

TOWN OF LLOYD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 18, 2024

Present:

Supervisor David Plavchak
Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody
Councilmember John Fraino
Councilmember Tiffany Rizzo
Councilmember Guerriero

Also Present:

Sean Murphy, Attorney
Margaret, O'Halloran, Secretary
Wendy D. Rosinski, Town Clerk

7:00 PM – Open meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting will be held live in Town Hall, Live on WebEx and live streamed on Optimum Channel 22.

All meetings are available on You Tube Town of Lloyd the next day.

Most current meeting is replayed on Optimum Channel 22 Monday 7pm, Wednesday 9 am, Friday 7 pm and Saturday at 9 am.

Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa and Captain Joesph Sciutto, Detail Commander presented Chief Janso with a check from Urgent Drug Task Force.

1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons

A. Town Board Liaisons

**Audit – January 1 – June 30, 2024: Councilmembers Auchmoody and Rizzo
July 1 - December 31, 2024: Councilmembers Fraino and Guerriero**

Beautification – Councilmember Rizzo

Rizzo reported the town is decorated for the holidays and winter season. She thanked Building and Grounds for all their help. We have received many compliments from both residents and tourists, which is always nice to hear. They won't be meeting again until March.

ECC (Environmental Conservation Committee) – Supervisor Plavchak

They did trail clean up on Illinois Mountain.

Events Committee – Councilmember Fraino

The Tree Lighting was very well attended.

Highland Fire District/ Ambulance – Councilmember Fraino

Fire alarms dispatched 50
Average firefighters per call 11 (highest was 25)
Total Number of apparatus responses 123
Manhours for alarms 298
Manhours for meetings 42
Manhours for training 205
Manhours for misc. events. 37

**TOTAL manhours 582 November 2024

** Total manhours do not include the officer's administrative work, planning for training and/or the attending of the Highland Fire District Commissioners meetings.

Chris Everett stepped down as a Fire Commissioner and Jim Anzelone was voted in. They recruited 8 new members to the Fire Department.

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Rizzo

The Elementary School Assistant Principal Dr. Melissa Chester has officially started her position, a big Husky welcome was given to her while she read to classrooms and got to know her students.

The Middle School Student Council organized a toy drive and with the help of County Legislature Gina Hansut the toys were delivered to Ulster County Community Action.

High School Principal Dr. Murphy is out on medical. Mr. Opitz will be acting Principal

during this time.
Kindergarten registration will be open on January 3rd. Registration packets will be available for guardians to pick up at the High School during business hours.
Kindergarten screenings will be held on May 1st.

Highland Landing Park – Councilmember Auchmoody

Auchmoody reported the Association is planning an Art Show for the park.

Lights – Councilmember Fraino

Fraino said he is going to explore our lighting costs to see what can be done to save money.

The street light in the Lombardi parking light that is shining in a residence window is going to get an adjustment.

**Lloyd Community Development Committee – Supervisor Nothing to report
Planning Board – Councilmember Auchmoody**

Last meeting was Joe Mazzetti Special Use Permit
Highland Estates Subdivision
33 Maple Ave Short Term Rental
53 Oaks Road Short Term Rental

Hudson Valley Rail Trail – Councilmember Auchmoody

Bellizzi reported WinterFest is February 8th. (Chili Fest)

Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilmember Guerriero

Last meeting was 15 Lockhart Lane Variance for a fence
18 Falcon Drive set back variance for a garage
509 N Elting Corners Rd Area Variance

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Lewis DiStasi Pavillion Ribbon cutting was well attended.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mill House Hospitality, Inc d/b/a The Ridge by Mill House Liquor License
Town Board had no objection to waiving the 30-day waiting period.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jacob Mullen 1 Brinkerhoff received a water bill for \$1,200 was is 4 times as much as normal.

The Water Department did go out to check for a leak and found nothing. After reviewing the daily usage it was found that the bulk of the water used was in one day and they suspect the tenant ran the water before moving out.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. **Motion** by Fraino, seconded by Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meetings: September 18, 2024, October 2, 2024, October 9, 2024, October 16, 2024, November 6, 2024.

