

**A Regular Town Board meeting was held on January 19, 2017 at the Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Ellis, Councilor  
Peter Moore, Councilor  
Robert Geraci, as Deputy Supervisor  
Roman Diamond, Councilor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Saraceni, Supervisor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Town Engineer Al Yager, Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; PAC-B, and several residents.

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.**

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**Continuation of Public Hearing: “Adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Lysander for the year 2016” Regarding Onsite Use Solar Energy Systems**

**RES#25/2017**

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci moved to open the public hearing at 7:05 pm.**

*No one spoke for or against the local law. The hearing will remain open.*

**RES#26/2017**

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci moved to adjourn the public hearing at 7:06 pm.**

**Public Hearing: Collington Pointe Incentive Zone Application**

The notice of public hearing was published in the Baldwinsville Messenger on 12/28/2016, Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the proof of publication as follows: “PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, regarding the Collington Pointe East Subdivision Incentive Zoning Application (hereinafter “Zoning Application”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the environmental significance of said proposed Zoning Application will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Zoning Application are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated December 12, 2016. Town of Lysander, Dina Falcone, Town Clerk.”

**RES#27/2017**

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.**

**Brian Bouchard** from CHA spoke regarding the proposed Incentive Zoning. **Mr. Bouchard** explained the existing zoning, which is AR-40, and under that zoning, there is a sketch maximum buildout which would be 45 lots inclusive of roadwork. The developer is asking for incentive with minimum lot size, and a maximum density of 122 lots. Within the Incentive Zoning within Town laws, the exchange in increased density to craft a variety of amenities is described in the application package, which is attached to these minutes. **Mr. Bouchard** stated that the Board is charged with the incentive of the reduced density, vs. the benefits being provided. **Mr. Bouchard** said there is a long road ahead with regards to how a road network is constructed, sewer, and other items which will all be heard by public hearing. **Mr. Bouchard** said this is a good balance with Town Law that gives the Town certain benefits and developer certain benefits.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road asked if the Board has an idea of an approximate tax savings in regard to the tax levy. He also asked how much savings there would be for the homeowner.

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that the Board does not have that information at this time, as the Comptroller is not present at this meeting, but he will get the information. Mr. Burtch asked a question relating to the map and the area where Speech drive is [the development] and if there is any anticipation of connecting two developments in the future to allow through traffic. **Town Engineer Al Yager** stated that there is a large DEC wetland there, so that is not possible. He said the Town is not considering it, as it is private property and wetland.

**Andy Reeves** of Reeves Road sent an email regarding the legality of incentive zoning. He stated that he not gotten answers. He has issues with the sewer, as related to [the plan posted on the website]. He asked if the Town can legally set it aside for a district down the road. If asked if the project is done who would the responsibility of the paths be [the town?] He said the plan is ambiguous. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the Town does not have the answers to those concerns at this time. Mr. Reeves said there is a lot missing on the proposal.

**Greg McCardell** of Patchett Road said that he is not in favor of any small lots. He said where the proposed walking paths are going is where there are swamps and no one is going to want to walk back there. He is opposed to downsizing lots. He said that Baldwinsville is full, and his family has been here for 150 years.

**Jim Stirushnik** of Dinglehole Road had questions and comments regarding the SEQR document, in terms of the overlay zone, open space, natural areas, and some entries submitted on the original SEQR and whether changes have occurred. **Mr. Yager** said that an official copy of the proposal was dated October 19, and after reviewing the letter of intent he had them revise the discrepancies. Mr. Stirushnik mentioned the actions [of construction] produce noise and **Mr. Yager** said that portion of SEQR was changed. He spoke about potential issues regarding natural barriers, parkland, and open space and if agricultural data has been answered. **Mr. Yager** said “no” it would be a natural noise amenity. Mr. Stirushnik continued with questions regarding AR-40 zone, and maintaining zoning and paying for road construction and other amenities. He mentioned taxes regarding schools, potential students and how it would affect taxes. He also said that asphalt should be considered instead of stone for the paths. He discussed parcels with trees and believes that the homeowners should pay for their own trees.

