

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS  
TOWN OF LA GRANGE**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2009**

**Present:** Supervisor Jon Wagner  
Councilman Joseph Luna  
Councilman Dale Borchert  
Councilman Steve O'Hare  
Councilman Gary Beck

**Recording Secretary:** Christine O'Reilly-Rao

**Others Present:** Diana Campaglione, Environmental Consultants  
Ron Blass, Esq., Van De Water & Van De Water

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on May 13, 2009, at the LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road. Supervisor Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk led the flag salute.

Supervisor Wagner asked for a motion to accept the minutes from April 22, 2009.

Councilman Borchert so moved seconded by Councilman O'Hare and carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports**

Supervisor Wagner asked for approval of the monthly reports which include state, county and local shares.

Building, Planning, Zoning & Public Works	\$18,310.00
Highway Department	\$300.00
Justice Caplicki	\$35,785.00
Justice Greller	\$31,140.00
Town Clerk	\$1,510.42

Councilman Luna so moved, seconded by Councilman Borchert and carried by all.

**Correspondence**

Time Warner channel changes will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Supervisor Wagner stated that a request for a waiver to the 30 day waiting period for a liquor license renewal had been received from RSF, Inc. d/b/a Robo's Deli at 1482 Route 55 in the Town of LaGrange.

He noted that there were no reported problems with this business and asked for a motion to grant the waiver. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Councilman Beck so moved, seconded by Councilman O'Hare and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wagner then introduced a resolution authorizing an agreement with Dutchess County for the purpose of undertaking a Community Development Grant. Councilman Luna seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (SEE ADDENDUM)

### **Supervisor's Report**

Highway Superintendent, Michael Kelly requested Board approval to award the bid for propane to Quinlan Gas at a price of \$1.45 per gallon.

Councilman O'Hare so moved, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried by all.

Since the MTA tax passed, Mr. Wagner estimates that the cost to the Town will be \$50,000 which includes a payroll tax on employee salaries and a tax on the health insurance premiums for employees.

Mr. Wagner stated that he wanted to keep the Board apprised of 4 potential changes to the Town Code. Allowing one unregistered vehicle on a property would benefit residents who temporarily have to take a car off the road due to a person in the armed forces being out of the area or a student away at college. Since there are several windmills in Town, windmill use should be addressed. The current code exempts windmills from height regulations. Locating new cell towers locations in non residential areas is being looked into by the Town attorney. He further stated that 2 banks are very interested in locating in the Town. Allowing the use of a drive through with a permit would help bring in those types of businesses.

The Supervisor then presented a resolution to the Board regarding a grant to replace aeration equipment at the Titusville Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current aerators are not energy efficient.

Councilman Luna moved to accept the short Environmental Assessment Form, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried by all.

Councilman Luna moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried unanimously. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Mr. Wagner introduced an updated version of a sign ordinance which will correct errors and limit the need for business owners to seek variances for signage.

Councilman Borchert moved to set the Public Hearing for June 10, 2009, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried by all. (SEE ADDENDUM)

There was a brief discussion about Cablevision and the encryption of digital signals for television reception.

Mr. Wagner then stated for the record that Verizon/FIOS has misrepresented the situation in regard to building in LaGrange. He has had contact with the company's representative, John Butler, and has been told that Verizon will not be building out in the Town, not even partially. The Board would welcome a discussion with Verizon to offer service in LaGrange, but the company only plans to build in Beacon and Hyde Park at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

### **Town Board Comments**

There were no comments.

### **Town Attorney**

Mr. Blass stated that he has been working on subdivision phasing and the information is available for the Board to review at the next workshop meeting.

### **Environmental Consultants**

Ms. Campaglione stated that there had been damage to the new booster pump at the Grandview Water District station. Currently, the plant is running on the old one and the district ran out of water twice this week. The new pump is being rebuilt and may be ready by this Friday.

Councilman Luna asked if that was covered by insurance.

Ms. Campaglione replied that the damage was likely caused by a rock and would not be covered by insurance.

### **Public Comment**

Councilman Luna moved to open the meeting to public comment, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried unanimously.

Ms. Rosen of the LaGrange Library addressed the Board. She stated that circulation was up from 2008 figures. There is an ongoing discussion about planning for a new library. Details of library events and general information can be accessed on their website [www.laglib.org](http://www.laglib.org)

Bruce Duckwitz addressed the Board regarding unregistered vehicles. He felt that most unregistered vehicles are not there because of students at college or servicemen away on duty, but rather were just eyesores which have been on properties for extended periods of time. He suggested a special permit with a small fee to allow unregistered vehicles for a specific time period. Issues such as children being locked in the trunks of unregistered vehicles should be addressed.

There were no other comments.

Councilman Borchert moved to close the public comment. Councilman O'Hare seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman O'Hare moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine O'Reilly-Rao  
Town Clerk

#### **ADDENDUM**

- Resolution: Waiver of 30 day waiting period for a liquor license for RSF, Inc. d/b/a/ Robo's Deli
- Resolution: Agreement for Community Development Program
- Resolution: Grant to replace Aeration Equipment at Titusville Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- EAF Titusville Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Resolution: Sign Ordinance
- EAF Sign Ordinance
- Dutchess County Zoning Referral with Comments