Five ayes carried

B. **RESOLUTION** moved by Auchmoody, seconded by Fraino to authorize the payment of vouchers as audited by the Audit Committee.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Five ayes carried

C. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LLOYD

Moved by Auchmoody, seconded by Fraino

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
THE TOWN OF LLOYD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd Town Board, per Town Law 272-a, appointed a Comprehensive Planning Committee with the task of overseeing the development of a new Town Comprehensive Plan to replace the previously adopted Town Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee held a public hearing on June 24, 2024 and considered all comments recorded at the public hearing and submitted during the public comment period and referred the Town of Lloyd Comprehensive Plan last revised in 2024 (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also held a public hearing on August 21, 2024, and provided an opportunity for the public to comment verbally or by writing on proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town provided public notice of the public hearing on the proposed Plan, which was also made available on the Town's website and at the Town Clerk's office for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Town considered all public comments received on the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan sets out to protect and preserve agriculture businesses and ecologically sensitive areas in this community, and direct new development need into areas that can be efficiently served by municipal services and infrastructure by utilizing Smart Growth principles; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this local comprehensive plan does not involve a federal agency; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan is a Type I action under SEQRA, per NYCRR 617.4(b)(1), since it covers the adoption of the municipality's land use plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is the only entity that can legislatively adopt a Town of Lloyd Comprehensive Plan, thus, the Town Board established themselves as the lead agency for the adoption of the update of this Plan by resolution on June 26th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town Planning Board were provided with the proposed plan and the review is considered an advisory opinion under SEQRA and the agencies are not considered to be eligible for lead agency status in this action; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Department submitted their review of the Town of Lloyd Comprehensive Plan Update on August 7, 2024, their referral reference number 2024-106; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board review and considered the comments made by the Ulster County Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide time to fully understand what a conversion to a form-based code would mean for the entire Town of Lloyd, the Town does not agree with the Required modification to recommend changing the code to a form-based model similar to Kingston. The Town Board would like to understand this option better before adding the provision in the Comprehensive Plan to require the Town convert to a full form-based code. The Town will explore this option after the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, and would like to note that the Town has adopted flexibility similar to a form-based code in its planned development districts.

WHEREAS, in order to maintain flexibility and the visual character of Lloyd, the Town Board does not agree with the Required Modification on page 3 of the Ulster County comment letter that the Plan include a recommendation to require that structures in this area be designed to incorporate at least a second story with an opportunity to add additional stories and units through density bonuses; and

WHEREAS, The Town already has regulatory requirements that do not permit development in wetlands and steep slopes and has expressed their intention in the Plan to further the development of protection of environmental and unique value in the Town of Lloyd, and does not need to include reference tools used for analysis in the Plan, since they may change or become unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also provided an opportunity for the Town of Lloyd Planning Board and adjacent municipalities, to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan and received no formal comments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board completed Parts 1, 2, & 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) for this proposed Action, consistent with SEQRA, which comprehensively analyzed the proposed project and the potential environmental impact that may arise from the adoption of the proposed Plan update, and found that the potential impacts are generally small and will not result in any significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is prepared to adopt this Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance (Negative Declaration) in accordance with SEQRA (Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation law and 6 NYCRR 617).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Lloyd in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. The Town Board overrides the Required Modification in the Ulster County Planning Board letter dated August 7, 2024, on page 1, that stated that the Town Plan should recommend a form-based code.

2. The Town Board overrides the Required Modification in the Ulster County Planning Board letter dated August 7, 2024, on page 3, that stated that the Plan should recommend requiring structures to be two-story within the 9W corridor and that bonus density provisions be permitted to allow more stories and units to buildings.
3. The Town Board overrides the Required Modifications in the Ulster County Planning Board letter dated August 7, 2024 on page 3, requiring that the Plan reference online analysis tools for information on the Natural Resources Inventory, and contemplation of the New York State Wetlands Law, which they are aware of and intent to comply.
4. The Town Board has reviewed the Part II, Part III and Attachments, and agrees with the assessment that the adoption of this Plan will not have a significant impact on the environment, and thereby issues a negative declaration for this project.
5. The Town Board hereby directs that notice of this Negative Declaration be published and filed in accordance with applicable law, including filing with the Town Supervisor and in the Office of the Town Clerk; and
6. The Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to notice the identified involved and interested agencies a copy of the negative declaration for this project closing the SEQRA process for this action, and
7. After full consideration of the Town of Lloyd Comprehensive Plan, all public comments received, and a review of the record for this Action, the Town Board hereby adopts the Town of Lloyd Comprehensive Plan, last revised November 11, 2024.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Involved & Interested Agencies
 Town of Lloyd Planning Board
 Ulster County Planning Board
 Ulster County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
 OPHRP State Historic Preservation Officer

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, naye; Rizzo, aye
Four ayes carried

D. RESOLUTION moved by Auchmoody, seconded by Fraino to hire Laurie Hansen-Litman as full-time account clerk effective January 1, 2025 at the rate of \$24.74/Hour at the recommendation the Supervisor.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, naye; Rizzo, aye
Four ayes carried

Resolutions E – H moved by Fraino, seconded by Guerriero 5 ayes carried

E. RESOLUTION to approve the following funds to be moved from Recreation Reserves for River Park.

Recreation Reserves -\$1,835.16

Capital expenditure 00-06-7110-42 +\$1,835.16

For capital electrical, seal & stripe parking, installation new lawn improvement to park.

F. RESOLUTION to approve the following funds to be moved from Recreation Reserves for Tony Williams Park.

Recreation Reserves -\$6,233.04

Capital expenditure 50-06-7310-40 +\$6,233.04

For capital improvement – Parking – seal & striping parking.

G. RESOLUTION to approve the following funds to be moved from Recreation Reserves for Tony Williams Park.

Recreation Reserves -\$5,670.00

Capital expenditure 50-06-7310-40 +\$5,670.00

For capital improvement – New Trees.

H. RESOLUTION to approve the following funds to be moved from Recreation Reserves for Parks Lawn Installation/ Mulch/ Aeration/ Tree & Limbs Removals – Memorial/ Town Tony Williams/ Berean

Recreation Reserves - \$7,020.00
Capital expenditure 00-06-7110-40 +\$7,020.00
For capital improvement – Parks Lawn Installation/ Mulch/ Aeration/ Tree & Limbs
Removals – Veterans Memorial Park/ Town Field/ Tony Williams Field/ Berean Park
Combined Recreation Improvements - \$20,758.20

I. RESOLUTION moved by Rizzo, seconded by Guerriero to accept the retirement of Edward K. VanLeuven from the Town of Lloyd Highway Department effective 12/31/24 upon his retirement, at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye
Five ayes carried

J. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to accept the resignation of Nathaniel A. Davis as MEO at the Town of Lloyd Highway Department effective 12/28/24, at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye
Five ayes carried

K. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Fraino

**TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD
DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lloyd, held at the Town Hall, Thomas Shay Square, 12 Church Street, Highland, New York 12528, on December 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.,

PROJECT NAME:	Illinois Mountain Connector Trail
PROJECT LOCATION:	60 Reservoir Road, Highland, New York 12528
SEQRA Type Action:	Unlisted

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of the Illinois Mountain Connector Trail; a 2,780 linear foot, gravel-surfaced, multi-use trail connecting Berean Park with Vista Circle and the Mountainside Development, sidewalk and roadway system. The trail spans four (4) existing properties totaling 332.5 acres – all currently owned by the Town of Lloyd. The trail will be developed as an 6–8’ wide following standards for a NYS Biking Class 1 bike/pedestrian trail and that conforms with the Federal Access Board’s 2013 Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas (AGODA) to limit the disturbance to steep slopes, mature, forest canopy, and to preserve the natural character of the existing landscape. The total area of disturbance would be about 1.5 acres and approximately < 0.1 acre of wetland disturbance.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd in cooperation with Scenic Hudson Inc. is in the process of construction of the Illinois Mountain Connector Trail as set forth above; and, **WHEREAS**, this is an Unlisted Action;

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared; and, **WHEREAS**, after comparing the thresholds contained in 6NYCRR 617.4 and 5, the Town Board has determined that the proposed project is an Unlisted action; and,

WHEREAS, after examining Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the Town Board has determined that there are other involved and/or interested agencies in this matter, including the Town of Lloyd, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, The United States Army Corps of Engineers, New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation and Scenic Hudson Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby declares its intent to be lead agency for the review of this action; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to circulate this resolution and any other documents requested to all other involved and/or interested agencies, and the Town Board, through its Town Clerk, is to discharge any other SEQRA responsibilities as required by 6NYCRR 617; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless an objection to the Town Board assuming lead agency is received within thirty (30) days of the date of the mailing of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the Town Board will become lead agency for the review of this action.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Five ayes carried

L. RESOLUTION moved by Fraino, seconded by Guerriero

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd's current contract for ambulance service with New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc. will expire at the end of calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board had previously accepted the proposal submitted by New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc. and authorized the Supervisor to obtain a formal contract from New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc. memorializing the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has obtained a formal contract and distributed same to the members of the Town Board for their review and consideration, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to approve said contract with New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The agreement between the Town Board and New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc. for emergency medical and general ambulance service in the Town of Lloyd commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved for the consideration set forth in the agreement.

Supervisor is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Five ayes carried

M. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo

WHEREAS, there is currently a pending Tax Certiorari Petition filed

in the Ulster County Supreme Court by **VINEYARD HIGHLAND ASSOCIATES** v. the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Highland Central School District has intervened as a party in said action; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged the services of Sterling Appraisals Inc. to prepare a preliminary/restricted appraisal in the pending tax petition brought by **VINEYARD HIGHLAND ASSOCIATES** at a cost of \$4,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town requested that the school district contribute to the cost thereof; and

WHEREAS, the school district has agreed to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the expense of the preliminary/restricted appraisal in the amount of \$2,125.00; and

WHEREAS, the school district has requested that the town sign and enter into a municipal agreement, regarding said contribution in a form attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to approve said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Highland Central School District and the Town of Lloyd in a form attached hereto and made apart hereof is hereby agreed and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute same on behalf of the Town.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Five ayes carried

N. RESOLUTION moved by Auchmoody, seconded by Guerriero

WHEREAS the Town of Lloyd wishes to complete the roof above the bathrooms and storage areas of the Lewis DiStasi Pavilion; and

WHEREAS the Bruderhof Community has offered to donate their labor to build the roof; and

WHEREAS the Bruderhof Community has offered to complete the project before the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS the Town requested quotes for materials; and

MATERIALS LIST FOR TOWN PAVILION

DECEMBER 12, 2024

ATTACHED IS MATERIALS LIST FOR QUOTE, PRODUCT TO BE DELIVERED TO THE LLOYD TOWN PAVILION 39 MAIN STREET, HIGHLAND , NY ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 30, 2024.

8 - 2x8x8 Pressure Treated lumber for plates atop the walls.
 122' – sill sealer foam
 12 – 2x8x12 PT lumber for plates atop walls.
 46 - 2x8x8 for ceiling joists
 11 sheets ¾" T&G decking
 20 - 2x6x8 studs for short side walls
 12 – 2x6x12 studs for top plates
 34 - 2x6x16 studs long end walls and top plates
 30 sheets LP SmartSide 76 Series Cedar Texture Panel w/ 8in groove 8' in length
 8 - 9.21in 540 Series Cedar Texture Trim LP Smartside Trim Board
 4 – 2x10x12 for Header over Garage Door

PAVILION LUMBER QUOTES

DECEMBER 14, 2024

SUPPLIER	QUOTE	NOTES
H.G. PAGE	5364.51	
LOWES	5563.98	2 WEEK ORDER TIME
MILTON BUILDING SUPPLY	4708.60	
BUILDERS 1 ST SOURCE	5607.17	
WILLIAMS LUMBER	4787.65	

WHEREAS, the Town received Five quotes and Milton Building Supply is the lowest price and can deliver immediately;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Lloyd accepts the quote from Milton Building Supply for \$4,708.60.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye
Five ayes carried

O. RESOLUTION moved by Fraino, seconded by Auchmoody to hire Sean P. Leonard as a Seasonal employee at the hourly base rate of \$26.01 effective 12/23/24, pending satisfactory completion of DOT physical, which is budget supported and at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye
Five ayes carried

MOTION by Guerriero, seconded by Auchmoody to go into Executive Session at 8:09 PM.

Five ayes carried

MOTION by Fraino, seconded by Rizzo to exit Executive Session at 8:29PM.

Five ayes carried

RESOLUTION by Fraino, seconded by Auchmoody that the Town Board, upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, approves a Labor Agreement between the Town and David E. Barton, II, Director of the Town Building Department, dated December 18, 2024, and hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign said Labor Agreement. A copy of the Labor Agreement between Mr. Barton and the Town shall be incorporated by reference with in the minutes of this meeting.

Roll call: Fraino, aye; Plavchak, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye
Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski, Town Clerk