

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

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2015**

Present: Supervisor Alan Bell
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Edward Jessup
Councilman Gary Polhemus
Councilman Andrew P. Dyal

Recording Secretary: Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

Others Present: Wanda Livigni, Planning & Public Works
Sandy Washburn, Recreation Director

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 120 Stringham Road, Town of LaGrange. Supervisor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Town Clerk led the flag salute.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to accept the minutes for March 25, 2015. Councilman Jessup moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to accept the monthly reports for March 2015. Councilman Luna moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Dyal. The motion carried unanimously.

• Building, Zoning, Planning & Public Works	Total \$18,500.00
• Highway Department	Total \$600.00
• Justice Hayes (incl. State Share)	Total \$29,740.50
• Justice O'Hare (incl. State Share)	Total \$23,295.50
• Recreation	Total \$6,264.00
• Town Clerk	Total \$1,322.06

Agenda

Mr. Bell stated that the CSEA Grievance Hearing had to be rescheduled to April 22nd since one of the complainants had a death in the family.

Cynthia Ruiz, Dutchess County Transit Administrator gave a brief overview of available public transit services offered within the County. The LOOP system facility is located in the Town of Lagrange at 14 Commerce Street. There are fixed route services which run throughout the County and serve areas such as Pawling, Dover, Tivoli, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Hopewell Junction and LaGrange. The service runs from 5:30 am to 11:45 pm. In addition, there is an ADA paratransit service which is available by reservation. More information on additional services can be found on www.dutchessny.gov.

Supervisor Bell stated that a new head groundskeeper, Gerrett Uhle has been hired for the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Washburn added that Mr. Uhle has 20 years of experience in the field and that the transition has been relatively smooth.

Ms. Washburn asked the Board to approve hiring a part-time summer marketing assistant / intern. The candidate has completed his junior year in college and would utilize his business skills to help create and improve marketing for the department. A discussion followed.

Councilman Jessup move to approve the hire at \$10.50 per hour on a part-time basis. There was no second. Further discussion ensued.

Councilman Luna moved to approve the hire at \$10.00 per hour on a part-time basis, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion carried unanimously.

The Highway Superintendent requested approval for equipment purchase in the amount of \$544,000, and equipment rentals in the amount of \$37,000.00. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Councilman Polhemus stated that he had spoken with Superintendant Kelly regarding the request, adding that he would like to clarify a few points. The 12 ton trailer on the list for \$15,000 was not on the original Capital Plan, but was added in order to haul the 19,000 lb excavator. The rental of a front end loader and excavator versus the purchase of these items will be more cost effective for the Town. The purchase of the other equipment is necessary for safety issues as well as keeping the fleet operating at an optimal level. Mr. Polhemus noted that there has been extensive salt damage to the fleet over the years.

The Recreation Director requested approval for the purchase of the following: 2015 Ford Escape SE 4WD - MSRP \$27,500, Scag Turf Tiger 72" Zero Turn - MSRP \$14,850, Kawasaki Mule 610 4x4 - MSRP \$7,800. A discussion ensued.

The Building Inspector requested approval for the purchase of a Ford F250 (Standard Duty 4 Wheel Drive) - MSRP \$30,000. A discussion ensued.

Councilman Polhemus moved to approve the requests, seconded by Councilman Dyal. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion on including planning for a new salt shed in the Capital Plan followed.

The Building Inspector requested permission to attend the NYS Floodplain & Stormwater Managers Association Meeting in Syracuse from April 27-29. The cost to the town is approximately \$668.00. Councilman Jessup added that there is a possibility that Millbrook will be paying half the cost.

Councilman Jessup, seconded by Councilman Luna moved to approve the request. The motion was carried by all.

Ms. Livigni asked for approval to award the bid for soil boring for the Titusville Water District Noxon / Titusville water main project. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Councilman Jessup, seconded by Councilman Dyal moved to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Livigni asked for approval to release the retainage fee of \$785 to Black Electric for the Town Center Water Improvement Area Controls - Electrical Project. Ms. Livigni added that the work has been completed.

Councilman Jessup, seconded by Councilman Polhemus moved to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Livigni asked for approval to go out to bid on April 15, 2015 for the Noxon / Titusville Intersection Water and Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project.

Councilman Luna, seconded by Councilman Jessup moved to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Polhemus, seconded by Councilman Dyal moved to issue a Proclamation for Parkinson's Awareness Month. The motion carried unanimously. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Mr. Jessup moved to re-appoint Paul Bisceglia as ZBA Chairman. Councilman Luna seconded the motion and it was carried by all.

Committee Reports

Water and Sewer

No report

Recreation

Due to inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt at Stringham Park scheduled for March 28th was rescheduled for April 4th. There was a great turnout and a lot of positive feedback for the event. There has been damage to the dugouts at the baseball field due to wear and tear and the severe winter weather. The insurance adjuster has been out to assess the matter. Ms. Washburn noted that at least one dugout will have to be demolished at the end of the season. Opening day for Little League is set for April 18th.

Ms. Washburn stated that there has also been weather related damage and partial retaining wall failure at Freedom Lake which will have to be addressed.

Open Space

Mr. Jessup stated that the Menken property is still under consideration. Ms. Livigni is in discussion with DLC regarding the pump station which is located between the Suter parcels.

