

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on January 18, 2024, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Yager, Town Engineer, Ken Svitak, HW Superintendent, Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney and several guests and residents.

Supervisor Rode called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Adoption of Minutes

RES#16/2024

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the January 4, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE WEST PHOENIX SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION**

RES#17/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to open the public hearing at 6:03 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Al Yager: This is near River Road and the old Bridge Street Crossing that will extend sewers to the Top Fabricators Facility. It does include a force main that is large enough to handle flow from the one residential parcel on what is Old West Bridge or Old Lamson Road and the old ice cream shop and the fire department. So, if they choose to extend the district further and contribute or participate, the Village of Phoenix has provided us with a letter stating that they are not opposed to it and have capacity to handle the additional flow from the one parcel that has been added to the West Phoenix Sewer District. This will benefit the residents in the fact that we are still paying the county to maintain the West Phoenix pump station. So, we will have one more residential, or one more commercial unit added to that, and we will reduce the cost for the West Phoenix Sewer District residents slightly just because they will be in the district, and more pay into the fund expenses.

Additional extensions would need to be approved by the Village. The Village's treatment plant does not have a lot of capacity left, so that may be more of a limiting factor.

There is no cost to the public. The applicant is paying all costs associated with it. So, this is just the legal procedure that we have to go through to be able to include the parcel in the taxing district. The Sewer District will actually lower the cost to the existing residents because we have one more unit paying towards the maintenance of the pump station. Then it is not an ad valorem district, it is a unit charge district.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE WEST PHOENIX SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION

RES#18/2023

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to close the public hearing at 6:39 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Citizens Comments

Rob Helfrich of Coachman’s Whip expressed his interest in the open Town Board seat and explained that he has been representing people from the town and has put a lot of time into it and included his credentials.

Sandy Baker of Sunset Terrace spoke about her decision not to pursue the Town Board seat, noting that she did not have an agenda, and that her interest in the position was genuine.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road noted that he has been attending meetings since 2008 when he became aware of issues within the town. He discussed light pollution, traffic issues, and the location of the YMCA.

Several people in the audience spoke from their seats and made political statements. Those comments will not be included in these minutes.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Moore discussed the open Board seat and that the Board is seeking the best person for that position. He mentioned that he has been on the Board for three terms and that the negativity in the building comes from those who bring it in. **Councilor Moore** stated that the Board has business to do. He said others have mentioned that there should be more people attending meetings, but there’s negativity that is brought in. He lectured Mr. Burtch on his past poor behavior, and how shameful it has been. **Councilor Moore** said that kind of negativity stops good people from wanting to become Town Board members and attending meetings. **Councilor Moore** was interrupted several times and **Supervisor Rode** interjected and stated that he has allowed public discussion for the first time in a long time and asked the audience to please not ruin it for everybody. He wants the public to come to the meetings and have a rapport with them. He reiterated: *“Don’t ruin it; I don’t want to take it away; don’t be the bad apple.”* He also stated that people should come up to the mic and address the Board.

Councilor Geraci and **Councilor Kudarauskas** mentioned the open Board seat as well and expressed that they would like to do what is best for the town.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Rode mentioned the main street grant, as the window on that grant closes February 16. He mentioned that he has had some people in Baldwinsville reach out regarding same. Discussion ensued regarding renovations, and anything related to the Route 31 corridor using the grant.

Supervisor Rode mentioned the county sewer fee on tax bills. He asked residents to check their bills, and if they have any questions regarding that to reach out to him or the Tax Receiver.

Department Head Reports

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk mentioned a grant for volunteer fire departments through Fire Fighters Association of New York (FASNY). She said to contact a local fire department secretary if anyone from a particular district is interested.

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST PHOENIX SEWER DISTRICT EXPANSION TO SERVE TOP FABRICATORS

RES#19/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the West Phoenix Sewer District Expansion to serve Top Fabricators. This is a Special District Extension under NYS Town Law Article 2, District Formation by Petition.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TIMBER TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,200 FOR TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL AT 8439 SMOKEY HOLLOW ROAD

RES#20/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to accept the bid from Timber Tree Service in the amount of \$9,200 for tree and stump removal at 8439 Smokey Hollow Road. *(There were two other bids submitted as follows: Farney Tree & Excavation: \$19,226.85; and Great Lakes Tree Services: \$39,777.00)*

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO CORRECT THE RATE CHANGE ON ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

RES#21/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to correct the rate change on the Organizational Agenda for Gretchen Starr, noting that the salary for both positions should read: Deputy Clerk: \$17,017; \$18.70 and Parks and Recreation Clerk: \$17,017; \$18.70 per hour at 35 hours per week for 52 weeks per year.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CHA PROPOSAL FOR THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER STUDY TO BE PAID FROM ARPA FUNDS

RES#22/2024

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the CHA proposal for the Cold Springs Sewer Study in the amount of \$49,600 to be paid for with ARPA funds.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

TABLED

Motion made by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ to appoint _____ to the vacated position of Town Board Member with an annual salary of \$10,005 with a starting date of February 1, 2024, with a term to expire 12/31/2024.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#23/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the Town Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of an employee, at 7:12 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#24/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn Executive Session at 7:54 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

This is a true and complete recording
of the action taken at this meeting.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk