

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

The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 5, 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

Recording Secretary Teresa Collins, Town Clerk

Absent Troy Johnstone, Attorney for the Town
Other Present Richard Robbins, Planning Board Chair

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MINUTES – May 2025 regular town board meeting minutes are acknowledged receipt.

MOTION by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky. Councilperson Galligan abstains. Vote: 4 ayes – 1 nay. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS - #94-110 in the sum of \$11,538.67 as set forth in abstract #6 of 2025 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to pay for the General Fund Vouchers 2025. Councilperson Budofsky abstains. Vote: 4 ayes – 1 nay. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS - #60-79 in the sum of \$22,041.10 as set forth in abstract #6 of 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig, to accept the Highway Fund Vouchers 2025. Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – **Supervisor Hogue** – ask that correspondences be put into record in the minutes. Mrs. Grundy letter will be forwarded to our town attorney and building dept to see if such gathering falls within the bounds of the town law.

06/05/2025

Town Board

Town of Forestburgh

322 King Rd, Forestburgh, NY 12777

By: Electronic Mail

Dear Members of the Town Board,

I am deeply disappointed that my recent letter last month, which outlined concerns about the Town's consistent violations of open government laws and application of a discriminatory double standard with clear examples, was completely ignored and not addressed in any way. Furthermore, the May meeting minutes suggests that the Board has no intention to rectify these issues.

At the May meeting, Susan Hawvermale provided comments concerning the Seniors Club, although the "Seniors Club" was not explicitly included as an item on the agenda. The Supervisor addressed the comments, which were duly noted in the meeting minutes. Subsequently, the Seniors Club was referenced in the newsletter for the first time.

In stark contrast, my comment regarding the meeting minutes, which was explicitly listed on the agenda as an item, and my inquiry regarding the "ongoing investigation" involving a Planning Board member, an investigation publicly disclosed by the Supervisor at a prior meeting, and pertinent to the agenda item "Planning Board Report", were not included in the minutes. Instead, the minutes incorrectly noted, "Mr. Miller provided comments on irrelevant agenda items" which once again demonstrates the double standard.

Similarly, the Town is still uncompliant with the Open Meetings Law in terms of posting records it discusses online before its meeting, and with the Freedom of Information law. The Town has also failed to explain why the general comment item was surreptitiously removed from the agenda after Orthodox Jews commented publicly at a Board meeting or why different rules regarding correspondence were applied to favor Justin Evans when he submitted correspondence criticizing Lost Lake.

While the Board's conduct has not offered any reason for optimism to the contrary, its actions remain deeply troubling and concerning. It is my hope that this pattern and practice will not continue, and that these issues will be addressed with the seriousness and attention they rightfully warrant.

Sincerely,

Yehuda Miller

May 27, 2025
Forestburgh Town Board

Dear Board,

This letter is to raise the ongoing issue with the Town regarding previous events of loud, amplified music, singing, chanting and speaking from an adjacent property of Forestburgh Pond. Over the past few years, the noise rattled the windows and was completely disruptive for the entire 3-day weekends. Use of an amplifier was constant all day long.

As previously discussed in Town meetings last year, the source is either lot 20 or 21 with a driveway entrance on Hartwood Road.

The property will be hosting an event this year, the weekend of July 11-13. Advertised as a “3-day Revive-All Retreat” at Perfection Prayer Mountain, 20 Hartwood Road, Forestburgh, NY, per the groups Instagram page, they have already “registered 115 people and have room for up to 200”.

As you know, over the last few years this property has hosted multi-day events with ongoing activity and noise, in violation of Town Ordinance Chapter 110 Noise. Last May 15-18, 2024, a “Revive-All Conference” took place and was promoted on www.perfectionmountain.com and indicated the event could allow for 300 attendees.

Given the promotion for this event, the same concerns remain:

1. Is this activity in violation of Town Ordinance 110 Noise?
2. Is the property zoned for such ongoing activities and are permits required?
3. Is a permit issued by the town for this three-day event?
4. Is the property owner aware of the activity and the disruption being caused?
5. With the potential of 200 attendees, what is allowable given the lack of a water source, sewage or parking, as well as rubbish removal?

Attached please find screen grabs I captured in mid-April representing the advertising and promotion for the event.

As always, we appreciate your attention to this matter and request this situation be dealt with ***in advance, given we know the dates for the 2025 event.***

Elizabeth may be contacted at 917-573-3940 or via elizabeth.Grund@gmail.com with questions or comments.

Regards,
Joan Toomey Grund
Elizabeth Grund

attachments: screen grabs from Instagram, www.perfectionmountain.com, letter to Town dated May 23, 2024

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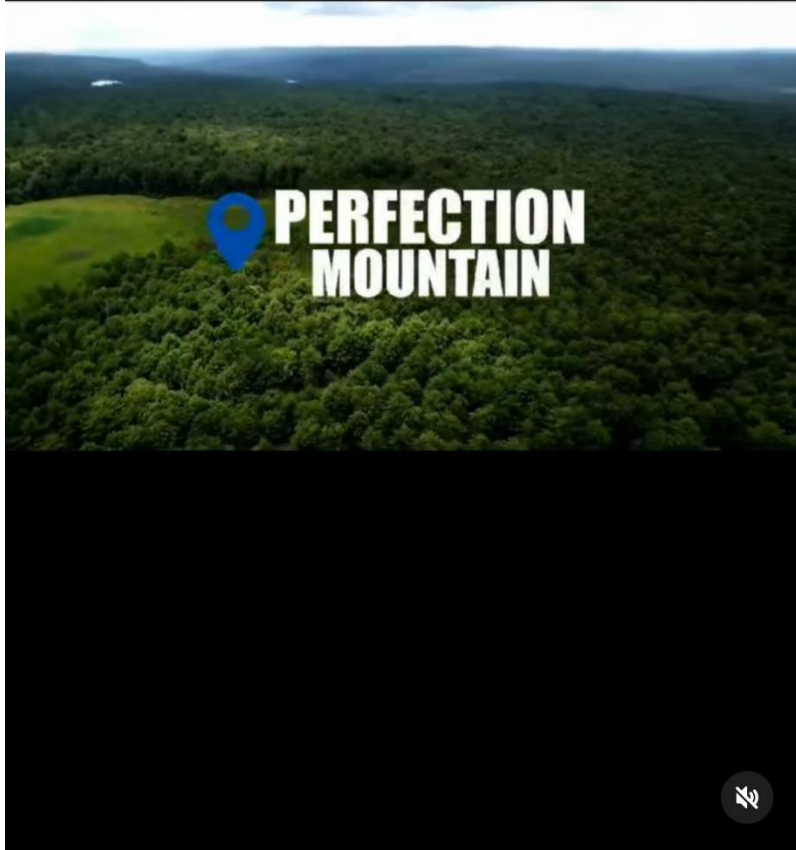


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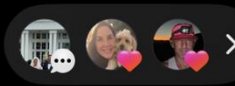


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PERFECTION PRAYER MOUNTAIN

CATSKILLS, NY



prophetarcher The much-anticipated Revive-All Retreat at Perfection Prayer Mountain is quickly approaching. You want to join us, click on the pre registration form at <https://form.jotform.com/250184546673159>



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

911 Numbering – Councilperson Ellsweig-

RESOLUTION SETTING A 911 NAMING-NUMBERING POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF FORESTBURGH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, New York, has implemented an enhanced 911 telephone system whereby an individual will be able to dial a 911 telephone number in the event of an emergency for emergency personnel response. A Town-wide uniform numbering policy of all buildings will assist emergency personnel in responding efficiently and quickly to an emergency. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Forestburgh to create such a policy; and

