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The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, August 1, 2024**, at the town hall.

Supervisor Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call – Present – Daniel S. Hogue, Jr., Supervisor  
Karen Ellsweig, Councilperson  
Steve Budofsky, Councilperson  
Susan Parks-Landis, Councilperson  
Vincent C. Galligan, Jr., Councilperson

Recording Secretary – Teresa Collins, Town Clerk  
Troy Johnstone, Esq. – Attorney for the town

**PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Miller-** I just want to make a note for the record. I have seen that there was a request to have a sign in and there's a limit of three minutes. That was never enforced over here. I don't think it's right to be forced the first time today. That's number one. #2, I noticed that correspondence was not accepted even though in the past it was accepted right before the meeting and read. In the Minutes, there's also a statement that the restrictions for places of worship Town of Forestburgh zoning is the least restricted to all towns. I actually went and looked at all the towns. I did not see a single town that has the five acres minimum across all residential districts and there are many towns in Sullivan County. The most disturbing is which at the last meeting I questioned the town attorney about the narrative of the local law. The answer was it was not drafted. The narrative of that local law was actually shared with the county the day before. So, was it drafted and kept secret and why.

**Lindsey Veety** - my mission today is to inform everyone here and let you all know.

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June 10, 2024

Town of Thompson  
Planning Board  
4052 New York 42  
Monticello, NY 12701

Attn: Katheleen Lara, Chairman

Re: Monticello Motor Club (MMC)  
(Jefferson Development Partners LLC)  
Master Site Plan Review, Cantrell Road  
Town of Thompspon

Dear Chairman Lara,

As requested by your board I attended a work session with MMC representatives on May 30, 2024 and received the following plans dated latest revision – May 28, 2024, by P.W. Grosser Consulting Engineers:

1. MMC Title Sheet #1 of 4.
2. Conceptual Master Site Plan (5-Year phasing plan), sheets #C-100 and C-101.
3. Conceptual Master Site Plan (20-Year phasing plan), sheet #C-102.

The Conceptual Master Plans for 5-year phasing indicate several additional development uses not previously reviewed and approved by the planning board, summarized as follows:

1. 110 Room Hotel (±19,500 s.f.) on south side of Cantrell Road, directly opposite the motor club track.
2. Corporate Event Building (±26,500 s.f.) with 100 - 150 person occupancy, adjacent to the above-noted hotel.
3. 38 Luxury Condominium single-family units on north side of Cantrell Road, at westerly side of Motorclub track.
4. SPA building (±9,400 s.f.) located at west side of above-noted luxury condos.
5. One-story employee housing building on Rupp Road, south of Cantrell Road, similar to adjacent staff housing constructed there in 2022.
6. One-story Management Housing building on Rupp Road, next to the above-noted building.
7. Paddock Building (±8,400 s.f.) in main track complex, adjacent to the existing Event Building and Garage.
8. Karting Building and Daycare Center (±7,500 s.f.) located at rear, northerly side of track complex adjacent to existing Karts track.
9. Two (2) member garages (±10,700 s.f. each) at middle of track complex.
10. Second concrete bridge crossing of the track near above-noted member garages.

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11. Car lofts building (50' x 500' long = 25,000 s.f.) at middle of track complex.
12. New/improved paved loop track, ±4,250' long on south side of Cantrell Road (currently utilized as dirt/gravel off-road vehicle track).
13. Either a tunnel below or bridge above crossing of Cantrell Road to connect above loop track to main track on north side.
14. Approximately 4,000 ft. of new access road within the track complex that will connect the recently constructed car lofts at the main entrance drive to the interior of the track facilities.
15. Wastewater Treatment Plant located approximately 350' south of Cantrell Road, near Black Brook, with approximately 15,000 gpd design capacity, to serve existing + initial phase facilities, to be expanded in future, as necessary.

The Conceptual Master Plan for 20-year phasing includes the following facilities:

16. Seven (7) member lofts building (10,000 s.f. with 6 units each) at various sites within the track complex.
17. Four (4) members garages (10,000 s.f. with 6 bays each) adjacent to the existing garages complex at the interior of the track complex.

The preliminary development schedule reported by MMC includes initially constructing the Luxury Condo Units in phases. This will require forming a condominium association with NYS Attorney General approvals. The subsequent sequence of development events has not been provided by the MMC and that will be discussed at the June 12<sup>th</sup> planning board meeting.

Subject to your board's acceptance of the Conceptual Master Plan, the MMC will need to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the specific phases, including site plans, grading plan, utilities plan, lighting plan, landscaping plan, Erosion Control Plan, SWPPP plans, etc. for review and approval as a Modified Site Plan.

A new sound study is recommended related to the upgraded paved loop track on the south side of Cantrell Road, based upon the different types of vehicles that will be using it.

Other Comments

- The SPDES Permit for the S.T.P. is required from NYSDEC, this application is reportedly being reviewed by DEC and may be issued in near future.
- NYSDEC Approval of Plans for the S.T.P. and possibly the wastewater collection system is required.
- Any disturbance of Black Brook for the S.T.P. outfall will require a DEC permit.
- The upgraded water supply system for MMC facilities, including the condo units, will require NYSDOH Approvals as a Community Water System, for the on-site wells, storage, treatment and distribution system.

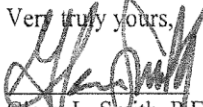
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- The “Delaware Engineering Design Report” dated March 29, 2024 addresses the proposed treatment plant 15,000 gpd design parameters, which includes a maximum 2,000 gpd design flow for existing operations (weekend guests & staff) plus 13,000 gpd for proposed operation (future lofts, 22 condo units, clubhouse, karts building, Events Building and second loop track across Cantrell Road). This report should be supplemented to address estimated water demands and wastewater flows for all proposed facilities included in the 5-year and 20-year phasing plans. The original “Engineering Narrative for MMC Master Plan” prepared by John Petroccione, P.E., dated June 14, 2012 is a good baseline for an updated report.
- SEQR will need to be addressed for the site plan modifications and a determination made by the planning board as Lead Agency. The original Negative Declaration resolution adopted by the board in 2012-13 provides a reasonable outline for SEQR review of the currently proposed facilities.

As additional information is submitted I will review and comment, as necessary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
  
Glenn L. Smith, P.E.

GLS/mdc

cc: Paula Kay  
Barbara Garigliano  
Laura Eppers  
Lauren Queally  
Michael Aiello

## **Rabbi David Miller -**

I live currently in South Fallsburg. I moved up here about 3 1/2 almost four years ago for the purpose of maybe moving to Lost Lake community that didn't work out. So, in the meantime, we have a house in South Fallsburg, where we are residing. The question tonight regarding the houses of worship, so to me it looks like I ran a House of worship in Rockland County in the town of Monsey. Then that House of worship became too small for the community we applied to build a bigger House of worship. We had one acre, and they allowed us to build another separate building. Not even attached to the original building, just to accommodate the community and the needs of the public. So, to me it looks like it's been being turned over. The law is being turned on its head when somebody is providing a non for profit service for the community. Whether it's a House of worship, any worship, whether it's a community kitchen or whatever. It's a non for profit service for the community that should be more accommodated than hinder and the question remains to be yes. Why? What prompted the change in the law? All of a sudden now, I'm sure Forestburgh had a House of worship until now. Sometime in the past there was any complaints or was there any public hazard or was there any problems that prompted currently to change the law just because there's another community coming into the community? So, to me the answer is obvious, but I mean it's for all to look into and it's mysterious. It's a mysterious coincidence that the law changed all of a sudden without any. What prompted it? Now if you take five acres and you put it into square feet. That's a quarter million square feet in this city that would be considered a city block to require a sitting block for a House of worship for 10:20 or 30 people at most. Is something out of this? It doesn't make sense and it's turning the law on its head. So, I hope that they reconsider this and accommodate the communities.

## **Rabbi Joel**

One of the rabbi of Central America of Congress of the United States and Canada Synagogues, houses of worship at the heart and soul of the Jewish people. They are where we gather to practice our faith and pray for our safety. Our safety for all the people. Our enemies, the enemies of the Jewish people, are well aware that fact recent history, the greatest enemies to the Jewish people were the German Nazis their first organized violent assault on Jews property, the court and the night of November 9, 1938, known as Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass. When they burned more than 1400 synagogues in a single night. This was the beginning of the group campaign, which led to the final solution, the genocide where they killed over 6,000,000 Jews. They targeted our places of worship because they knew these were the heart and soul of this of the Jewish people.

Dear board members at Forestburgh there is not a single house of worship and given your recent anti-Semitic and anti- Hasidic action and blocking the Lost Lake development.

**Note: Councilperson Budofsky has instructed Rabbi Joel to stop using slanderous terms. It is a violation of free speech. We are not doing anything antisemitic, and you cannot say that.**

**Supervisor Hogue instruct Rabbi Joel to continue and finish about his house of worship.**

It's clear that your new zoning law requires 5 acres for construction of a House of worship in most of the town. The preemptive attack against the Jewish community. I came here tonight respectfully asked you please end the aggression of the Jewish Catholic community together. Let's make Forestburgh a better, safer place.

**Abraham Rutner-**

Re: Concerns Regarding Discriminatory Practices and Inconsistent Application of Zoning Regulations

Dear Members of the Town Board,

I am writing to again express my concerns regarding what appears to be discriminatory practices against the religious Jewish community in Forestburgh. As a local civil rights activist in Sullivan County, I am particularly troubled by recent actions that shows an anti-Semitic bias in the town's regulatory decisions.

Specifically, I am concerned about the recent rezoning that has effectively more than doubled the requirements for places of worship. Additionally, the differential treatment of the Lost Lake development—targeted due to its Hasidic affiliation—and the Orthodox Birchwood Estates development raises significant concern.

Enclosed, please find a copy of my previous correspondence submitted to the Planning Board in regard to the double standard, which outlines these concerns in greater detail. To illustrate the inconsistency in handling religious applications, I draw your attention to the following:

1. **Birchwood Estates:** This application, which sought merely to carve out a lot, experienced undue delays and requests for information. Chairman Robbins, known for his role in obstructing the Lost Lake project, suggested that any future subdivision applications shall be treated as major subdivisions.
2. **Hartwood Club:** In stark contrast, at the most recent Planning Board meeting, Chairman Robbins expedited the approval process for a lot carve-out by Hartwood Club. The third such carve out done by Hartwood in recent years. This approval was granted within a single meeting, despite the board receiving incomplete and inaccurate materials and some documents only being reviewed during the meeting. Furthermore, the application did not meet the town code requirements to be deemed complete.<sup>1</sup>

The evident disparity in the treatment of these recent applications based on their religious affiliation is both very concerning and unlawful. I urge the town to reverse course and welcome all equally in Forestburgh—after all, this is America.

Sincerely,



Abraham Rutner

<sup>1</sup> Concerns with the application include the absence of erosion controls for the driveway, incorrect acreage listed as 2,555, lack of a proper survey for the parent parcel as it did not include the required information such as the location of existing and proposed structures, well and septic systems, on the parent parcel and all adjoining parcels, failure to address engineer comments prior to planning board approval, fire department approval from a different lot, and use of an endangered species letter from a different lot, among other issues. The town engineer wrote that additional comments may be generated after revised plans are received, yet the next day before revised plans were received, let alone reviewed chairman Robbins approved the application.

