

**A Regular Town Board meeting was held on October 17, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; Gerald Hole, Highway Superintendent, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several residents.

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

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**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**Supervisor Saraceni** said there are additional motions to be added to the agenda; “G”, which is a motion to authorize a budget modification request as presented by the Comptroller and Tony Burkinshaw, for drainage improvements in Lysander Park. The budget presentations will be moved to Item “H”. He advised the audience how the meeting will be run this evening, as it is a new way of doing things in TOL. He said that Town Board meetings are for town business, and as per the agenda, the Board entertains items that are proposed and acted on. Because of the nature of the budget that was presented this year, he stated that it was important that budget deliberations be included at Town Board meetings. There will be public comments where they are normally allowed, and at the end of the meeting, there will be budget presentations by Department Heads. The Board has had about two weeks to review what was presented by the Department Heads. This evening they will be asked to defend their budgets. **Supervisor Saraceni** said they will begin with smaller departments (Assessor, Engineer, etc. and move on to Parks and Recreation and then Highway. He said the reason why HW and Parks and Rec is toward the end, is because those two budgets are the bulk of spending in TOL. He wants to make sure that those two departments have as much time as they need to present. The meeting will go to 9:00 PM, and will continue with budget discussions the following week. Comments will not be heard through budget presentations.

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**SPECIAL GUESTS: BALDWINSVILLE MARCHING BAND**

**Casey Vanderstouw and students of the Baldwinsville Marching Band** came before the Board and discussed their upcoming trip to the Rose Parade. The band is very active in the community. This January 1<sup>st</sup> they will be on national TV. They play in various community performances leading up to the championship show at the Carrier Dome. Mr. Vanderstouw said he wants to involve the community more.

**George**, a student, came to the mic and said that some of the events they play in are the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day Parade, and St. Patrick’s Day Parade. He said they are one of the few bands in Central New York who plays for those parades. He said that through the PEP Band program, they play at smaller events such as the Relay for Life and the Parkinson’s walk at OCC this year. He said they perform at the Carrier Dome, as they are the “house band” for Syracuse University. There is the Parade of Lights which is coming up and they are in it for the first time this year.

**Katie**, a student, talked about fundraising efforts, and said each student has a cost of \$2,200 per trip. She said total including shipping of the equipment is \$375K. She said they have been doing a lot of fundraising, such as selling program ads, home shows, cookie dough fundraisers, and they also held a mattress sale. **People can donate online at [www.beesbands.com](http://www.beesbands.com).**

Mr. Vanderstouw said they accept donations made payable to “Baldwinsville Marching Band” and asked that they call the school. The marching band is going to be hosting a guest speaker who has volunteered for 13 years regarding building the Rose Parade floats, and the presentation is open to the public at 6:30 PM October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Baker Auditorium. They are going to accept donations at the door. They will be collecting gently used shoes at that time as well.

A student commented that it is a really expensive process to be considered for the Rose Parade, as the band had to write a long resume proving how they help the community, and how the community helps them. She said it is a really big deal that all of the students involved help each other out. They took videos which took a long time to make to even be considered to represent their home town. The band works 11 out of 12 months a year. Their hard work has paid off.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said that when he gives a speech at the annual moving up ceremony at the High School, he talks about the student athletes and performers, and when they are out on the world stage, he might be talking to any number of people out there, he wanted them to remember that when they ask where they are from, say “*Baldwinsville*” not “*Syracuse*” – as they are representing Baldwinsville. He said they will be amazed at how many people will know exactly where Baldwinsville is, and will strike up a wonderful conversation.

Mr. Vanderstouw said the band hosted the president of the Rose Parade. He said she travels all over the world and she talks about Baldwinsville everywhere she goes. The kids have helped put this town on the map and have worked really hard to do that. He said we should all be proud.

**Supervisor Saraceni** put a challenge out for anyone who wants to participate. One of the fundraisers is a cruise; he mentioned selling raffle tickets until October 26, at \$10 each. He said to call him by Monday to get involved, and there will be a challenge to see how many tickets we can sell between now and October 26<sup>th</sup> as individuals. We are a generous community, and anything we can do to help them get there to be successful, to reach out to Town Hall.

