

Supervisor Landi called the workshop meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Present were Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Nelson, Councilman Queipo, Councilman Wells and Supervisor Landi. Also present were Planning Board Deputy Chair Sliva, Town Clerk Nelson and 3 members of the public.

A motion was made to approve the December workshop minutes as read, by Supervisor Landi and seconded by Councilman Queipo. All approved.

A motion was made by Supervisor Landi to approve and pay the general and highway bills, it was seconded by Councilman Nelson. All approved.

Councilman Hoffman made a motion for John Paul Sliva to repair the Town of Kingston sign that is falling down, it was seconded by Councilman Queipo. All approved.

Councilman Nelson discussed the first comprehensive plan meeting that was held the evening before with approximately 8 people in attendance. The second one will be held on February 18th. Brought up an issue that there is not enough time for the code enforcement officer to handle all the issues and everything that needs to be dealt with in his 16-hour work week.

He brought up an issue that needs to be dealt with for the garbage bid that will be going out for bid for next year, there does not seem to be any set limit for garbage totes per taxed property and that should be set in the bid paperwork for 2026 and enforced as well as if people want extra totes how and who do they pay for them. Also want to reassess the local laws and zoning issues.

Councilman Wells had addressed a couple things to change about solid waste laws, animal laws and peddlers' laws and is looking into other areas as well.

The summer kick off party for the town was discussed and a preliminary date was set for Saturday, June 21st with a rain date of Sunday June 22nd, with a start time of 2pm. Band versus, DJ, versus just a speaker playing music was discussed, nothing was settled yet.

Councilman Queipo wondered if anyone had any news about the code enforcement officer finding anyone to do inspections for 530 Rt 28, no one is accepted yet. Councilman Nelson suggested looking into getting a proposal for an outside company to possibly be able do the inspections and permitting just for 530 Rt 28. A motion was made by Supervisor Landi and seconded by Councilman Wells to approve to get a proposal done for this. All approved.

Councilman Nelson asked to move the September Town Board Meeting from the Tuesday the 2nd to Tuesday the 9th. A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to move the meeting and seconded by Councilman Wells. All approved.

Planning Board Deputy Chair Sliva mentioned possibly using a special use permit to transfer the inspections to a third party.

Supervisor Landi brought up the Ambulance service contract with the Town of Ulster, it is all set and should be finalized in the next couple of months for this year. For 2026 it has been requested for them to add another ALS service ambulance (which will increase it from 1 million to 1.4 million), Ulster Police and fire dept. are all for it because of call volume but it will increase the cost for us by possibly \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for 2026.

Councilman Nelson brought up assessing certain properties that might have been missed, as well as re-assessing the town in entirety, it was initially planned for 2020 but was put off because of Covid. It was initially planned for \$80,000.00, but it looks like it could be up to \$300,000.00, so we are researching the cost efficiency for whom to have it done by. It will end up increasing the revenue for the town once it is completed. He requested to have Miranda at the next Town Board Meeting on Tuesday Feb 4th, so she could answer questions and give the board information needed to properly make these decisions.

A resident adamantly stated he felt that the Town assessment should be done asap.

Planning Board Deputy Chair Sliva brought up an issue of subdivision parkland fees and where the board stood on this issue. It will be addressed with the attorney as to exactly what was needed. After many minutes of discussion, it was said it was on the Town Board to set a fee.

A motion was made by Councilman Nelson to set a parkland fee of \$700.00 for lot and seconded by Councilman Wells. Three board members voted yes and 2 voted no. It was approved.

Resolution #2025-28 was read authorizing appointment of Tom Cole to the Board of Assessment Review with a term ending 9/30/2025, motion was made by Councilman Queipo and seconded by Councilman Hoffman

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Paul Landi	<u> Y </u>	Councilperson, Larry Queipo	<u> Y </u>
Councilperson, David Hoffman	<u> Y </u>	Councilperson, Darren Wells	<u> N </u>
Councilperson, Vincent Nelson	<u> Y </u>		

Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 1

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Queipo. All approved. The workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Nelson
Town Clerk