March 14, 2023

RE: Hartwood Club Subdivision, Public Hearing;

Dear Planning Board members:

I am a longtime resident and civil rights activist in Sullivan County, I defend and advocate for the rights of the orthodox religious Jewish community to reside in Sullivan County, the same way every American is free to live wherever they choose. Unfortunately it is way to common in this area of New York State to malign and target this community. Rules and regulations and standards are applied one way when an applicant is Orthodox and another when they are not. The reason for this common practice is blatant bigotry, as is evident in social media posts by residents of this town and other nearby towns.

While I am generally supportive of responsible development and subdivisions and definitely support that Hartwood should be granted its subdivision. I am compelled to point out the double standard how this town applies its own laws and standards.

Hartwood Club Subdivision does not meet the criteria for a minor subdivision, see town minor subdivision town code;

148-13 (2) "That does not require the construction of any new streets or roads;"

148-13 (b) "A proposed minor subdivision that does not meet each of these criteria shall be subject to the major subdivision review procedures. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of the procedures for review of a major subdivision for any subdivision application, where the Planning Board determines that processing of the application as a major subdivision is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare."

The Hartwood subdivision requires the creation of a Fire Access road and as such cannot be treated according to town code as a minor subdivision.

Furthermore, the applicant stated through his representative John Fuller PE, that "as Hartwood club has routinely done in the past is that when a member wants to build a home, they carve out a lot". This in of itself requires to treat it as a "Major Subdivision", specifically, town code;

148-13 (C.) In the event that an application is made for a minor subdivision that is from a parent parcel with a previously approved minor subdivision, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to provide all of the information required of a major subdivision for the previously subdivided lots as well as for the lots under consideration in the new application, taking into consideration the date of the previously approved minor subdivision, the location of the proposed minor subdivision, the proposed configuration of the lots, placement of utilities, and such other factors as the Planning Board shall determine.

148-13 (D.) When it appears that the parent parcel would support a much larger project and the design of the minor subdivision would benefit from consideration in that context, the Planning Board may request a plan for the full build out of the parent parcel.

Here we have all 3 factors that require this not to be treated as a minor subdivision. 1<sup>st</sup> the applicant's representation about its past practices of carving out a lot of the parent parcel. 2<sup>nd</sup> town code 148-13-C requires that all prior subdivision information should be presented. Third, this application certainly meets the definition of 148-13 d,

where the parent parcel supports more subdivision, and therefore it should be required to get a plan for full build-out.

In fact, the last minor subdivision by a religious applicant that did not even mention any subdivision in Forestburgh, other than the proposed application, the following is a direct quote from Chairman Robbins stating the following:

“OK, so the question that I have and this is a question for you, but also for the board to consider is in our code and minor subdivisions section one 4813-D, reads where it appears that the parent parcel would support a much larger project. And the design of a minor subdivision would benefit from consideration in that context, the planning board may request the plan for the full buildout of the parent parcel, so I guess my first question is, From looking at your map, I see there's a good deal of property in that 250-acre, 245-acre parcel that is not developable. It's wetland, on the other hand, there's there is a great deal of property on that parcel that is developable, specifically property that's across from the entrance to the driveway of this parcel, as well as you know, adjoining some property that's also on rod and Gun Club Rd, so I guess my question is, is there thought plans consideration? An extension of this Development to the other property that they own?”

So, it is clear based on the towns own code, the towns past practice with the religious applicant, that this should not be allowed as a “minor subdivision”.

Additionally, this application is not complete as the town code requires the deed to be provided.

**148-14-B-1- Accompanying information.** The following information shall accompany a minor subdivision application: (1) A copy of current recorded deed and such covenants or deed restrictions as are intended to cover all or part of the tract.

Indeed, the planning board engineer required the prior religious applicant to provide a deed. The same rules should apply here, and the town code should be followed universally.

It is my hope that the town should treat the applications for what it is, and not based on the applicant.

Thank you for your service

Abraham Rutner

## **Rabbi Moshe Segelbaum –**

Dear Board Member I am a rabbi in a synagogue in Brooklyn. And never came here upstate to meeting but I was sitting in the congregation and heard of such a law, that they want to make, and I felt I must come to express my feelings. We heard that they want to make a law that every house of worship has to have 5 acres. I asked the congregants. It didn't make sense at all.

A big synagogue of 100 People, this is a very large synagogue. Five acres, trucks and buses you can park there, you don't need 5 acres. I started to research what's going on, it doesn't make sense. It's a law that doesn't make sense. Until one of the congregants told me that there's a dispute with Lost Lake and probably this is the cause. I have to express myself such a miserable law. So, I felt I must come and express my feelings. Making such a law attacks all Jewish people, you have a fight with Lost Lake religious people. Feel like you want to attack the religion, and that doesn't make sense. So, I felt I must come to express my protest for such a law. Expressed my feelings and I hope you'll understand what's going on here.

**Mike Bennett -**

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the board.

Today I stand in front of you as a longtime homeowner and taxpayer of Sullivan County. I grew up in Ferndale, NY. My family had a presence in the Fallsburg Woodbridge area since I've been 15 years old. Suffice it to say, I love and care deeply about the survival vibrancy and growth of Sullivan County. I've raised my own children here. I've spent a lot of time here; a considerable amount of time and I've been a volunteer for the New York State Hatzalah EMT for over 33 years. Serving right here in Sullivan County, as a proud Jewish American and Catskill resident is with great pain that I rise today to strongly oppose local law 2 of 2024. In my opinion, the piece of misguided legislation that quite frankly defies equity and fairness. This law maintains, as you know, the imposition of an unreasonably large requirement to five acres for places and houses of worship across most of the town and in every residential district. The very idea that such a restrictive measure was enacted in the 1st place is painful and disturbing. The fact that this board continues to maintain this requirement. Of course, the majority of the district, even as you contemplate amendments. Only compounds those feelings of injustice. What makes this situation even more egregious is the context in which this law emerged. It's no secret that apparently this law was passed in the wake of the Lost Lake Development acquisition by the Jewish developers. How utterly offensive and disheartening that as this development is being debated and obstructed the town of Forestburgh simultaneously enacted. Legislation that serves to marginalize the Jewish community's ability to live freely and practice their constitutionally protected rights. In my extensive travels all across this county, cities and towns all across the state. All across the country. Nowhere. Nowhere have I seen A 5 acre demand across the entire town for a House of worship. This restricted requirement therefore appears to me and to many others. Not only here in this room, but many others outside of this room. Not as a measure of genuine need or good government, but meant unfortunately, I hate to say it to act as a barrier that blocks the Jewish community's ability

from living in forestburgh. Religious worship is an essential part, as the rabbi said of our life. It has been recognized by the United States Supreme Court, most recently two years ago. During COVID as protected under the First Amendment at a time of alarming and unprecedented anti-Semitism. Many observers watching this unfortunate situation in Forestburgh can only conclude that this was being weaponized against the Community that has faced many kinds of discrimination before, we know what discrimination looks like. We know it when we see it, so permit me to offer a word of advice from someone who truly cares about the success of future of Sullivan County. What I'm about to say is in no way should be in no way construed as a threat. On the contrary, I would like to respectfully share pertinent and relevant facts that could potentially avoid a costly and messy dispute. You may have heard that several cities in this region in New York. We're talking about similar government ordinances and arbitrary zoning laws that were enacted by the town board. And many other towns. Across upstate, here and in New Jersey. Such as Chester and Clarkstown and Mamakating and Toms River. Various town boards enacted similar style order ordinances. Each one of them was fought, each one of them lost. Each one of them was found to be in violation of laws. Both state and federal, it was costly to the town. It was costly to the taxpayers, and it created a tremendous amount of ill will. The fact remains when I joined the Hatzalah 33 years ago here in Sullivan County. We were not appreciated, and they didn't want to work with us to locals. I have news for you, 33 years later, we are one of the most respected and prominent agencies who provide mutual aid to every town in this county and others, and Ulster. We are there for everyone, religious and non-Jewish.

