

LaGrange Town Board Meeting

January 13, 2010 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Minutes Approval

- Minutes from December 30, 2009
- Minutes from January 6, 2010

Monthly Reports

The Town Board will consider acceptance of the monthly revenue reports from town departments as follows:

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| • Building, Zoning & Public Works | Total \$7,680.00 |
| • Planning | Total \$ 0.00 |
| • Highway Department | Total \$ 0.00 |
| • Justice Caplicki (incl. State Share) | Total \$30,676.00 |
| • Justice Greller (incl. State Share) | Total \$37,909.00 |
| • Town Clerk (incl. State & County Share) | Total \$1,625.08 |

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence

- Cablevision
- Central Hudson Utilities

Agenda Items

2010 Census

- Complete Count Committee
- Town Board to approve a tax bill insert regarding the 2010 Census
- Proclamation

2010 New York State Code Training

- Ken McLaughlin, Vinnie Osoba and Tim Sayles are requesting Town Board's approval to attend a **free** New York State Building code training session in Westchester on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Resignation

- Letter of resignation from Tony Brenner as member of the Board of Assessment Review.
- Letter of resignation from Nancy Swanson as member of the Conservation Advisory Council.

Appreciation

- The Town Board would like to publicly recognize Mr. Benenati's timely and generous response to the Town Clerks query regarding the AED battery replacement.

Committee Reports

- Water and Sewer
- Recreation
- Open Space
- Highway

Town Board Comments

- This time is set aside for new or old business not on the agenda

Town Attorney

- This time is set aside each meeting for new business by the Towns Attorney not listed elsewhere in the agenda

Administrator of Public Works

- This time is set aside each meeting for the Administrator of Public Works to discuss Planning, water, sewer, MS4 and related topics not listed elsewhere on the agenda.

Environmental Consultants

- Reports from the operators of the Town's water and sewer facilities

Public Comment

- Public comments are accepted during this time.

Executive Session

Adjournment

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

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010**

Present: Supervisor Jon J. Wagner
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Steve O'Hare
Councilman Edward P. Jessup

Absent: Councilman Gary Beck

Recording Secretary: Margaret Schmitz, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Wanda Livigni, Administrator of Public Works
Steve Mance, Environmental Consultants

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road. Supervisor Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Deputy Town Clerk led the flag salute.

Supervisor Wagner asked for motion to accept the minutes from December 30, 2009, Councilman Jessup so moved; seconded by Councilman O'Hare; carried unanimously. Councilman Luna made a motion to accept the minutes from January 6, 2010, seconded by Councilman O'Hare; carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wagner asked for a motion to accept the monthly reports for December, 2009. Councilman O'Hare so moved; seconded by Councilman Jessup; carried unanimously.

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Highway Department	Total \$ 0.00
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Supervisors Report

Supervisor Wagner reported that last Thursday he went to the State of the State Department for a very fruitful meeting with representatives from that agency regarding shared services and consolidation grants. He stated he now has a better understanding of monies that they have, and what they will and will not fund. In about a week the Supervisors and Mayors Association will

start a county-wide initiative for consolidation and shared services with the help of Mid-Hudson Patterns for Progress. Representatives from the Legislator and County Executive's Office will be at the meetings as well. Supervisor Wagner stated he would let the Board know when the meetings will be held so they can attend if they wish to do so.

Correspondence

Supervisor Wagner stated those with Cablevision already know that HGTV and the Food Network are no longer available. Supervisor Wagner stated he had a conversation with Roger Connor, Cablevision Director of Government Affairs for this region and he explained it to be a battle between corporations on whom is going to raise their rates the most. Supervisor Wagner said Cablevision's opinion is they don't want to pay the exorbitant fees that the broadcasters want; they want to keep your rates down.

Supervisor Wagner stated a Notice of Public Statement Hearings on Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's Proposal to Increase Electric and Gas Rates has been received. The Hearing date is January 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Poughkeepsie, and on the same day at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Kingston City Hall if anyone wishes to attend.

Agenda Items

2010 Census

Supervisor Wagner said the 2010 Census will commence in March. Everyone will be mailed a questionnaire from the Census Department. He said the process has been simplified and should take only minutes to complete. Supervisor Wagner mentioned that the Census Department has asked municipalities such as LaGrange to form Census Boards to get the message out to everyone that the Census is important; that is where funding for fire Departments, municipalities and highway infrastructure comes from. Supervisor Wagner said the Census forms should be completed and sent back as soon as possible.

Oral Resolution

Supervisor Wagner requested a motion authorizing the Receiver of Taxes to insert a letter to Taxpayers, requesting their participation in the Census, in the upcoming tax bills.