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**Public Hearing No. 1**  
**Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in GML Section 3(c)**

**Dina Falcone, Town Clerk**, read the proof of publication of the legal notice as follows: “*The Legal Notice was published in the Post Standard on October 6, 2019, “Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road Baldwinsville, at 7:00 P.M. to hear those for or against a local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said proposed Local Law 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 Local Law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated October 3, 2019.”*

**RES#195/2019**

**A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:09 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**Citizens Comments Regarding Public Hearing**

**Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road:** *I don’t believe the Board is going to support me, but I think that the legislature of the State of New York, both the Senate and the lower body voted for this at some point in the past and they passed it. The Governor of the State of New York at the time passed it and created this law that we should observe the spirit of the law and not use this exception to eliminate ourselves from responsibility they have imposed upon us. I sort of looked at the situation on a Sunday morning that I don’t want to observe the 45 mile per hour speed limit on Dinglehole Road because it’s a nice day, I can just say ‘well I can’t do this but I can go out and do it’; exceed the speed limit, that would not be allowed, and I think the town should be allowing itself to exempt itself from the legislature as passed by the legislature and imposed by this town administering municipal law.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Just for some clarification Jim, we are following the letter of the law in having this public hearing, and allowing, possibly allowing this Board to exceed the 2% threshold, so we are adhering to the law; this just allows us to - in the event that our budget exceeds a suggested limit - which floats year by year, it’s 2% or the inflation rate; whichever is lower. It allows us to continue to function as we were elected to do and that is to provide a budget for the services that we provide the public. So, you know, we are following the law, the nature of the law, or the intent of the law was so have municipalities strive to stay within the 2% tax cap, and when it was first introduced, there was an incentive to the municipalities to do so, in that if you stayed below that threshold, there would be cash rewards back to the residents. That existed for towns and villages and school districts. Since that law*

has been enacted, towns no longer get that money back, as far as the residents, and neither do the villages, only school districts, school districts who remain under the 2% cap will get a rebate check. Since

**RES#196/2019**

**Hearing all comments, a motion to close the public hearing occurred at 7:06 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**Public Hearing No. 2**  
**Local Law to Amend Chapter 146 of Lysander Town Code (Fees for Marriage Licenses)**

*Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, read the proof of publication of the legal notice as follows: "The Legal Notice was published in the Post Standard on October 6, 2019. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road Baldwinsville, at 7:00 P.M. to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 146, (Fees for Marriage Licenses, certificates and searches) of the Lysander Town Code, waiving the Town marriage fee portion of \$17.50 for active duty military personnel. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of the proposed local law will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of the proposed local law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated October 3, 2019."*

**RES#197/2019**

**A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:07 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Moore.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**Citizens Comments Regarding Public Hearing**

**Bob Wicks** of Genesee Street: *I agree with what you are proposing to do but I also think you should expand it. I mean with the amount of fees you are probably taking in and the amount of people coming in getting marriage licenses, to expand it to disabled veterans wouldn't cost the town I think it would just be something nice you could do for the vets, especially giving active duty members I agree with that, but disabled vets too, should be included in this in my opinion.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Tony, on that we can't create our own exemptions can we?*

**Tony Rivizzigno:** *No. In accordance with a law that provides for the exemption.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So back to the comment, I mean there are a lot of exemptions I'd like to give, but no one appreciates the sacrifice the vets make more than me, but we take advantage of every opportunity we make sure that we try to take advantage of that. We did another veterans exemption, what Theresa, two years ago? It was a Cold War...*

**Theresa Golden:** *Yes, an exemption for the Cold War.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *At every opportunity we make sure that we try to take advantage of that. We can't add categories as we please. Unfortunately, we rely on New York State to set that precedent for us. But thanks for bringing that up.*

**Jim Stirushnik** of Dinglehole Road: *When I look at this question I have a picture in my mind of this little dead mouse lying on the floor on one side is a large vulture with New York State colors of orange and blue and the other side is another vulture with Town of Lysander and each of them standing there how are we going to divide up this 40 dollar amounts and who gets the tail and who loses the tail, I think the town and state are being very - to mess around with a 40 dollar fee. Why are you doing marriage licenses? How does it serve the public? Thank you.*

**RES#198/2019**

**Hearing all comments, a motion to close the public hearing occurred at 7:20 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**Citizens Comments/Regular Agenda**

**Gene Dinsmore** of Highland Drive: Mentioned that he is the former HW Superintendent. He said that over the past 8 to 10 weeks or so he has heard multiple comments from the Supervisor, and from Councilor Moore, about \$2M that TOL has brought into the community in the three years and nine months they have been in office. He said he came to TOL and asked if he could possibly have copies of those things and see what was available. He said he was advised that he should FOIL that information. He said the FOIL request brought a polite letter from Town Clerk that it would take her approximately until the 16<sup>th</sup> of October to get that information together. He thought there would be a lot of documents, but he said she was not able to come up with much.

Mr. Dinsmore said that he received 13 documents that actually referred to any money, and how TOL was getting it. [In his documentation] the amount was nowhere near \$2M. He said the amount is closer to \$100K. There was one memo from the Dormitory Authority that said they were going to process another \$100K for the spray park on September 30. He said that money should be here and he didn't know if it is or not, but the Supervisor told him a week ago that it had been wire transferred and that's why the Comptroller didn't know that it was here. He explained that even with that \$100K if it's [in possession], it would not represent \$2M. He sked the Board if they want to make these claims, to please find some documentation before those claims are made so that it can be verified. Mr. Dinsmore said that if the Comptroller doesn't have his own cash account to the best of his knowledge, if he tells him and shows him he had evidence of the \$75K or so that TOL had received in those years, and the money promised by the Dormitory Authority.

Mr. Dinsmore questioned the total amounts and the documents that were provided regarding same. He referenced different projects where money was promised and he is looking for documentation on those as well. The documents he received referred to cash money to TOL and the Comptroller's report and evidence of cancelled checks and a statement, so he knows there is some money but nowhere near \$2M.

**Supervisor Saraceni:** I didn't see the final information that was divulged, but what I have always said and what I will continue to say is that this Board, over the last 3.5 years has been awarded over \$2.2M in grants, now that doesn't mean someone cut a check. (Crosstalk at this point).

**Ms. Falcone** asked the Supervisor if he wanted her to get the file. The Board said no, and **Supervisor Saraceni** said TOL has been awarded \$2.2M and emphasized 'awarded'. He said TOL hasn't been given checks of \$2.2M because a lot of the projects that were associated with that money aren't complete yet as they are reimbursement grants. (As those projects get completed.)

Gene doesn't believe TOL has anywhere near \$2M. (Crosstalk) **Supervisor Saraceni** said this should be something we should celebrate as a community.

**Ms. Falcone** told Mr. Dinsmore that she has the applications and explained to him that he didn't want certain copies because they are voluminous and she gave him the information he asked for and gave him what she had at the time. Mr. Dinsmore said he wanted the cover sheets to show the name of the project and the name of the grant. He didn't want the Town Clerk to make 75 copies of all the details and he's not questioning the details. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he thinks he is. Mr. Dinsmore said to name the project and 'show him the money'. (Crosstalk and several interruptions occurred at this point).

**Supervisor Saraceni** said the question Mr. Dinsmore is posing is frustrating because it seems that he doesn't understand the grant process. He said that because TOL is awarded a grant, doesn't mean that the state 'rips us a check' in that amount and says "go complete the project". A verbal award, which TOL has to compete more for more no's than yesses and the municipality of Lysander has been awarded as an applicant for work on this project. Mr. Dinsmore said "*You are going beyond what that its. A phone call is not an award, it's a conversation.*" **Supervisor Saraceni** confirmed that it is an award. It takes years to get grant money. Discussion ensued regarding the grant process and monies received. **Supervisor Saraceni** said they would get into more detail for him in the future.

**Ms. Falcone** asked him to call and set up a time to come in and go through everything she has. He said he believes her, but she wanted him to make sure he has everything he wants.

**Bob Wicks** of Genesee Street referred to the grant process. He said that in March of 2017, TOL was awarded the Willett Parkway Grant for \$445K. He said it was never executed, so there's no way TOL is going to be able to execute it this year; and if it would go into next year they would be looking at 3.5 years of sitting on a grant that was never executed, as the project has to be completed before money is reimbursed, but it hasn't been started. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that wasn't true. He said TOL is in the process and it was started a year and a half ago.

**Mr. Yager** said the state administers that grant federally and it's a HW Authority process. The process is lengthy, and as TOL has done over many years, it is the typical process of time with a consulting firm, which is around 2 years to get design approval before it can be bid out. Mr. Yager said "*I'm a one man office doing my best.*" The grant was submitted and TOL waited for additional documentation from the DEC, then the next step is to get design report approval. Once TOL gets design report approval, Plumley will do some drafting services so the town can move it forward to plan specs and bid the project out.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said often times by the time TOL gets through the approval process they have lost a building season. He said he hears frustration from the crowd TOL isn't getting money fast enough.

**Comptroller Rahrle** said TOL has received two payments on that grant so far.

**Mr. Yager** said it is money for the time for preparing the design report. Mr. Wicks asked how much of the project TOL has completed and what has been done. **Mr. Yager** said they have a design report. Mr. Wicks asked how much money has TOL received on the grant. **Mr. Rahrle** said \$3,200. Mr. Wicks asked why it wasn't done earlier so the project could be bid out. Mr. Wicks mentioned the resolution about the drafting of a report. **Mr. Yager** explained how the local federal aid administered process works as, a design report is done, and once that is done, the contract drawings are submitted. Contract drawings aren't done until the design report is done, because if the DOT doesn't like the report, and [you've] prepared drawings, you are back to square one and paying to do the contract drawings. Mr. Wicks stated it took three years to do the design. **Mr. Yager** explained that he is doing this between everything else that he does for TOL. Mr. Wicks insinuated that Mr. Yager was working on another project which is why he wasn't working on this project. Wicks said the \$442K grant that was zero matching, and there is another project that you had to find the money for, this project is something that you could have completed and had done. Because it took so long because you were working on another project, labor cost and material costs have gone up, and I checked today, material costs have gone up 5% a year, for the previous three years, so now there's another \$60K because the grant, "we have to make that up", so he is saying by not moving forward on that project, anything over \$445K would have to be made up. **Supervisor Saraceni** said we are not anticipating exceeding that. Mr. Wicks said they exceeded on the spray park and Joe said that wasn't correct. **Supervisor Saraceni** said TOL doesn't have a final number on that yet.

**Mr. Yager** explained the grant estimate, as those grants are the estimated cost which is done by a formula that averages construction cost over the entire state, including downstate. He said the reality of it is doing highway work in Region 3, which is significantly lower than Region 1. He said he does not anticipate that the Willett Parkway Grant will go over what that estimated cost is, simply because of the inflated cost in working in other parts of the state. Mr. Wicks says it may have gone up \$60K - \$70K because that would be 5% not including labor costs and material costs. He said labor costs have gone up as well, so they would be looking at somewhere around \$75K.

**Mr. Yager** said it costs significantly more to do maintenance protection, traffic, and the actual cost of labor and getting materials to a jobsite downstate which is significantly higher than it is in Region 3 on a rural collective road, and that is including heavy highway work, and interstate work.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said he understands the frustration at how long it can take to get a project completed or grant dollars reimbursed. He referred to when he was Mayor of VOB, when they received the T Grant on a southwest trail connecting VOB with Community Park. He said by the time VOB put a bridge over Crooked Brook, it had taken over ten years. Grants are a lengthy process, it is competitive to get them, and it takes a long time to utilize them and get money reimbursed. That is why TOL continues to go after new grants and keep the funnel full.

**Kevin Rode** of Greymoor Way referred to the \$1.3 sidewalk grant. He said he heard from the Mayor of VOB, and their Engineer, that TOL was awarded the grant, but does not have a project. He asked when the grants expire. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that grant was awarded. He said that was one of the most unbelievable grant opportunities he has seen in a long time. From a public safety standpoint, between VOB and TOL, \$1.3M was received, and the VOB was intimidated by their bond level to ensure that the work was done, so they backed out of that grant. TOL did not. Before TOL continued with the grant with VOB, the sidewalk project was vetted with the community. TOL put out postcards and had 90

responses. 60 people wanted to see a sidewalk along Route 48, 30 did not. TOL thought it warranted moving forward on the grant process. TOL put in for a grant, it was an Intermunicipal grant with the VOB, TOL were awarded, as two municipalities - 1.3M in pedestrian safety projects; namely sidewalks. Majority of the sidewalks were in Lysander. When VOB pulled out, TOL indicated to DOT it was still interested in moving forward because there was interest in that area. TOL went ahead, Al engineered some specs for the project because TOL needed to determine accurately where it was going to fall for costs on that project because there was maintenance cost on sidewalks, as well as snow removal costs. TOL had to form a special district to fund that. That required a bond resolution. He doesn't know why, but there were people in this community that rallied against that project, and ultimately, the district formation failed on that project by a vote of the residents.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said he had to inform DOT that roughly \$400K in grant dollars was not going to be used to get kids off of the shoulders of Route 48. DOT was disappointed to hear it; one of the reasons the grant was given was because of the strength of the application, which came in the fact that kids are walking along Route 48. He said he asked DOT to think of TOL, and as they can build sidewalks on their own in the right-of-ways and then give those to TOL. He asked that DOT keep TOL on the list. That was a grant that was awarded TOL. Not because of anything we did as a town, but because resolution failed to form the district, we are not able to use that money. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he is celebrating the fact that Baldwinsville was awarded \$1.3M to build sidewalks. All he can do is provide an opportunity to offset costs on good projects. Sometimes he can't make them happen; he can't vote for people or tell them how to vote, but that is \$1.3M in sidewalk money that went unused in both municipalities, which was disappointing. Mr. Rode said TOL was only going to experience \$400K in money; **Supervisor Saraceni** said that wasn't true. Mr. Rode said there were other projects. What we need to stop doing here as a community, is the residents of the north side of the river are Lysander residents. Most of the sidewalk work, 90% of the sidewalks that were going to be constructed in the \$1.3M were going to benefit Lysander residents. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he can't tell the village what to do.