**Frank Anastas** of Patchett Road asked about the payment of \$1500 when they start building, and asked if it goes to the Town, and how fast is this going to happen. He asked questions regarding the payments, and what the money is going to be used for. [Who ends up getting the money, does it go to the roads or the whole town]. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that it is the pace of the development that factors into the payments. **Mr. Bouchard** said that CHA has shown six phases, and the plan is subject to greater drill down with a public hearing process. It’s a front loaded payment, which would be unfavorable to the developer or if the project is back-ended upon completion, the medium is progressive payments, and per lot would [payments] would be given at the time the lot is issued. Each time a lot is given a permit, it would be paid. It is also how they make progress upon the plan. **Mr. Bouchard** said it would occur over the course of a couple of years. It would be a six phase plan over three or four years. There are still issues regarding developing Patchett Road, construction, traffic, etc. Mr. Anastas asked about sewers on Patchett Road, as he thinks there should be sewers due to the development. He asked how much high density there might be, and if people going to sell their properties to create more density. He said that high density traffic will occur and people are going to suffer as they currently don’t have sewer or water.

**Kristen Burns** of Patchett Road said she has lived there for 4 years, and she is “crushed” as she didn’t know about this [proposed plan] when they bought the place. She said they are going to be listening to dogs and more cars by the road. She does not want to see double the houses there. She’d like to have none. She likes the land the way it is.

**Jeffrey Ting** of Collington Pointe stated that there is no clear layout of the actual tax impact over the next five years. He said that residents cannot make an informed decision on the proposed plan. He said he is looking at it from a financial perspective. Regarding Patchett Road, he said there is currently a 45 mph speed limit and most people travel at 55 mph. He mentioned if [the Town] looks at the entry to a 13 lot development that they are working on, and the entry across, it would be the same [traffic], situation across from Collington Pointe. His issue is with all of the traffic it would cause [the impact of traffic] try to leave for work, the impact

from a traffic point of view. He remarked about widening the road, and the fact that it is not lane marked. Mr. Ting questioned the swamp behind lots 9, 10 and 40, in the back of Collington Pointe, and said that in both situations it shows lots sitting on the swamp. He wanted details of removing the swamp and making it buildable and what are the risks might be involved.

**Mr. Yager** said [regarding the swamp] behind Mr. Quinn's house, he does not see those lots as desirable, but the developer has come in with maximum amount of density, and this is the developer's desire to get the maximum amount of lots. Once in front of the Planning Board, there will be an opportunity to ask more questions. The Town Board is making a decision if it can move forward with max density as proposed. Once in planning, it's likely that the 120 lots will be reduced. He said the lot layout is subject to change.

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that the tax impact question is one that should be looked at, and as far as the road, he is worried about speed and widening the road. **Mr. Yager** said a speed study would be warranted. The likelihood to reduce miles per hour speed limit before a house is built is highly unlikely. He said that the time to ask for a speed zone study would be at midpoint or at the end of development buildout. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** explained how the Town Board is involved, (voting on Incentive Zoning only at this point, and Planning Board involvement, benefits to the community, etc.). Any project would go to the Planning Board, and through CLUP there are requirements (in this case) if a developer plans to build a development in AR-40 development. There are a combo of lot sizes, benefits to the community, sewer, streets, and a mix of things in terms of AR-40 and housing developments. The Town came up with two recourses for developers, and cluster developments which need to be approved by the Town Board.

**Planning Board Chair Jack Corey** stated that the Board is not discussing the layout or anything of that nature in this meeting. What the Town Board is dealing with is the package of incentives, amenities and benefits that have been proposed. Should the town accept that, and in so doing, it will move the application forward for the Planning Board where it will review where all the public planning. The Planning Board will have its own public hearing. **Mr. Corey** said that a lot of these questions belong at the Planning Board meeting and not this particular meeting. The Planning Board will be the ones who approve the subdivision.

**Beth King** of Hiltonwood said it seems like the onus is on the developer but the town should provide constituents with information. She said it is hard to make a decision. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that the Town and the developer came up with these incentives. Ms. King said the benefits aren't being identified. She said there is no dollar value, and no information regarding traffic issues, etc.

**Kelly Spagnoletti** of Patchett Road asked questions regarding the hill and curb and if it is going to help the traffic pattern. She said widening the road is not going to help. She has an issue with the 45 mph speed limit. She stated that traffic has increased already with the Y, so she is concerned about construction vehicles as they will use Patchett Road. She would rather have fewer houses in that development. She doesn't think that area can handle that much development.

**Bonnie Mendoza** of Patchett Road mentioned the well in her yard, and said that she has issues with potentially widening the road. **Mr. Yager** said there are right-of-way limits for fill and it should not affect the well unless it is in the Town's right of way, which he said it is probably not.

**Kevin Rode** of Greymoor Way stated that the board should "up the price it's getting for what paid per lot." He asked about widening Patchett Road, and mentioned that it was cold patched in 2008 or so. He asked about the structural integrity of the road, and mentioned traffic coming out of Collington, which [may] or will come out of 370. **Mr. Yager** said it is a state road and the state is putting a traffic light at Hicks and Hayes. Conversation between Mr. Rode and **Mr. Yager** ensued regarding a proposed signal study and a light.

**Nick Spagnoletti** said he does not agree with proposed project as he is against getting rid of wetlands and farmlands. He said destroying and not mitigating wetlands is a crime. He questioned the current plan for sewage.

**Andy Reeves** of Reeves Road asked about a rejection from County Planning, and if anyone has prepared cost estimates (like for Seneca Estates) and a survey of people with sewers and using grants. **Mr. Yager** stated the Town did look at costs. He said he doesn't recall exact figures but it is a significant cost. He said that because of the proximity to the Seneca River, and what the state has in place, it is anticipated (regarding higher density lots) that over time, once the Health

Department sees a failing septic, that towns will be made to look at those areas. He began to talk about other plans to get additional monies to sewer neighborhoods, but he was interrupted by Mr. Reeves with further questions such as polling residents and Cabbage Patch, and if the Town works with County Planning. Mr. Reeves also mentioned concerns with the proposed paths and the cost of such development to taxpayers down the road.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road mentioned several items including a guestimate of additional cars on Patchett Road every day, an event where a school bus flipped over because of no shoulders on the road, and questioned if an incentive to widen the road would occur before construction or after. He asked if the Town received mandates from the County about problems in Seneca Estates and other issues cleaning up what is entering into the river. Water flow was also mentioned.

### **RES#28/2017**

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci** moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:15 pm.

*The hearing will remain open.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARING):**

**Jim Stirushnik** of Dinglehole stated regarding Red Rock that the town is taking a ‘myopic’ position. He said Red Rock was not intended to be permanent residences and the Town needs to look long term in regard to maintenance. He also mentioned construction costs, land along the river, riverfront property, and what the incentives are for the Town. He said the assets of the Town are its people and the second is its land and water. He mentioned loss of agricultural land in California, and continued to talk about land 50 to 100 years from now.

**Kevin Rode** of Greymoor Way had a question about the security motion. He asked why there was a security person present, as it hadn’t been voted on yet. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** told him the Board is voting on it tonight. He said the Board was advised by its attorney that security could be brought on with a vote in the majority. Mr. Rode asked if there is security in the Court, and **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said yes. Mr. Rode asked who was in charge of HR until this point and **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that there is no one on staff professionally regarding human resources. He stated that as items are reviewed [or named as] personnel issues, the Town needs professionals [in HR]. This is why the Town is hiring the company on an on-call basis. Mr. Rode asked if the Town budgeted for this and **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the funds come out of the contingency of the budget. He said there’s a code for additional dollars in that particular portion of the budget.

**Gail Tosh** of Emerick Road had questions about the need for security. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the issue is delicate, and referred to the Board going into recess at the January 5, 2017 meeting. He said the meeting became out of control, and until such time as this Town Board feels control will be maintained at all times, it will retain the off duty Sheriff. The Board began to clarify the costs, but they were interrupted. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that Town Employees were concerned for their personal safety. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that most Town Board meetings end in three hours. That’s \$240 a month. He said there is money coming out of contingency fund for safety, and safety is paramount in preserving decorum.

**Fred Burtch** asked about the cost of item A (security), as he calculated the cost of \$3,200. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated the Board will not talk about personnel issues. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that this is not a budgeted item because it wasn’t in the [line] items. He said the Town is moving money from the contingency fund. Mr. Burtch asked if the armed guard will remain when people are packing up and leaving and asked if the guard waits for everyone. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that security will stay until the premises are vacated. He said the whole point of security is for everybody in the room. The security person is an off duty Onondaga County Sheriff, and they will do whatever it is in the bounds of the law that they need to.

**Rob Stanek** of Oswego Street asked who provides the insurance for Sheriff. **Town Attorney Rivizzigno** stated that a Sheriff is insured by the Sheriff’s department. Mr. Stanek asked if the position was open for bid. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated that **Supervisor Saraceni** contacted the Sheriff’s department. He stated that there is a different set up with the courts. He reiterated that security is here for everyone. Mr. Stanek said he is in agreement that Town should have security.

**Abigail Moore** of Brown Street asked what the standards of decorum mean. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said he would like everyone to act how they would act in front of their grandmother. Ms. Moore asked if someone felt unsafe, what is the Sheriff authorized to do. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** [and the Board] feels comfortable and confident that having a trained police officer in this room for safety [one who has been trained]. They have a regimen of responsibilities they can exercise for any problem and in responding to problems. She asked a hypothetical question as to what would happen if someone is ejected from the meeting and that person sues the Town. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that she is asking a lot of “what ifs” but what the Board is trying to do is maintain decorum and a safe space. He said the Board will not act arbitrarily and capriciously. [Safety] is its highest objective, and all other things will fall into place. Ms. Moore then addressed the officer in the audience and a conversation occurred between she and others in that regard (which was inaudible). Ms. Moore stated that she does not support having a Sheriff at Town Board meetings. The mandate that the Town has was to act expeditiously. As per the bid question, **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said personal service contracts do not have to be put out to bid.

**Andy Reeves** of Reeves Road asked questions about the passing of a moratorium and if the Board is renewing the six month moratorium. He referred to the map and asked questions with regard to the 370 corridor. He talked about part town functions, and the incentives should go to part town functions in the town. He said he talked to people in Seneca Estates regarding the sewers, and asked the Board to reexamine some of their decisions regarding same.

**Williams Sands** of Brown Street had a question regarding security, and how often does it happen when a position is to be decided on. How often does that happen? **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said he can’t speak for the residents, but most of the agenda items on a Town Board meeting can be seen online. He asked where to find the minutes. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said he can go online to the website to get them. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that most of the agenda items are not finalized until a day or two before and they are ready (this date). The goal would be to have agenda items done last week, as they have to be added, and it’s a balance.

**Gail Tosh** of Emerick Road had a question regarding Abigail’s questions. She said she noticed a level of stress [with the Board?]. She wanted to know if there was a real threat last week or stress. If the agenda doesn’t go up a day before the meeting how are people going to respond to the issue. She is concerned about a rush of an armed guard. She doesn’t see a need. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said we don’t know the future. Our best judgement that we needed to exercise the decision we are going to be making tonight. If you can convince the Board that we made the wrong decision, then we don’t have to keep security in this building. The recommendation was we ought to have security. We are doing what practices suggest what we should do but I’d rather be safe than sorry. We would rather err on the side of safety. She’s not comfortable and feels unsafe with the guns.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road spoke about item (A) and he asked about expenditures to pay for something and get a petition. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated the Board cannot get a referendum for item (A). Mr. Burtch stated that he received a phone call from two neighboring Supervisors and they said the Board is trying to suppress speech.” **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** told him it doesn’t really matter what a neighboring Supervisor says to him. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the last thing the Board will do is suppress speech. He said Mr. Burtch’s free speech will never be impinged upon.

**Mr. Ting** asked about the next steps regarding Collington Pointe. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the public hearing is open and the Town Board is allowing for more public comments to come in at the next board meeting or in writing.

