

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

Compiled by Dave Siegel – Secretary LaGrange Democratic Committee

Date: July 16, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

Attorney Valk was absent.

Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (7/2/2025) were approved and accepted with amendments regarding voting records of Councilpersons Rabasco and Robin.
- The Town Board accepted the monthly revenue reports for December as follows:

• Building & Zoning	\$35,025.00
• Public Works	\$Pending
• Planning	\$Pending
• Highway Dept.	\$1,800.00
• Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia	\$14,189.00
• Justice O'Hare	\$12,585.00
• Recreation	\$14,890.94
• Town Clerk	\$Pending
- Correspondence – Retirement letter from Brian Aldrich of the Highway Department – Accepted with Regrets.
- Pro-Housing Communities Pledge – This is a resolution from the State of New York that all towns need to adopt if they would like to be considered for Infrastructure Grants. It does not commit the town to anything and it is consistent with existing Town Code. A link to this is here→<https://hcr.ny.gov/phc>
 - Resolution of Adoption - Accepted

- Manchester Sewer District – Town Board to consider amended “Exhibit K” for Manchester Sewer District including Phosphorous Removal and Sludge Aeration – The DEC is waiting for our decision on how we will handle this. This can be added to the current scope of our Engineers CPL as Supervisor Bell and Councilpersons Condon and Ryan want, or this piece can go out to bid as Councilpersons Rabasco and Robin want. Town Board voted to add to CPL agreement.
- Planning Board requests Town Board recommendation for re-approval of final subdivision for Rolling Meadows Subdivision – This renewal is for 90 days to get the final approvals needed completed. The Town Board found no objection to the Planning Board giving this extension.
- Assessor requests Town Board authorization to attend the New York State Assessors Association (NYSAA) October 6-9, 2025. The cost is not to exceed \$1,149.14 -Accepted
- Town Board to consider amending the conservation easement on Vista Ridge parcel #133400-6461-03-035122 (79 Victor Drive). In the Town of LaGrange all subdivisions must have some “Open Space”. In Vista Ridge (off Cramer Rd.) the open spaces are on each parcel so there is a conservation easement on everyone’s yard. The homeowner on this parcel built his swimming pool a little to close the easement and now can’t sell his home. Turns out there are 2 more homeowners who have done the exact same thing. The town wants to handle all 3 at the same time. They need to be re-surveyed and then attorneys from both sides can work to see what can be done (at the homeowner’s expense).
- Director of Parks & Recreation requests Town Board to consider a Fee Waiver for the LaGrange Soccer Club’s use of Stringham Park for the Cup Soccer Tournament on August 30-31, 2025. This is an annual event - Accepted
- Town Justices request to hire a part-time clerk as an Intern for a period of 6 weeks at a rate of \$10/hr. - Accepted

Town Board Discussion

Councilperson Kelly Robin addressed the Board. She had a constituent call her earlier in the day asking why “the person” who is illegally selling water commercially (and has been for a few years) not been dealt with from a legal standpoint? At which point Councilperson Richard Ryan said “we are working on it”. Supervisor Bell said a violation has been issued which set a 62- day period in motion so the offender can prepare a response. The 62- day period has passed and a “Ticket” has been issued. He said a “Stop Work Order” has been sent but Ryan said he never received one. The matter will now go to Municipal Court. Supervisor Bell said he believes our Town Justices will recuse themselves and it will be litigated in another Town.

Councilperson Rabasco asked if the Town has 2 contracts with Cable companies and Supervisor Bell said yes that we must have them so they can operate in our Town. Rabasco then asked why we don’t broadcast these (Town Board meetings)? Bell said in all the years he has been doing this no one has ever asked for that. He also thought the price tag to do it would be high. Rabasco volunteered to look into it and come back with more info saying just about every town in Dutchess is doing this and we should too.

Public Comments None.

Meeting was adjourned 7:40 PM.