Mr. Polhemus stated that he would like Mr. Htoo to look at the property prior to considering taking it as a donation. Mr. Dyal agreed.

Mr. Jessup suggested that everyone on the Board walk through the property. He added that he felt the property was one of the best donation offers the Town has had. The property could be left as Open Space or used as a passive recreation area.

Mr. Dyal asked if the donation would result in the property being removed from the tax roll, adding that he was concerned about the impact on tax payers. A discussion on the loss of tax revenue relating to taking the donation followed.

Mr. Luna pointed out that in the event that the landowner failed to pay the taxes, the County would take over the property and put it up for auction. In that case, the Town would have to bid for the property as well as pay any back taxes which might be owed. He expressed the opinion that it would be better to take the donation outright.

Highway

No report

Business Economic Development Committee

Mr. Jessup stated that the Committee will meet April 13th to polish the mission statement. Ron Hicks from the County will be meeting with the Committee to discuss grants and assistance.

Town Attorney

No comment

Public Works

No comment

Public Comment

Councilman Luna moved to open the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion was carried by all.

There were no comments.

Councilman Dyal moved to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion was carried by all.

Town Board Discussion

Mr. Al Rabasco addressed the Board. The Cricket Valley project is proposing to place seven (7) to eleven (11) towers in LaGrange which will negatively impact views and ridgeline protection areas of part of the Town. Mr. Rabasco asked the Board to consider additional funding to get through pending legal proceedings. He felt there was a 50-50 chance that the case would be successful. He added that the Town owed its residents this last effort to keep the towers below 160 feet in height. The attorney representing LaGrange has agreed in writing to assist in the case for \$10,000. A discussion followed.

Councilman Jessup asked the Board if there were any objections to a Farmers Market being held at Eastview Nursery which is located on Noxon Road 21 East. There will be approximately 8 to 10 vendors. The Board had no objections.

Supervisor Bell stated that the Town's Annual Financial Report had been file with the New York State Comptroller. It appears that sales tax and mortgage tax are both higher than originally anticipated, adding that hopefully that trend will continue for the coming year.

Councilman Jessup moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 pm to discuss an employment performance issue. Councilman Dyal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Dyal, seconded by Councilman Jessup moved to adjourn at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O'Reilly-Rao". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

ADDENDUM

- Highway Equipment
- Bid Award: Soil Boring
- Proclamation



TOWN OF LAGRANGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

130 STRINGHAM ROAD
LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 12540
845-452-2720 845-452-2709 FAX

DATE: March 23, 2015
TO: Town Board
FROM: Mike Kelly
RE: 2015 Equipment-Purchase / Rental

EQUIPMENT

ESTIMATED COST

1- 4500 Series Equipment Truck to replace 1998 International for sign truck	75,000.00
2- 6 Wheel Dump Trucks w/Plows and Sanders to replace 2- 2000 International Dumps	400,000.00
1- 5 Ton Vibratory Roller to replace 2000 Vibro-max 255/roller	47,000.00
1- 7 Ton Trailer to replace 1990 Hudson Trailer	7,000.00
1- 12 Ton Trailer to replace CR/CO Trailer	<u>15,000.00</u> *
TOTAL	\$ 544,000.00

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

1- 938 Size Front End Loader 4 Month Rental instead of replacing ours. (Replacement cost \$310,000.00 +/-)	16,000.00 * *
1- 19000 lb. Size Excavator 7 Month Rental instead of replacing 2005 New Holland Backhoe. (Replacement cost \$115,000.00 +/-)	<u>21,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 37,000.00



Clark Patterson Lee
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

April 2, 2015

Mr. Alan Bell, Supervisor
and Town of LaGrange Board
120 Stringham Road
LaGrangeville, New York 12540

**Re: Town of LaGrange
Titusville Water District
Soil Borings**

Dear Supervisor Bell and Members of the Town Board:

The Town of LaGrange received three (3) bids for the soil borings along Titusville Road and Noxon Road for the Titusville Water District project. Bids were received in the amount of \$11,650, \$13,786 and \$14,340 from QC/QA Laboratories, Inc., Aquifer Drilling and Testing, Inc. and General Boring, Inc. respectively.

Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate and acknowledgement of receipt of addendums were provided by Aquifer Drilling and Testing Inc.

Based on Clark Patterson Lee's (CPL) evaluation of the bids received, CPL recommends that the Town Board award the contract to QC/QA Laboratories Inc. in the amount of \$11,650.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 845-567-2011 ext. 2119.

Sincerely,

CLARK PATTERSON LEE

Greg W. Bolner, P.E.
Principal Associate

cc: Christine O'Reilly Rao, Town Clerk
Christine Toussaint, Town Comptroller
Wanda Livigni, Administrator of Public Works
Ronald C. Blass, Jr., Van DeWater and Van DeWater, Town Attorney

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2015 AS
"PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH"**

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

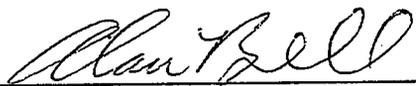
WHEREAS, increase education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Bell, Town Supervisor of the Town of LaGrange, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of LaGrange, on this day of two thousand and fourteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of LaGrange to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Alan Bell – Town Supervisor

Attest:

