

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Councilman Nelson at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Fire exits were pointed out.

Present were Supervisor Landi, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Nelson, Councilman Queipo, Councilman Wells, Highway Superintendent Sylvester, Historian Heddleson, Building Inspector Cologero, Assessor Bernholz, Town Attorney Torre, Planning Board Deputy Chair Sliva, Legislator Kovacs, Town Clerk Nelson and approximately 12 members of the public.

Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the January 2025 minutes, it was seconded by Councilman Hoffman. All approved.

Councilman Nelson read the Supervisor's Report and Town Clerk Nelson read the Town Clerk's report.

A motion was made Councilman Wells and seconded by Councilman Hoffman to pay general claims #31 through #62 totaling \$27,697.93. All approved. A motion was made by Councilman Queipo and seconded by Councilman Hoffman to pay highway claims #63 through #67 totaling \$12,785.60. All approved.

Councilman Hoffman mentioned that John Paul Sliva was fixing the Town sign, and it was taking a little longer than expected because the lettering needed to be redone, it will go back up as soon as it is finished.

Councilman Wells reported the Inspector Cologero collected \$150.00 in abstracts this past month and has been doing inspections along the way, as well as taking care of some of the debris, trash issues on some of the properties that have been noted in town.

Supervisor Landi mentioned that our Town Assessor was there to discuss the Town wide revaluation and will answer questions after she gives a summary of the process.

Councilman Nelson discussed the Comprehensive Plan meeting that took place on January 14, there were 9 people including himself at the meeting, it will take some time. The next meeting will be February 18 at 6pm, we are trying to limit it to one hour and we are hoping to get more residents involved, especially some older residents who have lived here for a while to get some different views.

Miranda Bernholz our town assessor summarized that a town wide revaluation is the process of assessing property values that use current market value to replace the antiquated assessment roll, it is revenue neutral, it does not boost the revenue of the town. It basically reapportions the taxes equally to the taxpayers responsible. The Town of

Kingston has not done a revaluation since 2005, so this would move the town back up close to 100% and the state will have less room to put more tax burden on the Town. The records will be updated with property inventory and any renovations or upgrades. After the initial revaluation is done, she will keep up with a yearly cyclical assessment to keep everything up to date. The revaluation will make sure all properties will be assessed appropriately and that way all taxpayers will be paying the taxes appropriate to their property. There has been money put aside in the budget for the last 7-8 years to help cover the cost for the revaluation and it should be done sooner rather than later.

Historian Heddleson spoke about Laura Davis, a local architect doing a symposium who found amazing information on the historian part of the Town of Kingston website to finish her work and passed along the thanks for the past historian, Linda Queipo's hard work and the website build team.

A motion was made to introduce Local Law #1-2025 (A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 350 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF PARKLAND ON SUBDIVISION PLATS OR PAYMENT IN LIEU THEREOF) by Councilman Wells and seconded by Councilman Hoffman. All approved.

The monies from these fees would be put into a trust to be used to either purchase property for a park or playground or build a park or playground in the future.

A motion was made to schedule a public hearing for Introductory Local Law #1-2025 on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM at the Town of Kingston Town Hall by Councilman Wells and seconded by Councilman Queipo. All approved.

Linda Queipo mentioned her hope that someone will take over the Memorial Day Celebration this year since she will no longer be doing it. She also questioned if anyone would step up and try to post or publish about the Town of Kingston in the newspaper.

A resident asked about a couple line items in the 2025 budget, they will be looked into and the resident will be gotten back to, as the board did not have budget information in front of them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wells and seconded by Councilman Hoffman. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nelson, Town Clerk