

**LYSANDER TOWN BOARD MEETING                      AGENDA                      March 8, 2010**  
**8220 LOOP ROAD, BALDWINVILLE, NEW YORK    REGULAR MEETING                      7:00 P.M.**

- I.        CALL TO ORDER
- II.       PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- III.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
- IV.      SCHEDULED CITIZENS' CONCERNS
- V.       REPORTS

- Town Clerk
  - Town Assessor
  - Town Engineer
  - Town Attorney

- VI.      CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON TONIGHTS' LISTED AGENDA ITEMS
- VII.     OLD BUSINESS
- VIII.    NEW BUSINESS

- A.       **WHEREAS**, The State of New York has created the Economic Development Zone Program, known as the Empire Zone Program, to encourage industrial and commercial development in selected municipalities across the State; and

- WHEREAS**, the Town of Lysander as an eligible municipality, in conjunction with the County of Onondaga, has access to the Empire Zone Program pursuant to Section 957(d) of the General Municipal Law; and

- WHEREAS**, The State of New York has amended the Empire Zone program to increase benefits and allow additional areas to be deemed as Regionally Significant Projects; and

- WHEREAS**, The County of Onondaga and the Town of Lysander intend to amend the County of Onondaga Empire Zone boundaries to encourage industrial and commercial development and to allow for the designation of lands within the Town of Lysander for a Regionally Significant Project; and

- WHEREAS**, Bannon Holding LLC (Bannon Automotive) located at 2900 McLane Drive, Town of Lysander, New York - Tax Parcel 079.-01-10.5, meets the criteria of 957(d) of the General Municipal Law as a regionally significant project by creating 250 new professional, engineering, production, and related support jobs for inclusion within the County of Onondaga Empire Zone in an area outside those currently designated, and

- WHEREAS**, the Town of Lysander wishes to support and agrees with the Empire Zone designation of 39.34 acres of Tax Parcel 079.-01-10.5 or portions thereof, as a Regionally Significant Project under Section 957 (d) (i) of the General Municipal Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, New York that it fully supports and concurs in the submission of an application by Onondaga County for the re-designation of the aforementioned area as an Empire Zone.

- B. RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing to be held at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on March 22, 2010 at the Lysander Town Hall for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the Town of Lysander's 2010 Community Development Funding Request.
- C. RESOLVED that Lisa Dell, Town Clerk be permitted to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association's annual conference to be held in Saratoga, New York on April 25 - 28, 2010. Cost of the conference is \$899.99 which includes registration fee, conference workshops, lodging, mileage and meals.
- D. RESOLVED that Theresa Golden, Town Assessor, be permitted to attend the New York State Assessor's Association annual Cornell Seminar to be held in Ithaca, New York from July 11, 2010 – July 17, 2010. Cost of the seminar is \$1045.70 which includes tuition, lodging, meals and mileage.
- E. RESOLVED that Bonnie Kisselstein, Town Historian, be permitted to attend the Association of Public Historians of NYS 2010 Annual State Conference to be held in Buffalo, New York from April 18-April 20, 2010. Cost of Conference \$421.40 which includes registration fee, lodging, meals and mileage.
- F. RESOLVED that Supervisor Barry W. Bullis be hereby authorized to submit an application for a High Priority grant under the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency grant program for the 2009-2010 program year in the amount of \$46,800 with a local share not to exceed \$5,200 the total project cost being \$52,000, and that Supervisor Barry W. Bullis be designated Lead Applicant Contact Person and be hereby authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative documents relating to the grant program.
- G. **RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND**

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is a significant contributor to New York's economy; and,  
**WHEREAS**, farms provide jobs, support local businesses and are part of industry sectors that have a \$23 billion economic impact annually in New York; and,  
**WHEREAS**, farms comprise 7 million acres of land in New York, roughly 25% of the state's land base; and,  
**WHEREAS**, farmers have a strong track record of pro-active environmental stewardship in New York; and,  
**WHEREAS**, rapidly changing economic conditions threaten the future viability of New York's agricultural industry; and,  
**WHEREAS**, 26,000 acres of farmland are developed each year in New York; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the State of New York established a Farmland Protection Program in 1992 to assist towns and counties in developing and implementing local agricultural and farmland protection plans; and,  
**WHEREAS**, over \$3 million has been awarded by the Farmland Protection Program to 50 counties and 52 towns to assist in the development of local agricultural and farmland protection plans; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the Farmland Protection Program funding has awarded more than \$173 million to help farmers, local governments and land trusts permanently protect 74,000 acres on 303 farms; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for Farmland Protection funding has been strong due to the program's popularity, with a record 181 farms seeking \$156 million in state funding to protect 49,500 acres in 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding for the Farmland Protection Program is allocated from the state's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), a dedicated fund whose principle funding source is a state Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor and State Legislature must take steps this year to protect New York's valuable farmland and strengthen the future for farms across New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Town of Lysander does hereby urge state lawmakers to support New York's farmers, the state's agricultural economy and protection of valuable farmland by supporting funding for the Farmland Protection Program and Environmental Protection Fund; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lysander does hereby oppose drastic cuts to the Farmland Protection Program and Environmental Protection Fund, as outlined in the Governor's FY 2010-11 Budget Proposal; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Town of Lysander is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Republican Leader Dean Skelos, Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator John DeFrancisco, Assemblyman William Barclay, and American Farmland Trust.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (5-minute time limit per speaker)

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 15: 7:30 p.m., Planning Board meeting, auditorium

March 22: 7:00 p.m., Next regular Town Board meeting

XIII. ADJOURNMENT