**Jim Stirushnik** referred to earlier statements by the Supervisor regarding comments not being accepted during the work session for the budget. He was sorry to hear that, as it is returning to policies of earlier administrations, which did not allow public comment during work sessions for budget, and he was under the impression that the Supervisor was likely to change that.

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### Town Board Comments

**Councilor Moore** apologized for not being in attendance for the last Town Board meeting. He had an open house at his school. He also said that since there is an interest in grant dollars, one of the things that the Board does is create relationships with other levels of government. The grants that have been awarded, that are in the pipeline don't have be used to be evidenced of the fact that there is a strong relationship already in place with county and state government. It's not about how much money is spent or how much money people have gone door to door to ensure that money isn't spent; such as a sidewalk plan, it is about the pipeline that is always being managed, to try and make sure that when there is a project, and we can jump through all the hoops, whether it's Al or David, or Tony, or the Board, when they do, that the money is there waiting for them.

**Councilor Geraci** said it is not comfortable sitting up there, basically being accused of lying in terms of putting down \$2.2M being awarded in grants. Those numbers are real, having spent his career with the County; he can assure those that it takes sometimes years and years for the state and sometimes the federal government to finally send the final check. When the County built the stadium, a \$28M program, it took several years to get all of that money. When new exhibits at the zoo were built from the Dormitory Authority. Things take time, and neither did the Comptroller of Onondaga County, or the County Executive have concerns that once we applied for the money and we were given the green light by the authorized agency to give that grant, we were going to get that money at some point. It could take years, but it didn't matter, that's how governments work. He says it's not comfortable to be accused, they are not lying; the money is in the pipes and it takes some time, and it's disappointing, as the Supervisor said, that we could have spent over \$1M in sidewalks when a community stirred up what they did and decided to do and he drives through 48 every day and I watch those kids walking on the side of the road after the sidewalk ends. Have faith that when we say a grant is in the pipeline it's in the pipeline; it's silly to say otherwise.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said last night he attended round two of the shared services meetings with the towns and villages. He sat with a rep from Onondaga County on a project. It was for tax billing. TOL utilized the County's tax software, saved TOL a dollar per parcel, so TOL saved roughly in software costs and postage, close to \$10K last year; basically Onondaga County fronted TOL that grant award and he sat with a representative and signed paperwork allowing Onondaga County \$9K this year. Last night he mentioned to County Executive McMahon that TOL will be entertaining a municipal cooperative agreement with Baldwinsville Schools on bulk fuel storage and that will be submitted in this year's request. When the Governor mandated this formalized process, he refused to acknowledge all the other

shared services that TOL already engages with other municipalities. TOL was asked to come up with new areas of cooperation. TOL strives to work with other municipalities to be efficient when it can.

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**Adoption of Minutes**

**RES#199/2019**

**Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to adopt the October 3, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NUMBER 3 OF 2019**  
**LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GML SECTION 3c**

**RES#200/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond** to adopt Local Law Number 3 to override the tax levy limit established by GML Section 3c.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 146,**  
**OF THE LYSANDER TOWN CODE,**  
**FEES FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES, WAIVING THE TOWN PORTION**  
**OF THE MARRIAGE FEE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**RES#201/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 146, Fees for Marriage Licenses, certificates and searches of the Lysander Town Code waiving the Town portion of the Marriage Fee for active duty military personnel.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING**  
**THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO BE HELD BEFORE THE LYSANDER**  
**TOWN BOARD AND FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SAME**

**RES#202/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize a public hearing to be held before the Lysander Town Board, at Lysander Town Hall, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, November 7, 2019 where any person may be heard relative to the 2020 preliminary budget, and the Town Clerk shall be authorized to advertise for same.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AREA SPEED STUDY  
FOR THE INTERSECTION OF SPRAGUE ROAD AND TATER ROAD**

**RES#203/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize the Town Clerk to request an area speed study for the intersection of Sprague Road and Tater Road.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*Supervisor Saraceni said he met with Donna Corrente and her husband with a concern for speed in the area after he received an email regarding speed in their area. There has been a fatal accident there, and it has been a cut-through for many travelers.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LYSANDER TO LEVY UNPAID 2019  
WATER BILLS ONTO THE 2020 COUNTY/TAX BILLS**

**RES#204/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize the Town of Lysander to levy unpaid 2019 water bills onto the 2020 County/Town tax bills.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2019 ONONDAGA  
COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**RES#205/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2019 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

*Mr. Yager said this has been in the works for over a year; these agencies worked with all municipalities in Onondaga County and by adopting the plan they will be eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant funding. Supervisor Saraceni said the information is updated and relates to the emergency plan and encompasses specifics for TOL for which they have held several meetings.*

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BUDGET MODIFICATION  
REQUEST PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER AND  
TONY BURKINSHAW FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR LYSANDER PARK**

**RES#206/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize the Budget Modification request as presented by the Comptroller and Tony Burkinshaw for drainage improvements in Lysander Park.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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## Department Head Budget Presentations

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We can streamline this process. We can limit the discussion to areas of concern or questions that we might have in the budget. Are you comfortable with that?*

**Councilor Geraci and Board Members:** *Yes.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's the best way to do it or we will be here all night.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Anything in particular you want to point out? (Addressed to Ms. Golden)*

**Theresa Golden, Assessor:** *No, there's a few, couple of line items that would increase, there's certain things, on an increase, that the largest for line item is for postage, and that is because we are currently, when I did the budget we were \$313 and change over budget with postage, which means we are at \$151. So we spent more postage than we budgeted for last year; so that was one of the increases in the budget from last year. And that is due primarily to mailing more change of assessment notices, we estimate year to year what we are going to have to do but don't know until we actually analyze how many notices to send out. That was the major increase other than that is pretty much the same as last year unless you have questions or concerns.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No, and you're in the process of interviewing now a part-time clerk in the office?*

**Ms. Golden:** *Yes, that's budgeted.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *That's budgeted at the same amount.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Theresa, the only question I had and that's in your domain but on page two of four of the budget book it's a tag called "exemption impact report" and I think I know most of them, you know being in a portion of this – you have this solar and wind system this four exemptions totaling \$140K do you know what they are?*

**Ms. Golden:** *They are those existing solar panel exemptions.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Are they businesses and houses?*

**Ms. Golden:** *There's a little bit of both. One a commercial - Hudson and Mowins in the village, and the rest of them are smaller solar installations throughout the town. And they come on the impact, whether they have just a county exemption or a town exemption, because the town opted out some of the exemptions because they are fifteen year exemptions; they are still cycling through.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *One's a business and others are homes?*

**Ms. Golden:** *Most of them are homes.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *There's only four of them right? It only says this four – it says number of exemptions – it says four unless I'm reading this wrong. Total equalized value is \$140K percentage of value exempted from .04. It's on page two of four of the... there must be three houses and one business. Okay, I'm fine with that, I didn't know who they were.*

**Ms. Golden:** *That's what it is. There's actually more than that but they don't appear on this report because it's a town report and not a county report.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Okay thanks.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *(Board concurred.) Any questions? Thank you Theresa. As promised, Engineering.*

**Al Yager:** *The only real big change is I decreased the line item for Engineering Aide and increased by line item, of one of the reasons that it got cut off via the safety plan and I'm going to sub all this structural portion of that as well... so those, that's the only real big change in my budget and the lease on the plotter scanner has been paid off so that's been removed from my budget as well. About \$5K.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *So that's on the expense on the revenue side, and I'm glad to see this; you dropped, we had budgeted \$122,500 in terms of revenues from engineer fees, you dropped it to \$104K and I think that's to reflect reality, correct? You're comfortable with 104 because I mean the last, it's close to what we did in 2017 and \$10K less than what we did in 18; I don't know what we are doing in 2019?*

**Mr. Yager:** *I do not.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I just want to go on record, just I think it's a good – you know – the easiest thing to do on a budget is to inflate your revenues and we don't do that and I want to make sure that's reflected in people's understanding of the budget process. It was a good move to lower that number.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *My only question Al, you know, we spent a fair amount of time this evening talking about grants, and the logistics of - of finalizing projects, and tracking, progress and projects, are you budgeting enough for an aide?*

**Mr. Yager:** *Yeah, I really like what Aimee did for me last year. She was a huge help. Once tax season is over I really want to bring her back into my office for some additional help with grants. I don't know exactly what her pay rate is but it's relatively low and she's not available full time, and she needs to take care of the tax office, and she floats over to Tony's office and Dina's office, so I'm not going to be able to get her all the time she is available. But \$10K should be good to cover her for what I need her for.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *We have you \$20K this year though.*

**Mr. Yager:** *Like I said I transferred that to consulting and under contractual services because we have some bigger projects going up for that.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *And I think, it's, again, commendable you are not greedy - not asking for a lot; we gave you \$30K last year and \$10K and you are doing the same thing this year if you are comfortable with the \$10K.*

**Mr. Yager:** *The consulting needs this year because some of the other projects and that design just not that I couldn't get through it it's a matter of – not in my wheelhouse; being a time consuming process for that I think I can use my resources in other places.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's good to hear. It's not like we have a lot of money – “here's some have fun with it” - but you seem to be working from morning, noon and night and I want to make sure you are given the resources that allow you to get what needs to be done.*

**Mr. Yager:** *I would want to get these grants processed but the day to day operations...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Now, look, there's no apologies needed. No.*

**Mr. Yager:** *It does take up a significant amount of time and then you throw bigger projects on top of it.*

**Mr. Yager:** *There's a reason you are spending \$1M a year on consulting with engineers because there's a lot that goes on that nobody really sees.*

**Comptroller David Rahrle:** *you may want to discuss page 58, for the fee that's why we are spending \$38K on a server and...*

(At this point there was a transition, which was difficult to hear as there was consistent coughing and background noise in the audience)

**Al Yager:** *I gotta say, the desktops - which we have known this is coming, the average life expectancy for a desktop on a commercial environment is five to seven years. Our desktops - are all going into seven years, seven years old, they are all replaced at once because we had desktops that were ten years old. Unfortunately Microsoft has decided they are going to stop giving security updates to their machines. 19 of our machines in this building are running Windows 7. Many of them are of small memory capacity and putting Windows 10 on isn't going to make them function at a low rate of speed because Windows 10 takes up a significant amount of RAM. So with that being said, we are budgeting for 19 to replace the desktops this year, the server, same thing, Microsoft isn't offering updates to the small business exchange software we are running the server after 2019, so we need to go to a full blown exchange server; as you may or may not know we have one backup server that we operate in house at our IT consulting office as a backup, that gets cloned every day. That server is coming up on nine years old. We also have the server that houses the building that is five years old, that we would move to the backup slot, and put the Microsoft Exchange software on that and on the new server that we are going to install in house. In addition to that we have firewall and security upgrades, and switch upgrades to make our network more efficient in those with the new server.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *So, a good explanation, sorry to interrupt, but I think the important thing to note is it doesn't seem like we have much choice to do this but in next year's budget, 2021, that number is going to drop down to what it has always been.*

**Al Yager:** *I would like to - I want to see if we can do a little better on that server. I know a lot of the cost is in the labor, and the software, which labor and software is what it is, but maybe we can save a few thousand bucks on the actual server model itself.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *But the only point I'm trying to make is whatever line we have this year is it's going to go away next year; it will go back to \$8K to 10K we have been traditionally spending on IT?*

**Al Yager:** *Pretty much correct, there's Microsoft is going to push everything to subscription services for software, I don't like the idea that the first quote for the server was \$4K less but included a subscription to Office 365 for every user in the building which would have resulted in a \$6K annual cost to keep Office on all our machines and all the data backed up on the cloud. I'd rather spring for the Exchange software that is not a subscription service, rather than sign for a \$6K a year subscription service.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So, I think it's important to recognize that every year we usually have projects, either between 60 and 90K as far as things that need to be done around here; housekeeping items, whether it is blacktopping and striping our parking lot, or, what our, we curtailed a lot of that because of this, this cost. Next year I would expect that projects will go back up, we will put some things back on; I mean we are always looking at needs versus wants, this year in particular we really focused on and paired it down to needs.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *And you are talking about page 56, I know but code 402, page 56, some clarification on that. The number that I have you have at the bottom adds up to 59647 in the rollup but I see 2020 that's \$42K. What am I missing?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *You have to add 55 and 56 together. (Mr. Rahrle went up to the bench to show the pages to Councilor Geraci and continued to explain the numbers) Page 55 and 56, add it all up. The total says continued, so go to page 56, and then \$2K, \$20K, then we have a total for account number for \$59,647.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *The cold storage is the \$20K. That would have answered it. Thank you.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Just to go back to Web and IT... you know, we are not the only ones in this boat, Van Buren is looking at the same situation. It is a big expense for them as well. We looked at possibly partnering up on a joint bid, but basically, the way they set up these contracts, is that there were no savings. It costs what it costs. There's no volume discount, so, that is it.*

