

# LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

## MEETING REPORT

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Date: August 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

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### Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (7/16/2025) were approved and accepted.
- Correspondence – None
- Amend Town Code 233-22 "Connection With Mains"- When a homeowner has an issue with their water main (town water), if the problem is with the connection to the water main or the valve it is the responsibility of the town. If the issue is anywhere else it is the responsibility of the homeowner. In instances where the town is called out to determine the cause, even if it is the homeowner's responsibility, the town does not want to leave the scene without resolving. When this happens, the town will pay the cost of repair. After, they will then bill back the homeowner the cost of the repair. This will now be explicitly written into the Town Code.
  - i. Resolution of Introduction; Set Public Hearing for September 17, 2025- Accepted
- Resolution: Approving First Amendment to Conservation Easement- Vista Ridge Subdivision – 79
  - This is from the meeting on 7/16/2025 where 3 neighbors in Vista Ridge all have violated the easement on their property. One neighbor (79) wants to sell so they need an amendment to the easement. The Town wanted to handle all 3 simultaneously but the other neighbors are not interested now. One neighbor will move forward and lawyers from them and the town have already begun the process. The Town Board has no issues with this, but it requires Planning Board approval. The homeowner is incurring all costs associated with this.
- Resolution: Retention of Legal Counsel – The Board voted 4-0 (Richard Ryan recused himself) to retain Legal Counsel in their case against Ryan and his illegally selling commercial water from his Well. Ryan read a statement where in summary he said the Town did not notify him properly nor give him adequate time/notice to remedy.
- Town Board authorizes the Town Justice Court to apply for Grant money through JCAP (Justice Court Assistance Program) – Approved

- Town Board to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement between the Town and h2O Innovation Operation and Maintenance, LLC. This is the current company that handles a lot of our water systems. Supervisor Bell wants to hold on this while the Board has further time to review. In addition, The Comptroller wants the Town Attorney to review as well.
- Director of Parks and Recreation requests Town Board approval for the use of LPI funds (Investment funds not from Tax revenue) for a new septic system for LaGrange Park – \$14k for materials. Highway department will do the labor. - Accepted
- Director of Parks and Recreation request Town Board approval for the use of LPI funds for a shade structure for the nature building play area- Freedom Park – Accepted
- Assessor requests Town Board authorization for the Deputy Assessor, to attend a Continuing Education class “Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal” September 15-18, 2025 in Saranac Lake, NY. The cost is not to exceed \$1,270.00. – Accepted
- Budget Transfers and Amendments – Paving approved for 2025 (\$193k, Equipment purchases are not approved.

### **Town Board Comments**

#### **Supervisor Bell had two items:**

- **Meadowview Court was dedicated to the Town 7 years ago. It is a road leading into a development off Barmore Road. The developer never paid the bond that should have been paid when the transfer first occurred. It appears he is finally paying the bond**
- **We will be cancelling the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board meeting due to the holiday and people’s schedules.**

#### **Councilperson Rabasco had two items:**

- **He heard from the Cable company and they will broadcast Town meetings for free. He estimates the cost of equipment will be \$2-\$5k (this may be low). He will investigate with our IT company further.**
- **There are many trees rotting around town. He suggested they should be Identified and given to our tree company for an estimate before they start falling down.**

**Town Attorney – None.**

**Public Comments - None.**

Meeting was adjourned 7:30 PM.