### **Supervisor Hogue –**

I need to say, there is a misconception of local law #2 of 2024. Local law #2 of 2024 actually makes it less restrictive for houses of worship. The local law #3 is 2023 it created 5 acres in business districts and this law actually reduces that down to an acre and 1/2. It does call for five acres in a rural residential zone. The local law#2 of 2024 reduces it. So, what you are saying is that you are opposed to reducing the lot size for places of worship. That's what everybody here just said tonight, because that's what this law is. The town board is discussing a law to reduce the lot size for places of worship. I have to say that because I think that this is saying it's a newly enacted law and we're making it more restrictive law. We are trying to pass a less restrictive law.

**MINUTES – MINUTES** – June 6, 2024, Public hearing and regular board meeting minutes are acknowledged receipt. MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis. Councilperson Galligan abstained. Vote: 4 ayes – 1 nay. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS** - #119 –150 in the sum of \$37,105.71 as set forth in abstract #6 of 2024 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Ellsweig, seconded by Councilperson Landis to pay the General Fund Vouchers. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS** - #43-51 in the sum of \$124,933.07 as set forth in abstract #5 of 2024 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis to accept the highway fund vouchers. Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ESCROW FUND VOUCHERS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

Forestburgh Town Board  
Daniel Hogue, Supervisor  
King Road  
Forestburgh NY 12777

James P Galligan, President  
Forestburgh Fire Company #1  
Route 42  
Forestburgh NY 12777  
845-866-2095  
August 1, 2024

Dear Supervisor and Town Council Members:

I am writing to you as president of the Forestburgh Fire Company to request that the Forestburgh Town Board pass a resolution opposing OSHA 1910.156 which would significantly increase the extent of physicals and record-keeping required by local fire companies.

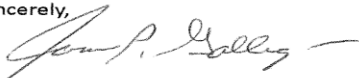
If these new OSHA regulations are passed the cost to implement these regulations would increase the local fire district budget by as much as 40%. It would also make it impossible to recruit new volunteers.

A resolution opposing this new OSHA regulation was passed by the Sullivan County Legislature on July 25, 2024. "The resolution states that the New York State Association of Counties, Conference of Mayors, Association of Towns and other large organizations have agreed that the current proposal threatens to harm and even shut down struggling fire departments across New York State and beyond." (Sullivan County Democrat, July 30, 2024)

I would be happy to discuss this with the Town Board at your convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



James P Galligan, President  
Forestburgh Fire Company #1

**Jim Steinberg –**

As everybody's probably read in the Democrat and the River reporter. 1910.156 they are putting mandates on our fire department across New York State, because the New York OSHA state. So whatever OSHA says we have to follow. Law has been ineffective since 1982. But the four unions of all the career and paid firefighters are pushing to get rid of the volunteers.

And as of right now, our physicals firefighter is about \$285. If you are just a regular exterior firefighter, when this law gets put into effect. The minimum charge for that individual will be \$1400. If you're an interior firefighter and an EMT, the minimum charge will be about \$4500. Also, OSHA are saying that we have to have 17 interior firefighters to keep our charter going. Right now, we only have 15 active members. So, it's going to put a burden on everybody. Our taxes are going to double in 2024. They're going to double again in 2025 and they're going to double again in 2026. So, if you're paying \$100 now in 2025, you're going to be paying \$200 in 2026

It's going to be a burden on us and a burden on everybody's homeowners' insurance. If Forestburgh fire company happens to close because we can't beat OSHA criteria. Our homeowner taxes will go, and your homeowner's insurance will go up, since the fire department will no longer be next door.

**Supervisor Hogue –** I would like to request the town attorney to draft a resolution. At the supervisors meeting they have been talking about this and many towns across New York State and organizations have voiced opposition to it because it will inhibit rural through New York State severely.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EMS Contract –** The county processes a contract with SeniorCare EMS to station four “fly cars” around Sullivan County. Capable of providing most anything an ambulance can - except transport of patients.

**911 Numbering – Councilperson Ellsweig –**No update

**LL#2 2024 “Amending Zoning Code bulk tables” – Supervisor Hogue –** Motion to hold a work session to discuss Local law #2 before the September board meeting. **Motion** by Supervisor Hogue second by Councilperson Ellsweig to hold work session at 5:30 on September 5, 2024. Votes: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

**EV charging stations of Town Hall –** Supervisor Hogue would like to ask the town attorney to review the Memorandum of Understanding and if the attorney believes it ok to sign it. **Motion** by Councilperson Ellsweig to have the town attorney review the document from Dewberry and advise the board if it is in our best interest to sign it. second by Councilperson Budofsky. Votes: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Phone System – Supervisor Hogue** – Townhall needs a new phone system. We have two proposals, one from Bedik and the second one from MyVoip. Bedik proposal is a onetime fee of \$5000 and MyVoip is onetime fee for \$1798 and a monthly fee for \$224.85. Motion by Councilperson Ellsweig to accept the Bedik proposal, second by Councilperson Landis. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

**2025 Budget – Supervisor Hogue** – just a reminder budget season is coming up.

**Townhall Trees – Supervisor Hogue** – Received a proposal to cut down two trees at townhall for \$1200. **Motion** by Councilperson Landis, second by Councilperson to accept the proposal by GGC Hickory for \$1200. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

**ZBA Secretary – Chairman Amaditz for Town of Forestburgh ZBA** – Hereby appoint Elizabeth Regan as the Town of Forestburgh Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Motion by Councilperson Landis, second by Councilperson Ellsweig to accept Mrs. Regan as ZBA secretary. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

## **REPORTS – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT-** Just requesting the resident to write letters regarding the OSHA

## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT –**

### **AUGUST 2024 PLANNING BOARD REPORT TO TOWN BOARD**

The Planning Board held its regular June and July meetings. Two Land Division applications came before us. The first, by Big M LLC to divide off a 4.5 acre lot off of a 20 acre lot on Tannery Road was granted. The parent lot had been one of the lots that comprised the previously granted, but never developed project called Another Sky Campground. The Special Use Permit that was granted to that project has been surrendered.

The second application by for a Land Division was made by The Hartwood Club seeking to divide a 2.5 acre lot off of a 2,500 acre parcel was also granted.

A previously submitted application for a special use permit, and site plan approval for commercial use in the residential district brought by Trips to Win has been referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation of whether their project might fit the special use rubric “a Clubhouse for a social organization with associated recreational activities”. A public hearing has been scheduled by the ZBA for August 22.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Richard Robbins, Chairman

**Town of Forestburgh**  
**Highway Department**  
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**July 2024 – HIGHWAY REPORT**

**Summer Hours**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> to start summer hours which is 4 – 10hr days

**Roads**

Looking to Chip seal the road we just paved from Thompson line to Rod and Gun Rd in a couple of weeks, signs will be posted with oil and stone along with speed signs

**Mowing**

We have already started to mow around the Town, we will be taking some trees down at the Town Hall

**Thank You**

  
**Highway Superintendent**

**Cemetery Sign – Councilperson Landis** – would like to say the new cemetery sign is up and looks very nice.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, second by Councilperson Landis to enter into executive session for discussion on the 2024 federal litigation by Lost Lake Holdings civil suit #7:24-cv-00337. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

Enter into executive session at 7.02 p.m.

No action taken.

**MOTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue at 7.38 p.m.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Hogue to reconvene into regular session at 7.38 p.m.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Hogue to accept Documents 7:24-cv-00337-VB to authorize the town supervisor (myself) to execute the necessary documents effect by the settlement.

**Motion** by Councilperson Ellsweig, second by Councilperson Landis. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay.

**ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,  
Town Clerk