Supervisor Wagner read off the names and affiliations of the 2010 Census Committee Members: himself; Monsignor Desmond O'Connor, Blessed Kateri Church; Melissa Erlebacher, Arlington Central School District; Joe Hines or Denise Holzberger (alternate), LaGrange Fire Department; and Reverend Paul Lent, Freedom Plains Church. The committee will meet with the Census representatives and the information will go out to various congregations, organizations, and school districts.

Proclamation

Supervisor Wagner introduced a proclamation stating the Town of LaGrange is committing to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010. Supervisor Wagner requested a motion to accept the proclamation; Councilman Luna so moved; seconded by Councilman Jessup; carried unanimously. (SEE ADDENDUM)

Supervisor Wagner requested a motion to approve the tax bill insert, Councilman Luna so moved; seconded by Councilman O'Hare; carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wagner asked for a motion authorizing Kenneth McLaughlin, Tim Sayles and Vincent Osoba to attend a free N.Y.S. Building Code training session on January 14, 2010 in Westchester. Councilman Luna so moved; seconded by Councilman Jessup; carried unanimously.

Resignations

Supervisor Wagner stated there are two letters of resignations that require explanation. The first one is from Tony Brenner resigning from the Board of Assessment Review and the second letter is from Nancy Swanson resigning from the Conservation Advisory Committee. Supervisor Wagner explained that the Town Board has set a policy allowing people to serve on only one committee at a time and sent letters to those serving on more than one requesting them to choose on which committee they prefer to serve. The purpose of this policy is to allow more opportunities to the community for board and committee work. Supervisor Wagner stated he appreciates Mr. Brenner's service on that board and his cooperation with the policy. Councilman Luna made a motion to reluctantly accept his resignation; seconded by Councilman Jessup; carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wagner stated that Nancy Swanson is an extremely good and loyal member of the Conservation Advisory Committee and reluctantly requested a motion to accept her resignation as Ms. Swanson has chosen to continue serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman Jessup made a motion to accept her resignation; seconded by Councilman Luna; carried unanimously. Ms. Swanson's resignation letter states she would like to serve as a citizen volunteer to the CAC.

Supervisor Wagner wished to publically thank the LaGrange Fire Department and specifically EMT Director, Michael Benenati who made arrangements to send over two replacement batteries for the defibrillators in the Town Hall Court Room and the Highway Garage as a donation. Councilman's Luna and Jessup offered their appreciation as well.

Committee Reports

Highway

Councilman Jessup stated that a tentative meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2010 and a few of the members have been contacted to outline the agenda for the year. Supervisor Wagner wished to clarify the make-up of the Highway Committee. Councilman Jessup will serve as the Town Board Liaison, Charles Dow and Rudy Macak are the civilian members; Wanda Livigini from Public Works is the Stormwater Officer. The MS4 regulations require the Town to be very cautious as to how we conduct business especially with highway and storm water runoff. For the record, Supervisor Wagner wanted to define Ms. Livigni's roll on the committee as she is the Storm Water Officer and will weigh in on matters of storm water runoff so work is done correctly and in compliance with D.E.C. regulations.

Town Board Comments

None

Town Attorney

None present

Public Works

No report

Environmental Consultants

Steve Mance reported there was a pipe break at the Grandview pump house last week and it was down for about two hours. Councilman Luna asked if the Fire Department used water from our system. Mr. Mance said they used a substantial amount of water.

Supervisor Wagner added that he understands Crystal's Closet is a drop off location for donations of clothing, kitchen items, or anything of use for the family displaced by the fire this past weekend.

Supervisor Wagner stated there are several vehicles that are no longer of any useful value to the Town of LaGrange that need to be replaced. A complete list will be provided no later than the next meeting.

Public Comment

Councilman Luna made a motion to open the meeting to public comment; seconded by Councilman Jessup; carried unanimously.

There was no one from the public wishing to make comments.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to close public comment; seconded by Councilman O'Hare; carried unanimously.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman O'Hare; carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Schmitz
Deputy Town Clerk

ADDENDUM

- **Town of LaGrange 2010 Census Partner Proclamation**

Town of LaGrange 2010 Census Partner Proclamation

WHEREAS an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population;

WHEREAS more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data;

WHEREAS census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

Now, therefore, we PROCLAIM that the **Town of LaGrange** is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in our community to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community by participating in Complete Count Committees and/or utilizing high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this 13th day of January in the year 2010.

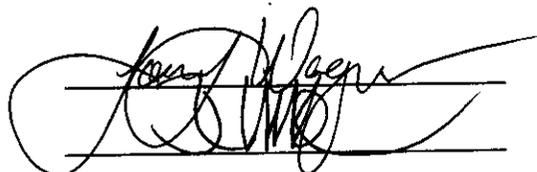
Supervisor Wagner

Councilman Luna

Councilman Beck

Councilman Jessup

Councilman O'Hare



Absent

