

*******DRAFT*******

The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 6, 2025**, at the town hall.

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

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

Absent – Troy Johnstone, Attorney for the Town

Recording Secretary – Teresa Collins, Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Miller – objecting to the minutes being censored on what he said at the last meeting. Mr. Miller also commented about the planning board meeting that he was trying to make a comment and was stopped. I was told that the letter was directed at a different board. I believe this is the board that it was directed to. There was a letter sent to this board about removing a member of the Planning board regarding a specific application and the response that was discussed at the planning board meeting is nonsense and never happens. I don't think it's nonsense and I don't think it's false.

MINUTES – January 2025 regular town board meeting and Reorganization meeting are acknowledged receipt. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS - #249 –254 in the sum of \$1,117.84 as set forth in abstract #13 of 2024 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis to pay the General Fund Vouchers 2024.

General Fund Vouchers - #10-32 in the sum of \$9,461.81 as set forth in abstract #2 of 2025 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Ellsweig, seconded by Councilperson Landis to pay the General Fund Vouchers 2025. Supervisor Hogue abstains.
Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS - #116-124 in the sum of \$19,820.56 as set forth in abstract #12 of 2024 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to accept the Highway Fund Vouchers 2024.

Highway Fund Vouchers - #2-19 in the sum of \$37,942.99 as set forth in abstract #2 of 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky, to accept the Highway Fund Vouchers 2025.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

ESCROW FUND VOUCHERS - # 1 in the sum of \$495 as set forth in abstract #1 of 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky, to accept the Escrow Fund Vouchers.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

911 Numbering – Attorney Johnson submitted a letter to the state and waiting for their response.

SKI Program

Good afternoon Teresa,

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I finally had a chance to sit down with my team and discuss the town of Forestburgh night. We do not offer discounts for groups from townships that are not paying together. As I mentioned during our initial conversation, a couple townships received youth recreational grants to pay/help pay for tickets and rentals for children from their area. We have had other groups reach out with interest in coming as a 'group' but do not plan on paying together, which we have had to turn away because unfortunately we do not have ways to administer this.

What we are offering are certain promotional nights for first responders, scouts, military/active military, etc. Which I will list below so you can share with your residents!

1/28 - First responder night - 50% off lift tickets and rentals

1/29 - Free lift ticket if you have a season pass at another mountain

2/11 - Nurses night - 50% off lift tickets and rentals

2/12 - Military night - 50% off lift tickets and rentals

3/9 - Scouts day - \$40 lift \$40 rental for scouts groups

Thank you for reaching out and we hope we can work with your township in the future.

Drew



New Business

Planning Board Secretary Salary – Supervisor Hogue - request to increase the planning board secretary salary. **MOTION** by Councilperson Ellsweig, seconded by Councilperson Landis to raise the Planning board secretary hourly rate from \$15.50 to \$17.50.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

Deputy Building Inspector- Supervisor Hogue – Motion to appoint Glen Gabbard as deputy building inspector on a as needed basis only, second by Councilperson Landis.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

Justice Court Bank Accounts

February 5, 2025

Dear Supervisor Hogue,

Please be advised that pursuant NYS Banking regulations and the Office of Court Administration it is required that the town board within their minutes, pass authorization for the opening of any new court bank account(s) using the town's EIN number. It should also be noted that the sole signer on the (2) accounts be the Town Justice opening and responsible for them. As the court's (2) previously held accounts by Catskill Hudson Bank have been closed recently, I am requesting this authorization which will be handled through Jeff Bank in Monticello, NY.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. C. Gunther', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon. LeRoy C. Gunther

Motion by Supervisor Hogue to authorize Judge Gunther to open accounts at Jeff Bank and be the sole signatory on those accounts, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky. Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

Short Term Rentals – Councilperson Ellsweig – hear that the state passed some kind of a law and asked if anymore hear anything about it. **Chairperson Robbins** addressed the board that the legislature considered and passed a law to regulate short term rentals on a statewide basis. The governor was presented with the bill and sent it back to the legislature with some change which they adopted, and she signed. I believe it goes into effect sometime in April. It requires all platforms Airbnb and short terms rentals to report to the county identifying who they are and how much revenue those vendors collect and then transfer to the pertinent room occupancy tax directly to the county.

REPORTS – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PLANNING BOARD – Chairperson Robbins- January meeting there were two applications Trip2Wins and Grand Luxury Retreat. Next meeting will be February 25th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Corned beef dinner March 15, 2025

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, second by Councilperson Landis to enter into executive session for discussion on personnel pertaining to the assessor office at 6.30 p.m.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, second by Councilperson Landis to adjourn at 7.15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,
Town Clerk