

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

Compiled by Dave Siegel, Secretary LaGrange Democratic Committee

Date: July 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (6/18/2025) were approved and accepted with a notation that it needs updating re: Voting by Susan Condon
- Correspondence – None
- Public Hearings
 - Amend the Zoning code 240.100 and 103 "Amendments"
 - Resolution of Adoption – This is tweaking the verbiage of the code on how the "Procedure to amend the Zoning Code" is written - Accepted
 - 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 (TCR) Zoning Districts
 - This relates to the size of the buildings in terms of length within the Town Center. Originally the buildings were to be narrower and these will be a little wider. This will also affect sidewalks in the Town Center.
 - Chris Rafaelli former Planning Board Chair came out in favor of these changes and for the Town Center in general. He pointed out that all of the studies were done and the project should be green lighted to start.
 - Joe Luna a citizen of LaGrange echoed Rafaelli and said impacts of traffic can be dealt with by having the High School and Middle School let the students out at different times. (**NOTE:** This is a MUCH more complicated issue than he understands. Once you start playing with Day Start times and end times that all has to be bargained with the Unions. In addition, LMS busses as I understand it currently do not empty out onto Rt. 55. The High School has 80 Buses, Student Drivers & Employees this is the main issue.)
 - Councilperson Rabasco commented that the exterior of the buildings whatever the dimension need have the same materials used and this is not called for currently. He believes this should be part of the Town Center Code.

- Finally, the Town received some direction from the County on ADA for sidewalks and other street standards. Supervisor Bell said that this was basically boilerplate stuff and the work the Town has done is more thorough and accurate.
 - i. FEA Part 2 & 3 (Full Environmental Assessment)
 - ii. Resolution of Adoption - 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.
 - All of these activities have different time lines. This would allow developers who are doing projects to apply for all of the variances they need at one time and manage them all together simultaneously and get approvals all at once. It would simplify the process for them and for the Town.
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 - ii. Resolution of Adoption - Accepted
- Director of Parks & Recreation requests Town Board approval of a contract with Cinnamon Tree. Cinnamon Tree changed owners so a new contract was needed. - Accepted

Town Board Comments – Supervisor Bell said that one of the two Building Department employees who resigned a few weeks ago has asked to come back. She was countered before she left and she would like to take the counter offer. This is full time at a rate of \$31.76 (15% raise). There are no candidates to replace her and they need the help, so they moved to accept this. Councilpersons Rabasco and Robin said this “sets a bad precedent”.

Councilperson Rabasco again put forth the idea of re-enacting the Moratorium on Apartments in the Hamlets. He said we need a moratorium on Multi-story Residential Mixed-Use buildings until the new Board is in place. Councilpersons Condon and Ryan who has initially voted for that, have changed their minds and no longer agree. Neither does Supervisor Bell.

Town Attorney – None.

Public Comments - None.

Meeting was adjourned 7:40 PM.