WHEREAS, due to the uniquely heavily forested and rural nature of the Town and the Town-wide non-uniform street lighting, the numbering of buildings is a matter of unique local concern and public safety. As such, the specifications of this policy are necessary for the health, well-being and public safety of residents with respect to the numbering of all residential and commercial properties throughout the Town of Forestburgh in the manner consistent with this policy; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intention of this policy to supersede, replace or repeal any applicable provisions of the Town of Forestburgh Code, New York State Law or New York State Fire Code, but the intention to supplement the same in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Forestburgh.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 911 numbering sign policy be implemented by the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Forestburgh and apply to all properties throughout the Town of Forestburgh regardless whether residential or commercial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all 911 numbering signs shall have numbers printed on both sides and shall feature a blue background with white reflective numbering, preferably with each number being no less than 4 inches in length; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all 911 numbering signs shall be placed on the same side of the roadway as the premises, in a conspicuous spot that is at a minimum of 48 inches high and within 6 feet of the edge of the roadway. The 911 numbering sign shall be perpendicular to the road and visible from both direction but shall not impede or inhibit traffic.

MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to adopt the policy setting forth 911 numbering and naming.

MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to amend my resolution setting 911 naming policy for the Town of Forestburgh as amended in this discussion. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

Playground Equipment - Supervisor Hogue- has asked Councilperson Landis and Councilperson Ellsweig to look into purchasing new playground equipment. Councilperson Landis is looking into grants, county, assembly members and anyone that can assist with funding for the new equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Copier- Supervisor Hogue – Town Board will have a special meeting on Tuesday June 24 at 3pm for the sole purpose of discussing a copier for townhall. Discussion will be based on additional information that is needed by the Kristt Co.

Board of Assessment Review Vacancies – Supervisor Hogue – We have two board of assessment review members vacancies. If anyone is interest, please contact the Townclerk.

July 3rd Meeting – Supervisor Hogue - canceling July 3, 2025, town board meeting.

MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to cancel the July 3, 2025, town board meeting. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

Town of Forestburgh Highway Dept. HIGHWAY REPORT FOR June Highway Superintendent,

June 1st 2025

Spring Clean -up

Spring clean- up didn't go well as other years due to rain so, hopefully it will be well next year

Roads

We have started bringing in material to pave Plank Rd from Rod and Club Road to County Rd 44 waiting for the state to pass state budget to see what we are getting for Chips,NYP,POP and EWR

Paving

We will be paving road Plank B from Rod and Club Road to country Rt 44 on the 9th 10th and possibly the 11th of June ,from 6:00am till 4:00 pm so please be aware of signage and speed while in a work zone

Summer Hours

Summer Hours are Monday thru Thursday 6:00am till 4:30pm

Thank You

Highway Superintendent

Highway Department 284 agreement -

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of FORESTBULLH,
Sullivan County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected
in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair
and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$ 266,421.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary
work and general repairs upon 33.63 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges
having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the
permanent improvement of town highways.

(a) On the road commencing at CTY ROAD 44 PLANK RD B
and leading to RED TOWN RD, a distance of 1.21 miles,
there shall be expended not over the sum of \$ 200,000.00
Type Gravel Mix Width of traveled surface 20'
Thickness 3" Subbase EXISTING ASPHALT
THE REMAINING \$66,000.00 to be spent on the rest of Town
needs

(b) On the road commencing at _____
and leading to _____, a distance of _____ miles,
there shall be expended not over the sum of \$ _____
Type _____ Width of traveled surface _____
Thickness _____ Subbase _____

(c) On the road commencing at _____
and leading to _____, a distance of _____ miles,
there shall be expended not over the sum of \$ _____
Type _____ Width of traveled surface _____
Thickness _____ Subbase _____

Executed in duplicate this 5 day of JUNE, 2025.

[Signature]
Supervisor
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Councilperson
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NOTE: This Agreement should be signed in duplicate by a majority of the members of the Town Board and the Town Superintendent.
One copy must be filed in the Town Clerk's office and one in the County Superintendent's office. COPIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE
FILED IN ALBANY.

Motion by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to approve the amended 284 agreement. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried

REPORTS – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PLANNING BOARD – Chairperson Robbins- No May meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Pancake breakfast was a great success. Fundraiser at the Forestburgh Tavern. The band is Fisher Cat start at 8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue second by Councilperson Landis to adjourn at 6.50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,
Town Clerk