

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on April 19, 2018 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Saraceni, Supervisor
Robert Ellis, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roman Diamond, Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Gerald Hole, Highway Superintendent, Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; and several residents.

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Dan Pollock of Oswego Road explained his petition for zone change request for his hardscape company. He said he conducts a lot of work in Baldwinsville. He noted the map on the board and said he'd like to grow his business and be a part of the community. He has submitted permits and other paperwork to the state. He is waiting to hear the decision for the zone change before he does anything else.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Geraci mentioned the vote for the bond regarding the spray park. He wrote a letter about it and addressed that someone had written a letter to the Messenger regarding some of the issues raised. He said he read a book that upset him called "*Disconnected*" by Thomas Kersting, who is a psychotherapist and school counselor who works with children's issues. **Councilor Geraci** said that to him, it ties into the spray park and everything that is done in recreation. He said that children with their tablets, social media, and cell phones, their brains are actually being re-wired. They can no longer think as adequately as people are expecting them to at their ages. Children are not thinking like the adults in the room, they are glued to their tablets and they are on social media for hours, and many are on the devices all night and not getting enough sleep.

Councilor Geraci said the spray park would be about kids putting the tablets and phones aside and interacting and playing with one another outdoors. His appeal is that the spray park should not be an argument between adults, as the Town is trying to do a good thing for the community. **Councilor Geraci** mentioned Mr. Rode, and apologized to him if the Board was not clear on how the whole program was being rolled out and that Mr. Rode did not understand. **Councilor Geraci** said he thought they were doing that but he said he hoped there were no questions about the project. **Councilor Geraci** said there are no hidden or backroom deals happening. He said it will probably cost half a million dollars to build, and if they have to borrow upwards of \$300K it will cost each taxpayer two dollars a year. He said maybe that's not the right approach, but he is thinking of the kids. He hopes we can all come together and do it for the community and for the kids.

Supervisor Saraceni noted to Mr. Rode that he read his letter in the Messenger, and said if he is looking for definitive number, they have not bid out the project. He said that the Board has been on record as supporting a bond resolution of up to \$400K knowing that it has at least \$100K of the \$210K that they are looking to put forward of their own money that they are willing to support a project. If [you] need a number, up to \$481K. That's the number. It's most likely going to come in less than that. He said he can't say that definitively, because they are still waiting for some answers from the DEC. \$481K should be the cost of the project. **Supervisor Saraceni** said if it is within thousands of dollars he thinks that might happen. He said \$481K is a high estimate; and they have been consistent with that number. He said Councilor Geraci has used a number that he is comfortable with up to \$500K. He said he doesn't know what else they need to say as a Board as what they are comfortable spending on the project but they have said those numbers repeatedly, the Messenger has reported on those numbers repeatedly, the Post Standard has reported on those numbers also. He said he has been on the radio talking about those numbers; and that is where they are number-wise. If the project comes in significantly higher than that, there would be headwind from this Board because that would be contrary to what has been told to the public all along.

Supervisor Saraceni said there is a comfort factor on this Board of between \$481K in change and \$500K. He thinks the final cost on this project when it gets bid on will be south of \$481K. He said, *“That’s a number you should be confident as a taxpayer sitting before this Board, you just heard this, that’s the comfort level of this Board for that amenity in the park.”* As far as the process goes, he has explained the reason why the Board has gone the route it has, and it’s the only route they could have really gone to get the grant dollars, to move the process forward based on the input that they had from the public. As far as gaging public interest, it’s not 100%, there are people that he’s run into.

Supervisor Saraceni said he was at the Democratic Committee meeting and there were some members who were clearly not in favor of the project. He is not expecting 100% of the community to support the project, but the overwhelming majority of the people that he has talked to; even people who were against it, took the time to listen to how much it’s actually going to cost. He noted that there is a lot of misinformation out there; how much it’s going to cost to operate, maintain, supervision of it, etc. He said the cost to operate the park, that particular asset of the park, is around \$24K; that is the cost of water and supervision for the facility. He said that is not going to increase the park’s budget. That money was originally earmarked for a day camp program that was removed, because only 15 kids were participating in it. He said those funds are going to be re-allocated to a facility that is going to bring in hundreds, if not thousands of people to the park, and may even reinvigorate the day camp program and get it to the point of instead of losing money every single year they, it may generate revenue.

Supervisor Saraceni said he hasn’t pitched that to the public because he thinks it’s disingenuous to promote a park amenity as a revenue generator. Most park programs and amenities don’t generate revenue. There’s an instance where it might. Pavilion rentals, after hour’s rentals of that pad could generate additional revenue, but he doesn’t know for sure, and it would be disingenuous and if he said *“Yes we are going to generate \$5K a year on operation”*. Hopefully when people come out to vote, they know those are the facts as they are right now. When the project goes out to bid, the project may come in south of that. Just based on a couple of vendors that have wanted to participate with us on the project, he knows that number will be less, but doesn’t know how much less. He said it should stand out as a high estimate at \$481K. He said he would take a question regarding Mr. Rode’s letter.

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the day camp program in the budget. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he re-allocated those funds to replace an aging Gator, resurfacing of the basketball court, and repair on the tractor. Discussion continued regarding allocation of funds and the budget. Mr. Rode said he noted that \$24K was removed out of the budget as he interpreted the budget in a different way, and wanted to know about the allocation of the day camp funds. **Supervisor Saraceni** said parks dollars were allocated toward last years’ parks program as a whole and would remain at that level of spending.

Mr. Rode asked about bonding regarding HW truck/spending/equipment, and bonding relating to bids. **Comptroller Rahrle** said there would be bids (on a truck). Mr. Rode said the Board is asking the public to bond, and then find out what the project will cost. He said the process is backwards and referred to the YMCA. Discussion ensued regarding fundraising, building, funding/support of the YMCA project. Mr. Rode said there are a lot of things that have not been answered. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there are a lot of people waiting to see how the referendum goes, because depending on that outcome, it will determine the direction the Board goes on the project; as to whether not it’s going to happen.

Councilor Geraci further explained: *“What is happening on May 4th, is we are asking the voters the Town permission to bond; we are absolutely not going to bond for a nickel, until such time as we need to after the project bids come in and we determine that it is a viable project. We might not have to bond anything. The reason we are doing this is we were told by vendors who said if you want us to take you seriously, show that you are making a commitment to this project; so even if on May 4th, the voters say, “Yes you can bond for the project”, we are not going to borrow a nickel unless the project goes forward; so that’s an important distinction. I promise you we are not borrowing anything until [such vote] and that’s so important; so it’s just putting it on record that yes, this town backs the project; vendors give us your best bid.”*

Supervisor Saraceni said, typically when you are looking at a piece of equipment like a plow, it is on a state project, the price is known. [The spray park] is a unique project. Every spray park is unique as far as amenities, plumbing, etc. There is a difference between buying a piece of equipment that is the same piece of equipment you can buy anywhere in the country to a uniquely engineered facility like what is being proposed. The other thing that wasn’t considered for the grant, in order for the town to apply for the state grant it needed to show that there are resources to do the job. Discussion commenced regarding bidding on projects and a hypothetical situation regarding bids, etc.

Supervisor Saraceni said engineers have said to him, *“Why would you go out for bid before you pass a bond resolution? No one is going to give you a sharp number”*. He said it is a process, and he said he knew as soon as the Board put up a bond resolution that it would trigger some issues with some of the passionate people in the community that would take that opportunity to pass petitions or challenge it for one reason or another. He said he knew that would happen, and for five weeks, in that time period with the Estoppel Notice, he knew there was a lot of information going out [to the public].

Supervisor Saraceni said a lot of the information out there is very inaccurate because the very same people who were friends of his told him what they were told. He said he was flabbergasted, but he can't address every piece of misinformation that goes out in the community. Discussion continued in this regard.

Councilor Geraci said, *"If this goes down on May 4th then we won't have the ability to bond for the money and we don't have \$300K. So the project can die. It could take years and years to find ways to come up with the money. This was also the Town saying, "We are stakeholders, we are part of this; all of us as citizens, not just the Town Board, all of us, we want to do this for our kids, and we are going to take a little bit out of our wallets, \$2 a year to do it; and that is what the bond is. We are trying to do good for the community. That is all we are about."*

Initiatives Update

TLEOP: There have been two meetings. It is a slower process than expected, but progress is being made. The County is up to speed, and the County likes the direction the committee is headed. Everyone who provides emergency operations services is in the same room and communicating regarding certain issues.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE: The first meeting will be in May. There are 13 members. The members are very positive and excited people ready to represent their communities, with concerns, ideas, issues, etc. Supervisor Saraceni set up the committee because in this town of 22,500 people, he thought that if there were specific representatives from different parts of the community, [as he doesn't hear everything that is going on regarding concerns of people in their neighborhoods], it allows he and the Town Board closer contact with constituents.

SPRAY PARK: Continuous discussions.

COLD STORAGE FACILITY: There are final phases for the NYS approval on the \$100K grant that will provide the Town with a new cold storage facility on the main campus off of West Entry Road.

TOWN BUILDING RENTAL: This was discussed in work session – the Supervisor reached out to Pyramid, and they put together a proposal and the attorney has reviewed it. There are some changes. It will take a couple of weeks to review same.

PARKLAND ACQUISITION: There is no acquisition going on right now.

CODE REVISION: The entire code has been reviewed and submitted to General Code. The Board must adopt the final revisions. The books are going to print.

LWRP: (Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan): There is no progress as of yet.

PARK ANNEXATION: Discussions exist with the Village Board. TOL needs to issue an official letter requesting it, and that process will take place. Eventually that will include a joint public hearing between the TOL and the Village of Baldwinsville. (Note: TOL is not giving the park to the Village of Baldwinsville).

BUILDING RENOVATIONS: Renovations are underway. Changes to office location were again discussed.

RADISSON FEMA MAP: TOL received notice from FEMA that final approval is pending.

ELIZABETH STREET: The fire department has been able to make some progress as far as getting building plans approved in the Village for their new location on Smokey Hollow Road.

SIDEWALK GRANT: There is a district established and the Town Engineer will report at the next meeting. (Of the \$400K, grant the Town of Lysander will use \$200K).

WILLET CULVERT GRANT: (\$465K) Work will be done this summer to replace three culverts.

NEW SEWER CONNECTION TO ELIZABETH STREET: No longer need to do that. It did not freeze over the winter.

POSSIBLE SEWER DISTRICT FOR BELGIUM COLD SPRINGS PENNINSULA: In the next month or two TOL will be sending out a questionnaire asking the residents if they are interested in sewers. There are dry sewers that were never connected.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVIEW: This item will be next on the agenda. TOL is working with HR Consultants.

UNION CONTRACTS: Early negotiations may begin. That contact doesn't expire until year end.

NYS DEPT OF LABOR: This will be addressed. TOL has completed the Workplace Violence Program.

CDBG FIVE YEAR PLAN: Completed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#99/2018

Motion by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the April 5, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Gerald Hole, Highway Superintendent stated that a few roads such as Emerick Road have a lot of brush cover will be cleaned eliminating hazards on the road. They are working with tree services to remove dead trees in the right of way also. Roads are going to be resurfaced as well.

Supervisor Saraceni said bids were opened regarding hot mix, and the Town of Van Buren and the Town of Lysander went in together and put together its own bid for hot mix, and this year beat the County bid by \$4.75 a ton, and if the County does what it says it will do, and doesn't honor Suit Cote's bid this year, then the savings will be much more than that.

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor stated that April 21st is going to be the official opening of Lysander Park. Tennis nets will be up. This ice cream social will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to kick off the opening of Lysander Park. Byrne Dairy is going to donate ice cream for the event, and it will be held in the Community Room in Lysander Park. The Spray Park Committee will be on hand to answer questions regarding the project.

On Sunday April 22nd there is an Earth Day project at Lysander Park from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM with mulching of the playground (around the playground equipment and mulching flower beds and the new trees).

On Friday, April 27th, at 6:00 PM, Lysander Park will plant a tree to celebrate Arbor Day. It's a yearly tradition.

On June 2nd, the Little Kids Big Trucks Event will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Paddle Fest registrations are currently being accepted. The cost is \$30 per person, and that includes a t-shirt, a food voucher to the Mercer Park event, and a ticket to be entered in a drawing for prizes.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk reminded everyone that the spray park bond referendum vote will be held Friday, May 4th 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the auditorium.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION FOR TOWN BOARD TO BE DESIGNATED
LEAD AGENCY FOR THE POLLOCK ZONE CHANGE PETITION**

RES#100/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis that the Town Board be designated Lead Agency for the zone change petition received from Daniel R. Pollock for the property located at 8671 Oswego Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027, lot 3, Tax Map Number 030.-03-06.9; from Residential to Commercial zoning district.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION FOR TOWN BOARD TO REFER THE POLLOCK ZONE
CHANGE PETITION TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING
BOARD AND THE TOWN OF LYSANDER PLANNING BOARD**

RES#101/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci that the zone change petition received from Daniel R. Pollock for the property located at 8671 Oswego Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027, lot 3, Tax Map Number 030.-03-06.9 to be rezoned from Residential to Commercial zoning district be referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board and the Town of Lysander Planning Board.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE AND HOLD PUBLIC
HEARING REGARDING POLLOCK ZONE CHANGE PETITION**

RES#102/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing to be held before the Lysander Town Board at 7:00 p.m., June 7, 2018 to hear all persons for or against the zone change petition received from Daniel R. Pollock for the property located at 8671 Oswego Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027, lot 3, Tax Map Number 030.-03-06.9, to be rezoned from Residential to Commercial zoning district.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND HW SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN
THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF HW MONIES**

RES#103/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Town Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent to sign the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys, for the repair and improvement of highways.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

There will be updates as this progresses. There will be a presentation made by the Engineer and the HW Superintendent.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO PUBLIC SECTOR HR FOR EMPLOYEE
HANDBOOK UPDATE AND LICENSE FEE SERVICES**

RES#104/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize payment to Public Sector HR Consultants LLC for the fee for services for the Employee Handbook Update services in the amount of \$2,250, and the license fee for copyrighted Workplace Violence Protection Program in the amount of \$250.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION
NO. 1 TO QUINN CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE II**

RES#105/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to approve payment application No. 1 for the Town of Lysander Office Modifications Phase II to Quinn Construction in the amount of \$3,800.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
CONTRACTS WITH SMART WATT FOR TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

RES#106/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Contract with Smart Watt to participate in the National Grid Small Business Program to replace the remaining 63 florescent tube bulbs in the Town Office Building with LED fixtures.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
CONTRACTS WITH SMART WATT FOR HW GARAGE**

RES#107/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Contract with Smart Watt to participate in the National Grid Small Business Program to replace the remaining 22 florescent tube bulbs in the Town Highway garage Building with LED fixtures.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH
AML PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR MOW AND TRIM OF CHASE CEMETERY**

RES#108/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize to sign the contract with AML Property Maintenance for mowing in the Chase Cemetery in the amount of \$495 per mow and trim service performed.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ADOPT TOL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROGRAM

RES#109/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the Town of Lysander Workplace Violence Program.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Nay
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci had a concern and wanted to go on record that he is supportive of the program, but his issue is some of the wording. He thinks the wording encumbers the town in terms of specific concerns regarding employees. He asked to defer it to one more meeting. He said he would vote on principal not against the program.

MOTION TO HIRE CHARLIE LUKE AS PART TIME LABORER

RES#110/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to hire Charlie Luke to the Part-Time Laborer position in the Highway Department at an hourly rate per the 2018 bargaining unit contract.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Ellis asked if it is not wingman what they are being hired for. Mr. Hole said HW is adding to the list of part-time substitutes. Some could be flagmen, etc.

MOTION TO HIRE JOHN KERNISKI AS PART TIME LABORER

RES#111/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to hire John Kerniski to the position of Part-Time Laborer in the Highway Department at an hourly rate per the 2018 bargaining unit contract.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO TOWN BUSINESS

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive commended Councilor Geraci in his opinion regarding the Workplace Violence wording.

Kim Lane, a Spray Park Committee Member invited everyone to attend the free ice cream social that will be held at Lysander Park on Saturday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. She thanked the Board for their support regarding the proposed spray park.

Jim Stirushnik asked about an update on Dude Solutions. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is being utilized by Code Enforcement, Greg in the Assessor's Office, and Al Yager (for review of development projects). It is not being utilized yet in Parks and Recreation, because there is not a tablet yet. It will be used by HW also. Mr. Stirushnik asked how the "trees are going" in the Park. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said Rotary will be donating trees, and the Arbor Day planting will occur. He also asked about the old HW garage and grating over the soil to make it an active park in the Village. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he didn't think the Village would want to maintain another Park as he listed them and there are several.

Mr. Stirushnik asked about the proposed borrowed money which he thinks could be used to build pavilions and would have more active use than a spray park. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town is anticipating more pavilions in the future once the spray park is in place. Mr. Stirushnik said, "*A pork pull party once a week would attract a lot more people to the park than a spray park would*". He noted that he's seen material in the paper regarding the spray park and the promotion of the park.

Supervisor Saraceni said the Spray Park Committee is putting their personal resources to use. Discussion between Board members and Mr. Stirushnik ensued regarding attendance of a park/funding/promotion of the park/the old ice rink/skate park/County park use in reference to public support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoning Board Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2018, 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2018, 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Town Board Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7:00 PM, Work Session begins at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Town Board Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7:00 PM, Work Session begins at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Referendum Vote Regarding the BOND for the proposed Spray Park: Friday, May 4, 2018, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Ellis to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:17 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk