

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

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Date: June 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (5/21/2025) were approved and accepted.
- The Town Board accepted the monthly revenue reports for December as follows:

• Building & Zoning	\$31,686.00
• Public Works	\$0.00
• Planning	\$Pending
• Highway Dept.	\$Pending
• Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia	\$Pending
• Justice O'Hare	\$16,031.00
• Recreation	\$42,559.94
• Town Clerk	\$Pending
- Correspondence - None
- Amend Chapter 240 (Zoning) of the Town Code Relating to Bulk and Street Standards Applicable within the Town Center Business (TCB) and Town Center Residential Zoning Districts
 - The zoning for setbacks and Building size (Height, Width, Length) differs for these districts than what is in the Town Code. Amending this would allow the Planning Board to have the latitude to allow this or not.
 - Resolution of Introduction; Set Public Hearing for July 2, 2025. – Accepted
- Amend the Town Code Effective Period for Variances [Section 240-93 (G)] and Local Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourse and Water Body Permits [Section 124-14] issued for projects and construction activities that also require site plan approval.

- Today each one of the above has their own approval time lines. This would provide a way to combine so all approvals can happen at once, so the builders, contractors, etc. don't have to keep coming back for approvals.
- Resolution of Introduction; Set Public Hearing for July 2, 2025 – Accepted
- Town Board to approve the execution of an Official Undertaking for:
 - Frances Vaccaro, Deputy Town Clerk – Accepted
- Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia request Town Board approval to attend the 2025 NYS Office of Court Administration Summer Training Conference, July 14-17, 2025 at SUNY Potsdam. The total cost for attendance is not to exceed \$890.95 – Accepted
- Director of Parks & Recreation requests Town Board approval od the use of LPI (Local Public Improvement) funds for playground equipment replacement at Stringham Park. – The equipment is broken and can't be repaired. Getting an exact replacement. -Accepted
- Director of Parks & Recreation requests Town Board approval of Donation (surplus) of infield Groomer to Cairo-Durham Little League. – Machine was 7 years old and broke down and was replaced. This would just be giving it to another municipality and see if they can fix it and should they be able to, they can keep it. – Accepted
- Receiver of Taxes request Town Board consideration of Safety Measures – Joedy Kievit, is reiterating her stance from a previous Town Board meeting that the area she works in is unsafe for handling large amounts of cash. She cited:

- Too much foot traffic
- Criminals lurking who are brought in by the Police or showing up for court
- Maintenance workers who have direct access
- Broken main window (for 3 years)

She also said she goes to the bank to make deposits frequently with extremely large quantities of cash (over a million dollars or more) and is never provided security of any kind. She then gave a list of Security measures provided other departments in the Town. Then she pointed out that she is only insured up to \$1,000,000,000 and if she is robbed, she is responsible. She then asked the board to pay for the 18 Hour Concealed Carry Course so she could have a gun. This was denied.

Council Persons Ryan and Condon do believe there are Security issues. Council Persons Rabasco and Robin do not. There was agreement to look into this a little more.

Town Board Comments – Some initial comments on a Short-Term Rental addition to Town Code.

Supervisor Bell asked the Board to consider the following:

- **Must you be a resident of the Town to operate one?**
- **Should the owner live on-site?**
- **If the owner is not a resident, must they have a surrogate who lives locally and is available 24x7?**

Town Attorney – Attorney Valk addressed the insurance issue that The Receiver of Taxes brought up earlier. She said she is not responsible if she is robbed and is indemnified by the Town.

Town Board Discussion

The Director of Parks & Recreation put forward the need for A Public Access Defibrillator Program since the Town had AED's at Freedom Park and Town Hall. We need to have a written policy which includes Training and Maintenance. – Board Approved moving ahead with this.

The Town received 3 quotes from Engineering groups to re-open and re-evaluate the Comprehensive Plan. The town needs to figure out how they want to proceed. They need a leader to work with whomever they choose. The decision is whether this should be the Town Board (which is partially "Lame-Duck" or a newly appointed board. They will discuss further.

Public Comments

Sandi Washburn said that the Parks & Rec offices are way to small and if the town is considering doing something for the Receiver of Taxes don't forget they need some space as well.

David Mashiah said the Town should help the Receiver of Taxes feel more secure.

Meeting was adjourned 8:25 PM.

