

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

Compiled by Dave Siegel; Secretary Lagrange Democratic Committee

Date: November 6, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

14 In attendance

Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last 2 Town Board meetings (10/2/2024) and (10/26/2024) were accepted.
- Public Hearing – Extension of Town Center Lighting District – Resolution of Adoption was accepted. This provides the lighting district be extended up to the new Dunkin Donuts on Route 55 just east of Arlington High School.
- Public Hearing – Re-levy for Water/Sewer/Property Maintenance/Fire Inspection Fees/Tenants of Special Districts Benefit Unit Assessments – Resolution to Accept the final Re-levy list and direct its submission to Dutchess County Real Property Tax for collection on the 2025 tax bills. This was accepted.
 - *Note: A re-levy is when unpaid bills are added to a property owner's tax bill. This can happen if the bills are not paid by the due date and are considered delinquent. The re-levied amount is usually added to the general city property tax and is subject to the same penalties as unpaid City/Town taxes. A list of 358 properties was handed out whose bills were either unpaid or unpaid in full.*
- Public Hearing – 2025 Town Preliminary Budget
 - The Budget is set for \$8.1M which is the total tax levy of the approximately 16,000 residents of the Town of Lagrange. This was accepted
- Parks and Recreation Director request for the Town Board to approve to make appointment of Senior Groundskeeper from an employee who is currently a Groundskeeper - Accepted

- Parks and Recreation Director request for the Town Board to approve to make appointment of Senior Groundskeeper from an additional employee who is currently a Groundskeeper as this employee has different responsibilities from the other Senior Groundskeeper, namely equipment maintenance and repair- Accepted
- Parks and Recreation Director presented to the Town Board a plan to have AED's available on the Town's parks: Freedom; Stringham; Overlook; Lagrange. Currently all Town Camps and Sports are required to have AED's. When people use the parks when these activities are not going on there is no way to access an AED.
 - New plan would provide for AED's protected in a weatherproof box mounted in the park.
 - Requirement would be that 911 would need to be called and they would give access code to the person needing the AED.
 - Parks and Rec would purchase identical AED's to what the Fire Department uses so they can be supported.
 - These could be paid for by using "League Fees."

-Town Board asked for a formal proposal to proceed.

- Resolution: Town Board accepted the 2023 Annual Town Audit.
- Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia requests the Town Board approval to attend the 2025 Annual Association of Towns Meeting and Training School, February 16-19, 2025. Cost not to exceed \$2,253.92. This is annual training. Accepted.
- Town Board to consider Lagrange Fire District Co, #1 request for a waiver of fees (\$500.00) for a building permit application for Grid No. 6561-04-796099 – Renovations to the Fire House – Accepted.
- Town Board to consider approval of filming permit application and fee waiver from 6 Degrees Production – This is a non-Profit film about the dangers of Alcoholism and Drug use. Accepted.
- Shir Chadash request Town Board authorize the use of a DC Sheriff Deputy on December 6th, 2025 from 6:30-10:00 PM. – Approved
- Budget Transfers – Accepted
- Budget Amendments – Accepted
- Presentation – Lake Ridge Subdivision: Developers, Lake Properties a NYC based developer who have been in business for 30 years, are proposing a 55+ Rental Community on McGee Road across from the ballfield. 10-12 buildings, 2 stories and a clubhouse. This parcel was previously zoned for a subdivision so the zoning would probably need to change. Due to the current moratorium this will need to be added to the projects that will be looked into to see if rezoning is appropriate.

Town Board Comments – No comments

Town Attorney – Verified that \$8.1 Million dollars is the Town's Tax Levy.

Public Comments

David Mashiah criticized the Cell Phone requirement for the proposed AED plan. He also asked why the yearly audits all look and read the same. Supervisor Bell said it's a boilerplate form and only the numbers change yearly.

The Fire Chief gave info on additional financial resources that may be available to help with the AED costs. He also thanked the board for waiving the Building Permit Application fee.

Town Board Executive Session: The Board retired to Executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss various HR matters. That concluded the public part of the meeting.

