends who is about half the price of the current vendor. The current feeling is even though the current vendor is doing an excellent job they should try this new vendor with a 30 day "out" clause if they don't like them. - Accepted

Town Board Comments

Councilman Rabasco mentioned the death of a man at the Feller Road Trailer Park. He said these parks are now owned by conglomerates that run them like "slum lords". Bad storms are knocking down trees that are unsafe to begin with. He suggests that the Town look into whether they have the authority to make the owners remove dangerous or potentially dangerous trees. Councilman Ryan disagrees with this approach. Mr. Rabasco is also looking into how the town can get Stringham Parks parking lot fixed expediently but without high cost.

Councilman Ryan is looking into the issue with Town Hall's vestibule which needs new glass. It looks like Standard Glass will get that bid.

Town Attorney

Town Attorney Valk is completing work on a proposal for the Town Code on "The keeping of chickens". Right now, there is nothing in the Town Code on this. In NYS, that means you CAN'T keep chickens in your yard. She is working on putting regulations in, such as: Minimum lot size 1 acre; 6 chickens per acre; in a non-farming situation not more than 18, etc. Board is reviewing her proposals.

Public Comments

Jody Klevit the Receiver of Taxes asked if Standard Glass is coming to work on the vestibule, could they not also fix the windows that the Receiver of Taxes and Town Clerk use, as they are broken and need repair.

David Mashiah questioned why he and others can't get certain items on the meeting agenda. That citizens have a right to assemble and petition per the NYS Constitution. The Supervisor made it clear that he decides the agenda and has the full authority to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.