

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

Compiled by Dave Siegel – Secretary LaGrange Democratic Committee

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Allan Bell, Town Supervisor

Agenda Items

- Meeting minutes from the last Town Board meeting (10/1/2025) were approved and accepted.
- The Town Board accepted the monthly revenue reports for July as follows:

• Building & Zoning	\$26,620.00
• Public Works	\$Pending
• Planning	\$1,275.00
• Highway Dept.	\$300.00
• Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia	\$15,685.00
• Justice O'Hare	\$11,958.00
• Recreation	\$1,997.04
• Town Clerk	\$930.57
- Correspondence – None
- Oral Resolution: Accept 2026 Tentative Budget and Set Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget for November 19, 2025 - Accepted
- Highway Bid Award: Premium Topsoil – This is a new vendor that is significantly less expensive the previous. The Town also has another vendor they can use if this does not work out - Accepted
- Consideration of Proposals from Springbrook Holding Company, LLC for computer software upgrade for Utility Billing and Project Management – Old system is no longer supported; all data will be imported into new system. One time cost of \$104,000.00 – Accepted
- Consideration of Agreement for XPRESS PAY online payment system for water and sewer bills - This is a new contract for an existing vendor. – Accepted

- Consideration of Agreement with H2O – New contract for Water services created after new Town Attorney tweaked language to ensure that if there is an issue and its vendor caused, they would be liable.
- Consideration of Agreement with CPL Engineering for Planning Board General Services. – The current Planner we use is leaving and the new Planner being assigned is a more senior Planner so their cost for services is increasing proportionally. Town can terminate at their discretion. – Accepted
- Budget Transfers & Amendments – CHIPS funds (\$189K) from the State are being moved from the account they are deposited into to accounts where it can be used. Minor funds that were made by the Town from Community Day are being earmarked for expenditure. Community Day is largely paid for by Sponsors.
- Consideration of a request to attend the 2026 Association of Towns Annual Meeting & Training in NYC from 2/14/2026-2/17/2026 for Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia and Cindy Paraggio. The cost for Justice Sullivan-Bisceglia is \$2,230.02 and for Ms. Paraggio it is \$1,323.50. – This was accepted, though Councilperson Robin noted that this could be attended in Albany at less expense.

Town Board Comments & Discussion

- Comptroller's Monthly Financial Report for August – Still being reviewed
- MuniCollab Proposal for Planning Department – New computer system is required to due old system no longer being supported. Proposal is for \$9,000.00 per year with a one-time setup fee of \$2500.00. Next steps are present to Planning Board.
- Short Term Rentals – (STR) As this new law is being worked on at present, there are several items that are being looked into now to ensure the law is complete:
 - Only STR's that are registered with the County will be considered
 - Stringent requirements for safety that adhere to the Current Uniform Commercial Code will be required
 - Owner does not have to be present or live in the town, but a representative MUST be local, responsible and available should the need arise.
 - Must have "Maximum Occupancy Rules"
 - Need a "Violations limit" where you lose the right to have an STR with too many violations
 - Need Operating Permit time frames for Renewal & Inspections
 - Need Curfew rules
 - Need to set Insurance requirements

After the Draft is completed, need to set a Public Hearing. Board wants Richard Ryan to recuse himself from this since he is operating two illegal STR's.

- Snow and Ice Removal for the Town – Tancredi who has been doing this will continue and is not raising his prices for the upcoming winter season. Town Attorney is preparing a contract.
- Health Benefits for Part-time elected officials – Currently Medical Benefits are extended to a Part-time elected official and their family. The motion is to change this to the elected official and spouse only – Accepted
 - There was a motion made to reduce the stipend given to Part-time elected officials when they decline the medical coverage from \$10k to \$5K. This is tabled until the next meeting.
- Councilperson Rabasco wants to have some way to honor people who served the Town and the Board agreed. The Board will need to determine Rules and Criteria to ensure only those really deserving get this.

- Webcasting Equipment and Service – Proposals are in review for equipment and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. MGM would be the company that handles doing the webcasting and support. They do this for several surrounding towns. A question was asked whether the equipment is NDAA Compliant and are we purchasing from an approved NDAA vendor. NDAA ensures that none of the equipment is manufactured in China and therefore a potential conduit for Spyware. This will be researched by Supervisor Bell. Councilperson Rabasco said he engaged in talks with Spectrum. In return for a signed contract to operate in LaGrange, they will give us \$12,500.00 toward the purchase of our webcasting equipment.

Public Comments

Dave Siegel – I pointed out that the Town has not had a contract with Spectrum and it was mentioned at past LaGrange Town Board meetings that this was because Spectrum would not sign a contract similar to the one the Town has with Altice, so what changed? Supervisor Bell said that has been addressed and now they will.

Meeting was adjourned 7:55 PM.

