

**A regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014 at 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John A. Salisbury, Supervisor  
Melinda Shimer, Councilor  
Andrew O. Reeves, Councilor  
Roman Diamond, Councilor  
Robert Geraci, Councilor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Lisa Dell, Town Clerk; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Supervisor; Timothy Wolsey, Code Enforcement; Pac-B and several residents.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RES. #134/2014**

**Motion by Shimer, seconded by Reeves** to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meetings of August 25, 2014.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:**

**Supervisor Salisbury** recognized people from the audience as being associated with youth hockey associations and announced that a work session will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm with representatives from the Greater Baldwinsville Ice Arena (GBIA), Lysander Youth Hockey Association and the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association. He said that they will be able to explain what they are doing. He stated that the Town does not control the ice and that the Town only owns the building. He said that the Town leases the building to the YMCA and the YMCA subleases it to GBIA. He stated that he believes the hockey groups may have been misinformed that the Town changed how the ice is being leased. He explained that per the lease with the YMCA a sublessee doesn't have the right to create more subleases and that the Town does not organize how the ice is being used.

**Attorney Rivizzigno** added that the GBIA does not have the right to enter into a license agreement without Town approval and that this is the first time the Town is hearing about additional license agreements with the GBIA.

Supervisor Salisbury removed items D and N from the agenda and added a resolution to approve a proclamation for retired Town employee, Elizabeth "Betty" Nardelli.

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**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

**Councilor Diamond** stated that he was going to vote for the Tax Office personnel appointment but even though this is a very temporary basis he still thinks the Town should have interviewed for the positions. He said there may have been someone interested that would have done just as great of a job. He stated he has no problem appointing the individual that the Board is but he thinks that they should have been a little more open even though this is a very temporary position.

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Tim Wolsey, Code Enforcement**, presented a report on activity for the month of August, 2014.

**Supervisor Salisbury** additionally reported that there are 22 vacant houses that are unfit for occupancy. He said that 15 out of the 22 are unsafe due to partial collapse, black mold, etc. and that some owners normally quit paying taxes on them. He stated that if the Town tears them down the Town will get reimbursed by Onondaga County.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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**Mike Gasparak and Dick Searing, representatives of the Empire State Marathon**, addressed the Board and asked why their request for the closure of Hayes Road for the marathon was removed from the agenda.

**Supervisor Salisbury** stated that he learned that Hayes Road is actually a County road, not a Town road, and he was going to notify them tomorrow about that. He said that they will have to get permission from the County instead for permission to close the road.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Comptroller's Audit of Justice Court**

**RES. #135/2014**

**Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Diamond** to accept the Comptroller's audit of the Justice Court for fiscal year 2013.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**Surplus Equipment – Parks and Recreation**

**RES. #136/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Geraci** to declare items from the Parks Department as surplus, some of which is to be disposed of as junk, and the remaining equipment is to be offered for sale at the NYS auction to be held on October 25, 2014 at the NYS Fairgrounds.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

**Supervisor Salisbury** reported that a number of items are inoperable and that the Town wants to dispose of them. He said that there are five items that are not in great shape and they will be taking those items to auction to possibly get some money for them.

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**Tax Office Personnel Appointment**

**RES. #137/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer** to appoint Betty Nardelli to the position of Clerk I in the Tax Receiver's Office on an "as needed" basis for a maximum of 20 hours per week, at an hourly pay rate of \$16.08 per hour effective September 3, 2014.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**Public Works-Purchase of New Truck**

**RES. #138/2014**

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**Motion made by Diamond, seconded by Geraci** to purchase one new 2015 Volvo heavy duty truck with a Henderson body and snowplow for \$190,508, which includes \$971.00 for an extended warranty for the I-shift transmission for 1 year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Shimer	No	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**Motion Defeated.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

**Councilor Reeves** asked **Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent**, if this is \$2000 if they go two years and extend it for 5 years on the warranty. He continued and said that they are at a \$105,000 now without the warranty after they increase engine size.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** said he was correct.