**Jamie Bodenlos** of Afternoon Drive asked about the armed security guard and if it is typical to have them at Town Board meeting. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said he couldn’t tell her how typical it is in New York State, as every situation is unique. He said that people came to the Board and asked them to consider safety. Based on what the Board heard, people felt threatened. Ms. Bodenlos asked if she could have a list of people who went to the Board with safety concerns. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said no. Ms. Bodenlos asked if [she] or [the public] can have agenda items more than a day before the meeting. **Town Clerk Dina Falcone** interjected to let Ms. Bodenlos and [the public] know that the agenda does go into draft form and is posted at least two days or more on the Town’s website. She also advised Ms. Bodenlos that government is an ever evolving entity, and things constantly change, and are added to [any] agenda. She offered Ms. Bodenlos to call the Town Clerk’s Office anytime if she would like information on what is going to be on the agenda, and she would email the information to her as well. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that when he worked for the County, he used to get the

agenda the day of the meeting. He said the Board wants those items in their hands the week before, but they can't always get them - not because they are holding information back, but because the agenda is still being put together. It is likely the tentative agenda will be visible two days before the meeting.

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**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

**Roman Diamond** thanked everyone who attended the meeting, and thanked everyone who spoke at the public hearing. He said that the Board wants people to take an active role in the process.

**Councilor Moore** said that regarding the Incentive Zone, the public had the same concerns that he did, and he thanked people for participating.

**Councilor Ellis** thanked the audience for their comments and feedback.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**RES#29/2017**

**Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Geraci** to adopt the January 5, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**HW Superintendent Gene Dinsmore** the only thing that happened this week was we had some ice and put out salt. Mentioned there was a couch someone dumped near Patchett Road. Residents dragged it and put it on the side of the road. He wanted to thank them for their service. Thirty dollars of tax money forked over to OCCRA to take couch to Ley Creek; you pay by the ton, and because it was water logged. If you have a couch you need to get rid of we will give you some suggestions to tell you how you can dispose of it.

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**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER WALL, AMY BOLLINGER, AND JOHN CLOCHESSY TO PROVIDE SECURITY**

**RES#30/2017**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore** to hire Christopher Wall, Amy Bollinger, and John Clochessy to provide security for Town Board meetings and Work Sessions at a rate of \$40 an hour with a three hour minimum effective January 19, 2017.

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*Deputy Supervisor Geraci explained that only one person at a time will be security at the meetings.*

*Councilor Diamond appreciates the concerns about having a police officer present and he said public safety is worth spending the money on, as we do not live in a safe society right now. He said if you look at the news, you never know what is going on, and the residents are a priority.*

**ALLOWING DEPUTY SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC SECTOR CONSULTANTS**

**RES#31/2017**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** allowing Robert Geraci, Deputy Supervisor to sign a contract with Public Sector Consultants, LLC to provide HR services for the Town of Lysander at a rate of \$165 an hour up to \$4,000 maximum effective January 19, 2017.

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**3681 DOYLE ROAD REQUEST TO BE EXCLUDED FROM FEES ASSOCIATED WITH WHITETAIL WOODS LIGHTING DISTRICT**

**RES#32/2017**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond** to grant Mr. Dennis Beaudette and Mrs. Patricia A. Beaudette's, who resides at 3681 Doyle Road with Tax Map ID: 071.1-04-08.0, request to be excluded from the fees associated with the Whitetail Woods Lighting District as their property does not front the internal roads of the subdivision resulting in his property not benefitting from the lighting district improvements.

*(The Tax Map ID listed in the January 5, 2017 minutes was incorrect.)(This is not a new resolution.)*

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**TO APPROVE THE SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION RESOLUTION AS PREPARED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY FOR THE REVISED ZONING MAP LOCAL LAW**

**RES#33/2017**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond** to approve the SEQR negative declaration resolution as prepared by the Town Attorney for the revised zoning map local law. (Attached Town Engineers Letter Dated 1/13/17)

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*Deputy Supervisor Geraci stated that Town Board is proposing to redraw the Incentive Zoning Overlay to a piece of property west of Emerick Road to allow Incentive Zone to run parallel to Route 370. He said the Town is doing the second step in a process (over the next few weeks) and the next is having a public hearing. Incentive Zoning has a lot of moving parts, and what he had proposed and the Board supported, is to reduce the amount of property that was in that property between Emerick and Dunham Road. It is his desire to preserve the natural/pristine/agricultural/rural look of the Town of Lysander, and wherever possible the Town can do that, where some of the neighboring towns made the mistake of developing end to end. The CLUP speaks to how important open space and farmland is. The Board wants the public's input, and what it is doing is beginning that process.*

**TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ALL PEOPLE FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED REVISED ZONING MAP LOCAL LAW AND ADVERTISE FOR SAME**

**RES#34/2017**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond** to hold a public hearing to hear all people for or against the proposed revised zoning map local law on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in the Lysander Town Hall Auditorium, at 7:00 pm, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for said public hearing, and for the Town Board to refer the zoning map local law to SOCPA, and the Town of Lysander Planning Board.

Deputy Supervisor Geraci	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GERACI**

1. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 2, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
2. **Public Hearing:** Public Hearing to hear all people for or against the proposed revised zoning map local law, Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.
3. **Boater Safety Course:** January 7, 2017, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Lysander Town Hall - still accepting registrations, and will be held at Lysander Town Hall. ***This course has been cancelled.***
4. **Father/Daughter Dance:** Tickets still available for February 18, 2017 at Mohegan Manor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Andy Reeves** of Reeves Road had a suggestion about meeting minutes. He said he would like to see them in draft form a few days after the meeting so he can refer to them after the meeting and prior to the next meeting. He said it would help him address issues better.

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci** asked the Town Clerk how feasible it would be to place minutes on the website. **Town Clerk Dina Falcone** suggested to Mr. Reeves that they can be posted unapproved [meaning not approved by the Board], but if Mr. Reeves wants to see a copy of them before the next meeting he can email or call her to request them.

**Mr. Reeves** referred to the Incentive Zoning regarding Emerick Road to Dunham. He said that his opinion is take the Incentive Zone out and have no Incentive Zone up the 370 corridor, as the best thing [the Town] could have (regarding any farmer there, he said they are all farmers) who want to build, to come to the Board and have to negotiate the Town giving them an incentive overlay area. If [people] and/or [the Board] look at it now, the person on the end, is to the advantage. Discussion ensued regarding farmland and cluster development, and taking out the Incentive Zoning. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** asked Mr. Reeves to attend the Public Hearing to continue the discussion.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road asked what he is allowed to speak about and **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** told him Town Business. He said that if and when allegations were made about free speech, he said the Board is not going to stifle anyone's speech, and if anyone thinks the Board is doing it, to please call them on it. Mr. Burtch said he received notifications from two neighboring Supervisors he's been corresponding with, and he said they thought the reason speech was trying to be suppressed is to limit the topics talked about. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said Mr. Burtch is dealing with allegations or things you heard from somebody else. He said he wasn't privy to those conversations. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said the Town Board has no desire to stifle anyone's speech.

**Deputy Supervisor Geraci** stated the Board wants respectful communication and conversation among all of us. Mr. Burtch asked if it is appropriate to discuss elected officials. **Deputy**

**Supervisor Geraci** said no personnel issues; personnel should not be discussed in an open forum. If there is something that someone thinks is inappropriate, or something wrong has been done by an employee or Town Board member, people need to get the complaint to the Town Supervisor in writing. Everyone has to do that. Mr. Burtch asked if he could speak about good things, and he said he was speaking from the heart in this regard. He said that in the nine years he's been dealing with the town, he has never had the amount of respect, due diligence, attention to details, and timely responses that he received from the newly elected **Town Clerk Dina Falcone**. He said he didn't think it was possible for Town employees to treat him with that type of respect. He stated that if it was his decision, and if she continues to treat people the way she's treated him she can be the clerk in this town as long as she wants.

Regarding what happened last week, Mr. Burtch said he is afraid to go to the Clerk's office because of what was said. He said it is impossible for him to do business with the Clerk's office; he cannot do it because he is afraid. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** assured him that nobody should feel unsafe in this building, as there is nothing that will occur to them walking the halls of this building. **Deputy Supervisor Geraci** said that if Mr. Burtch wants to have a conversation about how he is treated, to call the Town Supervisor. Mr. Burtch said he would not call him.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Geraci** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:13 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk