

LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD

MEETING REPORT

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Date: March 4, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by: Anthony Marinaro, Town Supervisor

Roll Call: Absent- Kelly Robin

- **Meeting minutes from the last two Town Board meetings (2/18/2026; 2/27/2026) were accepted.**
- **Public Hearing:** Proposed Local Law "Short Term Rentals" – The draft Law was written by the old Town Board. The Public Hearing will remain open for 2 weeks to allow for public comments both in person or written.
 - **Disclosure:** Councilman Ryan disclosed ownership of two short term rental properties and will seek an advisory opinion from the Town Board of Ethics regarding any potential conflict of interest before participating in related votes.
 - Peter Turoff commented that he would like to see a provision in the new law preventing corporations (Private Equity firms) from buying up all of the short-term rental properties and that the priority should be LaGrange residents to own them.
- **Correspondence:** Correspondence was received from the Arlington Central School District that there will be an expansion project of the parking lot at LaGrange Middle School. The district and the NYS Department of Education will oversee this project, not the Town Planning Board. SEQR document has been filed.
- **Supervisors Comments:** The Supervisor remarked on several items –
 - He thanked the Highway department for the hard work during the last major snowstorm we had and the residents for their cooperation.
 - He thanked the Tax collection associates in the town for their great work during this last Town Tax collection.
 - He thanked the Parks & Rec team for their hard work in the creation of the Senior "drop-in" center and the fact this is in the final stages and about to open.
 - The Community Development Block Grant application for the Bathroom improvements at LaGrange Park has been submitted.

- v. There will be the creation of a Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for the town. The goal is to have LaGrange become a "Purple Heart Town".
- vi. Supervisor welcomed Scout Troop 182 to the meeting. Some Scouts spoke and told us the following:
 - a. Troop 182 has kids from 5th grade in age through 9th grade. There are Boys and Girls divisions. Attending a Town Board meeting is a requirement for the "Citizenship in Community" badge.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

1. Sandy Washburn, Parks & Rec Director spoke about Shari De Lucia the candidate for Senior Center Recreation Director. Shari lives in Hopewell Junction, she is a retired teacher, she drives for the county's Meal Plan service as well. She is a great candidate.

Agenda

- Consideration of RFP for Sludge Removal: Noxon Knolls and Titusville WWTP – The goal is to save money and get competitive bids - Accepted
- Consideration of Bid Proposal Packet for Tree Clearing for the Manchester Water District Tank Site off Red Oaks Mill Road – Accepted
- Consideration of a 30 Day Advance Notice for a Liquor License Renewal for EFTIALEX Corp. D/B/A Athena's Gyro Greek Tavern - Accepted
- Consideration of a request from the Parks & Rec Director for appointment of Shari De Lucia to the position of Senior Center Recreation Leader - Accepted
- Planner and MS4 Stormwater Coordinator for matters pertaining to pre-existing applications as needed – Accepted
- Consideration of Termination of Shared Services Agreement with Union Vale for Deputy Assessors Services – This will end on March 8, 2026. - Accepted
- Consideration of Agreement for Shared Services for Deputy Tax Assessor with the Town of Pawling – Same agreement we had with Union Vale. No changes in service or cost to LaGrange. This will begin on March 9, 2026. - Accepted

Town Board Comments - None

Liaison Reports:

- Building and Zoning – No Report
- CAC & Open Space – Councilman Ryan said there are some projects that are very early in the process, so no report as of now.
- Recreation – Councilman Giangrasso remarked about the Senior Center opening and that summer jobs process was beginning. He also asked for sponsorships to LaGrange events.

Town Attorney - Shane Egan reported that he is working on a 6-month moratorium on Battery Storage.

Public Comments

Sandy Washburn thanked Supervisor Marinaro for the much-needed expansion of her department's work space.

Bruce Keating from Romca Road had several complaints:

- When there is an accident on Red Oaks Mill Road traffic should not be re-routed onto Romca. Road is too small.
- Speed limit should be reduced on Romca from 30 MPH. Road is small and narrow with a lot of homes.
- Against Short Term Rentals. He cited two of them on Romca that have created noise issues, parking issues, partying late at night in a neighborhood, etc.

Shari De Lucia spoke and said she is very happy to take the job of Recreation Lead at the Senior drop-in center and is looking forward to making it great.

Fire District Chief Anthony Champion spoke and asked for an update as to where we are in the process of updating the codes for Stand Pipe and Sprinkler systems. The Supervisor said they are in review. Chief Champion also said that there have been 368 Emergency incidents in town so far this year.

Francine Wisner spoke in support of Short-Term Rentals. She is the owner of rentals all over the Hudson Valley and she would like to own some STR's in LaGrange. She would like to see the law being proposed to be less prejudicial towards landlords (owners).

Meeting was adjourned 7:36 PM.