**Councilor Reeves** asked if they went two years on an extended warranty to take it to a five year warranty on the transmission that would take the cost up to \$107,000 and change.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** stated yes, explaining it would be approximately \$2040 dollars for two years.

**Councilor Reeves** said that takes the truck up to within roughly \$2000 of an automatic transmission truck on a transmission that is priced \$7000 to \$9000 less than the automatic. He stated that where he has a problem with it is the transmission. He said that he knows Volvo makes a good truck and he has spent a lot of time on the I-shift. He stated the 4500 series automatic transmission is what the Superintendent speced a year ago and that is what he speced this year with every truck with the exception of this one truck. He said that the I-shift is made primarily for two things. He stated one it's for fuel economy on the road, long runs, which does affect the Town and number two is to reduce fatigue of the driver. He said it automatically shifts through 12 speeds versus the manual shift at 12 speeds. He stated that does not affect us. He said that he went down and looked at the trucks in Kirkland and they have had trucks for two years, he guesses, and for the Town to switch over, this shift was available last year, it's been available for several years, it was never recommended by the Superintendent last year, but this year it is the hottest thing there is. He said but it is also where he has a problem. He stated it was the only vendor that was allowed to compete with this style transmission. He said from what he does understand the other vendors can sell it, not the I-shift, but can sell a similar one. He stated that was another thing he found out today in researching the different ones. He said it doesn't have a creeper gear in it so if you are paving with it you couldn't pave with it. He stated the competition has a creeper gear but he just thinks that he has a problem with the transmission and that is his concern. He said he thinks the Town should be buying a 4500 series automatic. He stated that the Superintendent speced that a year ago and what he speced in every truck this year with the exception of the Volvo. He said but if they put the Volvo with a 4500 series transmission like everybody else's than that's the most expensive truck. He stated to him it appears that they are buying an expensive truck and hiding the fact with a lower cost transmission that really isn't proven in this environment. He said that you have one person in NYS using the I-shift and that is Kirkland. He stated nobody else in NYS is using it for plowing snow.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** stated that was not so.

**Councilor Reeves** said it was true.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** said that the Volvo has over 50,000 of these transmissions in service in the United States. He stated he believes there are 5 different highway departments in a short distance of the Town that are using it. He said it is not specifically for fuel mileage or driver convenience or any one thing. He stated it is a patented transmission that was developed by Volvo and they have over 300,000 in service in Europe. He said that this is a very successful transmission that is widely used throughout the country. He stated the other transmission that Councilor Reeves mentioned, the Ultra shift; this is the first year that they have approved it for use in municipal trucks, in what they call vocational trucks. He said this is the first year so they have very limited experience factor and he wouldn't be comfortable using it. He stated it doesn't have the performance features that the I-shift does either. He said that it operates differently and the I-shift does have a low enough gear to pave with so there is no issue there. He stated he doesn't know where that is coming from. He said it is a suitable transmission and it is in service in the United States. He said it is built right here in Hagerstown, Maryland off of the European design that has been in service for over 10 years very successfully. He stated he doesn't know what else he can tell Councilor Reeves.

**Councilor Shimer** asked him why he wanted this truck.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** stated because has features that are very attractive to us.

**Councilor Shimer** stated such as.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** stated it has a 12 speed transmission and it is always in the appropriate gear.

**Councilor Shimer** said last year he didn't want this truck.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** said that he wasn't made aware of it as deeply as he is now.

**Councilor Shimer** stated that the trucks that the Town has used faithfully he decided to go away from that to something totally different.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** stated that it is not totally different, it has a different transmission period and that is the only difference.

**Councilor Diamond** stated that his comment on this is when he ran for office he ran for office as Town Councilor, not as Highway Superintendent. He said that he is not an MEO, he is not an expert with trucks and he trusts the judgment of the Highway Superintendent. He stated the job of the Board is to set the parameters of how much money they want to spend if they feel comfortable with the Superintendent's judgment. He stated if the Superintendent can speak to the credit of the unit, he has the expertise in regards to trucks, he will support the resolution.

**Councilor Geraci** stated he thinks the Board members want to do the right thing. He said that it is not an easy thing to spend that kind of money and wonder if they made the right decision. He stated he has to echo what Councilor Diamond just said. He said that they have had multiple conversations about this and in fact he was really pleased two weeks ago when he thought the Board reached a consensus at a work session that the Board was going to purchase the lowest priced truck on the bid list which is the Volvo. He stated he commends the Highway Department for taking the expertise from other municipalities and it's always good to try something that was never used before and they may find out it is the best truck in the world. He said based on what other folks have said it sounds like they are moving in the right direction but he is going to defer to the Highway Superintendent on this with his vote.

**Councilor Reeves** stated he agrees that they are buying the cheapest truck, the lowest cost truck on this list. He said the Western Star, with an Eaton transmission in it, is good as the I-shift. He stated that the Superintendent disagrees and they disagree on it. He said it is a lower priced truck than the Volvo. He stated that he hasn't seen the bid because the Superintendent hasn't allowed the Board to look at the bid to that truck. He said that he will bet that the truck is \$4000.00 less at least than the Volvo. He stated but that's why they are buying the lowest priced truck right now because the ones that weren't the truck the Superintendent wanted and were lower, the Board never got to see them.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** replied that is simply not true. He said that they did look at the Eaton transmission back when he became aware of the other transmission back in January at the trade show. He stated he began looking into it and researching it. He said he found out what was going on in Europe and what was going on here and where the competition was. He stated he didn't want to jump on the first new widget that comes along and they looked at the Eaton and another competitive transmission made by Detroit. He said that they are way behind, they got into it late. He stated the Volvo has been in it for over 10 years. He said the Eaton ultra-shift transmission for municipal trucks, what they call vocational trucks, has just been released in the last year. He stated they don't have a track record. He said it could prove to be something wonderful at some point in time but it just simply does not have a track record at this point. He asked how many ultra-shifts have been sold in the United States. He replied, two. He stated that Price Chopper has them in tractors.

**Councilor Reeves** asked how many does the County have. He stated the County has the ultra-shift in their truck for OCRRA and they have six of them. He said that he has done the research on this also and the difference is the facts are all the Board wanted. He stated he wants the Superintendent to get the truck that he wants and from him, and he is only one of 5 votes, what it looks like to him is that the Superintendent wants a truck so he allowed this vendor to sell a transmission that sells for \$8000.00 less than the transmission that the Town has in all of their trucks right now is a 4500 series Allison they have never put a nickel into them. He said that now if they put this lower cost transmission into the Volvo they have the lowest price truck.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** told Councilor Reeves for him not to say that the Town never put a nickel into their trucks because the Town has. He said that they have been a very good transmission and he was perfectly happy

with them. He told Councilor Reeves that he drove him away from them and that is why he researched the other transmissions because maybe there is something to them. He said that is why he looked at them. He told Councilor Reeves that he drove him away from them because he was looking for the low price. He stated that there is nothing wrong at looking at the low price but it has to be equal performance.

**Councilor Reeves** said that is correct but the Volvo is not equal performance.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** said yes it is and it exceeds the performance.

**Councilor Reeves** stated that it is buying a Cadillac type truck and putting a standard transmission in it so that he can have a Volvo truck. He said he wants a truck that is going to run and it's going to run for 15 years. He stated that he doesn't want to have to buy an extended warranty. He said the Volvo trucks are changing their clutches as they are having problems with them.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** asked Councilor Reeves what makes him an expert in this that the Vendor doesn't know the facts.

**Councilor Reeves** stated the vendors sell trucks and he drives them and makes a living with them. He said the difference is the vendors sell them.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** told Councilor Reeves that the last he knew Councilor Reeves didn't have a Class A license.

**Supervisor Salisbury** asked how many of the 50,000 Volvo trucks are used for driving over the road versus plowing the snow.

**Superintendent Dinsmore** said that they do not keep those statistics but they have been selling municipal trucks for ten years and started selling the municipal ones in the United States two years ago. He said that they had them for over the road and starting releasing them for municipal purposes. He stated if the Board doesn't want this truck he said to the Board a long time ago he was happy with any one of the four trucks that he presented to the Board. He said he showed the Board three trucks with an Allison and one truck with something different that was far less money. He stated if the Board wants to defer to the Western Star with the Allison transmission he has no objection to that but in the year that he has been looking at the trucks he found that the Volvo has an enormous amount of potential. He said that it has a lot of technological innovations patented. He stated the Allison transmission company is hot and heavy working on their own version of the same thing.

**Councilor Geraci** stated if this was the first, second or third conversation they were having on this he would say let's continue it but they have been over this for months. He asked the Supervisor to call for a vote on the resolution.

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion was defeated.**

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**E-Waste Recycling Program**

**RES. #139/2014**

**Motion made by Diamond, seconded by Reeves** to have the Highway Department resume accepting televisions and computer monitors in the Town's E-Waste recycling program, and to use the Rochester Regional Recycling company to dispose of the recycled items at the lowest price of \$.35 per pound (for pickup and DEC certification) to be paid out of the General Fund.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

**Supervisor Salisbury** reported that they estimate spending \$3600 to \$5000 a year for this program but feel that it is a program that the residents need.

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**Sign Award Resolution**

**RES. #140/2014**

**Motion made by Geraci, seconded by Diamond** to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Charles Signs, Inc. for the replacement of the town Office Building Route 31 Sign located at 8220 Loop Road in the amount of \$9682.00.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	No	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**Three Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

**Supervisor Salisbury** reported that the Town sent out a request for a proposal to three vendors to rebuild the sign in front of the Town Hall. He said that the Town received one complete quote and the others refused to bid.

**Councilor Diamond** stated that the first time this appeared on the agenda he was concerned because it was only sent out to two vendors to his knowledge.

**Supervisor Salisbury** replied it was sent out to three vendors.

**Councilor Diamond** stated that no one had responded to it except for one vendor. He said he suggested it be sent out again and this time one vendor responded to the original request.

**Supervisor Salisbury** explained that the Town sent out requests to have those sends proposals and heard from two and did not hear from the third. He said once they chose a design they sent it out to three potential bidders and one actually responded to the request.

**Councilor Diamond** stated the reason why he supports this is because he was the only one responded to all of it.

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**8706 North Entry Road Project**

**RES. #141/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Diamond** to set the punch list security for sanitary sewer and drainage utilities 8706 North Entry Road project at \$5,000.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**8706 North Entry Road Project**

**RES. #142/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Geraci** to set the maintenance guarantee security for the sanitary sewer and drainage utilities within the 8706 North Entry Road project at \$10,125 for a period of three (3) years.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**8706 North Entry Road Project**

**RES. #143/2014**

**Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Shimer** that the sanitary sewers and drainage facilities included in 8706 North Entry Road Project be accepted as official Town sewers and drainage facilities included in the

Radisson Sewer & Drainage Districts, subject to the developer posting the required securities with the Town Clerk and submitting the required easements and as-built drawings to the Town Engineer and Attorney.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**Timber Banks Section 1b Phase 5A Contract Drawing Approval and BSP-5 Signature**

**RES. #144/2014**

**Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Reeves** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the cover sheet of the Contract Drawings, prepared by Cough Harbor Associates and the NYSDEC Application for Approval of Plans for a Wastewater Disposal System (Formally BSP-5) for The Timber Banks Section 1B Phase 5A Project contingent on the developer addressing all of the comments in the Town Engineers review letter.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

**Engineer Yager** reported that he received a revised letter late today and it appears that they addressed all of his comments.

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**Arbitration Resolution**

**RES. #145/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Diamond** to authorize Town Supervisor John A. Salisbury to enter into an agreement to resolve the arbitration relating to George Timmins as advised by legal counsel for the Town, Colin M. Leonard, Esq.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

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**Trench and Culvert Repair Using County DOT Bid**

**RES. #146/2014**

**Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer** to authorize the Town Engineer to proceed with the previously approved Radisson, Melia Park and Spring Brook Drainage District projects using the Onondaga County DOT Bid Item for Trench and Culvert Repair.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**

Engineer Yager reported that D. E. Tarolli, Inc. is the approved contractor.

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**Proclamation for Elizabeth Nardelli**

**RES. #147/2014**

**Motion by Shimer, seconded by Reeves** to accept the proclamation to designate August 31, 2014 as Elizabeth Nardelli Retirement Day.

**VOTE:**

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.**

Proclamation

**Town of Lysander  
County of Onondaga  
State of New York**

**Office of the Supervisor  
John A. Salisbury, Supervisor**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Molinari was born in Oswego, New York, on March 7<sup>th</sup> in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to Frank and Amelia Molinari. She is an only child,

**WHEREAS**, Betty graduated from Oswego High School and Cobleskill College where she received her Associate Degree in Business Management,

**WHEREAS**, Betty met Frank Nardelli and they got married May 15<sup>th</sup> in Oswego, New York and in 2015 will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. During their marriage they had two children, Alan and Melissa, and have two beautiful grandsons, Miguel and Rory,

**WHEREAS**, Betty worked as a clerk at Atlantic Richfield, International Multifoods, Wine Merchants and P & C Warehouse before coming to work at the Town of Lysander. She started in the Town Clerk's office in 1987 then moved to the Tax Office in 1993 where she remained until August 29, 2014,

**WHEREAS**, Betty Nardelli's legacy will live on for years to come.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. SALISBURY**, Supervisor of the Town of Lysander, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2014, to be remembered as the:

**"BETTY NARDELLI RETIREMENT DAY"**

in the Town of Lysander and join with the residents, the elected and appointed officials of the Town of Lysander in recognizing the retirement day of Betty Nardelli and wish her good health, much happiness and many prosperous retirement years.

John A. Salisbury, Supervisor

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**None**

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**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:**

**LYSANDER ICE ARENA**

**Pam Glamos, Tony Bird, Mike Zandri, Erin Cantanzarite, Julie Schroeder and other citizens addressed the Board and expressed the following concerns:**

- That the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association has a signed contract with GBIA for ice time and their ice time was taken away from them and given to another organization.
- The children of the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association now have no place to practice and play already scheduled hockey games in the near future.
- That the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association brings in people from other towns, counties, states, and Canada that spend money in the community. That it would be a monetary loss for the Town if they are not allowed to play at the ice arena.

**A lengthy conversation then ensued between the Board, the Town Attorney and the citizens addressing their concerns.**

**The Board made the following points:**

- The Town has a 25 year lease with the YMCA to lease the entire building. The YMCA has a sub-lease with the GBIA.
- Per the contract, a sublessee can't not make a 5 year commitment without the Town's approval.

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- The Town Board does not schedule ice time and has not taken away ice time away from any organization.
- There is a sub-lease between the YMCA and the GBIA. The GBIA is working with the Lysander Youth Hockey Association regarding the scheduling of ice.
- The Town Board has not stopped anyone from assigning ice time.
- The Town Board did not take any legal advice from anyone other than the Town Attorney.
- The last 2 ½ years the Town Board has been in the process of trying to sell the ice arena.
- There appears to be a lot of discontent among the hockey associations and the Town Board cannot solve their issues.
- Any problems with scheduled ice time have to be directed to the GBIA not the Town.
- The Town conducted an extensive evaluation of the ice rink and the goal is to make the rink better. The Town Board has the same goals as all of the groups involved and would like it used more and be successful.
- The Town has spent over 2 million dollars for the ice rink and the Town still owes \$500,000 with interest. The Town Board encourages people to be creative to come up with a solution on buying the ice rink.

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### **PUBLIC WORKS- PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK**

**Kevin Rode, Greymoor Way**, stated that his question is about the truck. He asked how long does this take. He said that last year they watched it go six to eight months and they put the Highway Superintendent through the ringer. He asked when is this going to get decided. He stated if somebody wanted to run for Highway Superintendent they should have done it already. He said he is just lost.

**Supervisor Salisbury** stated it will take as long as it takes for the Board to feel for \$200,000 they are getting the best truck that the Town can afford.

**Councilor Reeves** said that he should ask the Highway Superintendent why they got their first quotes on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the same thing pretty much happened last year. He said the first quotes that came to this Board were on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June this year. He stated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June if the Board had said yes the truck wouldn't have been purchased or taken delivery of until probably next year. He said this is why there is no incentive to buy a truck early and don't dump it on them because Superintendent Dinsmore two years in a row hasn't gotten the numbers to them. He stated they talked about the other truck the other day. He said that money has been sitting in the budget and nothing has been done on that up to two weeks ago. He stated there is no excuse for it. He said what happened last year it strung out and most people buy a truck in January. He stated that this thing the Board gets quotes on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, its strung right out, then at the end of the year, like last year, the \$40,000 they had budgeted for a truck last year, and the \$6750 interest they had budgeted last year, then got spread across the accounts that were over in the highway department and used there instead of going towards the truck. He said that this is one of the things that the Board said this year that the Board agrees to. He stated that there is \$47,000 set aside for this truck this year in the budget. He said this Board has said that the money is going to sit there and go towards that truck. He stated it is not going to happen like last year and get used at the end of the year and spread around to the other accounts and account transfers for accounts that are over budget. He said that this is what they are trying to stop and get the Highway Superintendent to order a truck and come with a truck and pricing. He said the Board approved the truck in the budget in November and they did not get one price until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June this year.

**Mr. Rode** asked doesn't the Highway Committee meet on these things before it is brought to the Board.

**Councilor Reeves** said that they did meet on it and what the Committee said was take it directly to the Board. He stated if you look at the minutes, he is the Chairman, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May the Superintendent said he would have pricing to this Board. He said this Board got its pricing on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the only person that has dragged their feet on a truck to this point has been Superintendent Dinsmore. He said that Superintendent Dinsmore is bound and determined that he wants one truck with that transmission and a Volvo. He stated that there are people on this Board that says Superintendent Dinsmore is the expert. He said that there are three people who are not buying it.

**Mr. Rode** stated the people elected the Superintendent to run a budget and he doesn't understand.

**Councilor Reeves** said that they had to take \$47,000 last year and spread it around on his line item budget because the Superintendent was over.

**Supervisor Salisbury** said that the Board is responsible for the budget; the Superintendent is responsible for running the Highway Department. He stated that he would think that he would want the Board to spend the time on spending \$200,000.

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**Mr. Rode** stated the Board has spent five months and the Board probably could have come up with their own quotes by now.

**Mr. Rode** then asked how the International truck was and what happened with the issue it had.

**Councilor Reeves** stated there is no issue with it and it is functioning to its specifications.

**Mr. Rode** asked Councilor Reeves if he rode in it and he thought Councilor Reeves had an issue with it.

**Councilor Reeves** said he did and they came in and they took the truck. He stated they brought it back after about two weeks. He said it has been used and put into work. He stated that Superintendent Dinsmore called him one day and said he didn't like the way it worked. He told him to call International and he did. He said International came in and jumped in the truck with a driver. He stated the driver said it was acting like it coughed and it puked and the thing is running like a bear which is exactly what the driver said to the guy from International. He stated is it strong as the other trucks the Town has, no, is it the best truck, the best truck would have been the one they tried to buy last June that the Superintendent wouldn't have but they did buy this. He said he asked the operator has he lost anytime plowing snow with it and he said no. He stated the operator told him it doesn't have the power like the other ones and he wished it had more power. He said he asked him if he lost any time with it and he said no. He stated he asked him when he hauls stone did he have a problem with it. He said he talked to the operator more than once and the operator said it doesn't have the power the others do. He stated he asked the operator if it gets him to the job as fast as the other ones and the operator said yes, well he hasn't lost anytime but he wished it had a lot more power than it's got. He said they plugged it in and rode half a day with the operator, plugged it into the computer and it is functioning all to spec right now.

**Mr. Rode** said after watching this come to the Board two years in a row he wonder what the Highway Committee wants.

**Councilor Reeves** stated that they are saying that the truck is broken and that is something that has been fed in here, fed with certain individuals in the Town making reference to it is an International Harvester truck trying to say that I am parts with International which is not true in the least bit. He said they told Superintendent Dinsmore to take trucks and throw them out and whichever truck you don't want to bid and International is one of them. He stated that nobody has tried to force an International down his throat or asked him why he eliminated it.

**Mr. Rode** stated he knew there were issues with it, Councilor Reeves rode in it, and he was wondering about it from there.

**Councilor Geraci** stated that he did not know that they were going to debate this again. He said to him, what he just heard, is exactly why he wanted to defer this to the Highway Superintendent. He stated a truck was speced out by this Board last year that he was not a part of and it isn't the most powerful truck. He said it was probably an okay truck but the Superintendent speced out another truck, it's the lowest priced truck and June 30<sup>th</sup> was plenty enough time to come up with a decision. He stated that he does not know what this Board is going to do because now it is the end of September and there is no truck on the docket to purchase. He said that \$40,000 being spent on other things, that is apples and oranges that should not have happened. He stated why it did, he does not know, he wasn't on the Board.

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**Superintendent Gene Dinsmore** stated that there were two items on the agenda tonight that involved the Highway Department that he wants the people, and the people here, to know that he is deeply disappointed and discouraged by the action taken by the Board tonight however he is not one who is easily dissuaded. He said those 26 years of military experience when there is a problem you dig in, maybe change ammunition, and do what they have to do. He said that they have a project to do here and they need to buy a truck to plow snow. He stated that they have just eight days left to buy a Western Star under the 2015 contract. He said he expects the other manufacturers to follow suit in the next two to three weeks maximum and close out the 2015 model year. He stated if they need to go another whole year without making this purchase that means that they are going to run a 1999 truck which has become ever more costly to maintain in a safe driving condition. He said this is not wise in his judgment and that is why he has been so persistent even though he has been dissuaded and delayed but he is not a quitter and he is going to still be here tomorrow morning. He stated that he will put in writing a new proposal because they need to buy a truck. He said they have less than two weeks to do it if they want one this model year. He stated that if the Board wants to turn him down again, so be it, but it will be on the Board's hands that they are unable to plow snow the way they normally do in Lysander. He said he just wanted to make that point that is his personal opinion, that everyone is entitled their opinion, he just wants the public and the Board and all the people here to know that this is his opinion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Town Planning Board**  
Monday September 15, 2014  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium
- B. Town Board Work Session**  
Monday September 15, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Conference Room  
Ice Rink
- C. Town Board Meeting**  
Monday September 22, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Work Session – Conference Room  
Agenda items to be discussed  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting-Auditorium
- D. Town Board Meeting**  
Monday October 2, 2014 (Thurs.)  
6:00 p.m. Work Session – Conference Room  
Agenda items to be discussed  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting-Auditorium
- E. Town Board Meeting**  
Monday October 20, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Work Session – Conference Room  
Agenda items to be discussed  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting-Auditorium
- F. Town Planning Board**  
Monday October 20, 2014  
7:00 p.m. – Conference Room
- G. Town Board Meeting**  
Public Hearing on 2015 Budget  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday November 6, 2014  
7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- H. Town Board Meeting**  
Monday November 17, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Work Session –Conference Room  
Agenda items to be discussed  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting - Auditorium

**TOWN BOARD 2015 BUDGET WORKSESSIONS  
TO BE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM:**

DATE	TIME
Monday October 6, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday October 8, 2014	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday October 15, 2014	5:00 p.m.
Thursday October 16, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday October 21, 2014	6:00 p.m. (If required)
Wednesday October 22, 2014	5:00 p.m. (If required)
Thursday October 23, 2014	6:00 p.m. (If required)

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:55 p.m. Supervisor Salisbury adjourned the meeting.

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

Lisa Dell  
Town Clerk