**Mr. Yager:** *To all the software and equipment is purchased off of OGS bid, the only thing we can potentially look at is trying to share a server through cloud services and then we'd give into the whole subscription or we spend \$6K a year for licenses per user to try and share one server through the cloud, which, \$6K a year, over the life of the machine, the machines in the building you are spending three times what machines cost for software subscription.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Any questions for Al regarding projects? Or, Web? I guess buildings is the same? That covers building as well.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *May I speak up? I'm not gonna talk about my budget per say because it's essentially the same by the dollars, but there are a few changes we need to make that I need to make the Board aware of. On page 2, for interest and penalty estimate, it's in the budget as \$35K, anyhow, when you change that number to \$30K, I think I was being too aggressive at \$35K. One other change that we talked about...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Bob I think you brought that up.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I did.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Page 47, in the right hand corner, see? So this is a new line item, we are adding to the budget this year. After we have had some discussion after I put the number in, we have decided that with the Supervisor that Bob Geraci, who was part of the conversation we decided it made sense to split the cost between this building and the HW building, since the safety consultant is going to be our advisor for the year and the operations over there for the year. We are going to change this number to \$5,200 here, and add \$5,200 to the HW budget.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Where are we Dave? Which page?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Page 47 in the top right hand corner. So you may want to make a note there that this number is changed - one half is going to highway.*

**Councilor Moore:** *It's also on page 415 on the rollup.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *Is this going to bring our insurance down in any way shape or form for hiring a consultant?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *It may help; perhaps we will have somebody here. But it will ensure the fact that we stay out of trouble. You know.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We are not, again, we look around to see what other municipalities are doing and try not to reinvent the wheel. Van Buren brought this consultant on a year ago or two years ago? A year ago.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *A year ago.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We were going to again see if we could partner up to see if the fees would be any less if we put out a bid and the consultant said no, 'I'll charge you twice as much as normally charge', and then so we figured alright, we will wait and see how it goes with Van Buren. I talked to Supervisor Sykes and he was very happy with the consultant's job he did, and assured me that our workforce will benefit from his expertise. I support this. It is a change for us thought we typically leave it up to public safety, or PERMA, yeah, it's you know, so what have been doing over the last 3.5 years is trying to get out of HR related services. It's worked for us.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *What page on the highways is it going?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We will have to create a line. I'll have to create a line.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Alright. The other question I had for you David, you told me when we met, on page one, interest and earnings are going from \$300 to \$5K?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Yeah, for the benefit of those who weren't part of the phone conversation, since we have changed investing most of our idle cash to NY Class, the interest rate is 10 times more than what we would get through the bank in our day to day savings account, so we had seen leaps and bounds in our interest earnings compared to what we have been earning at the bank. We have been a member of Class, it's called NY Class, for probably 25 years. We used to use this heavily, I should say in the years, and then in a long period of time, their interest rate was lower than what we were getting at the bank. We didn't have anything invested in the last six seven eight nine months. The interest rate's gone up through that, where we are just... as I said to Bob in our conversation I believe that number is even conservative.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *But so commendable. Wow. Terrific.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *I had one other...I wanted to change, and if you go to back to buildings, go to the buildings tab, and page number 53, and I don't know if I wrote this. Did I write? Tell me if I wrote in? No. I did not write in. So you need to write in because no where did we put this, the water and sewer fees for the spray park, so we are going to be adding \$12,225 to this line item. To make the total of that page \$63,025.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *So that was 12 how much?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *\$12,225. That's based on the estimate of the water usage, and I gave that number to the village so they can tell us approximately what the charge would be so that's what we came up with.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Dave? Where is that on the rollup?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Page of 15 on the rollup. \$50,800... I'll give the floor to Dina...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Wait a minute... Comptroller, alright go ahead Dina.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Ok, so basically, I'm not asking for anything. Bob, you had a question addressing about why I anticipated higher clerk's fees, and I believe that I provided you with an explanation but if you'd like me to provide you with another explanation I'd be happy to.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Well, just briefly for the benefit of the, I mean this is commendable, you are finding ways to raise revenues legitimately, so you know, \$5000 higher than what you were two years ago; that's fantastic. Because of why?*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Well, right now, well, within the past couple of months, things have been changing with the NYS DMV, as they are requiring anything like an enhanced license that people are in need of. You have to have your marriage certificate, so people who are married, you know back in the 50s 60s or 70s - they can't find their marriage certificates so if they got them here, they are going to request them and pay for them here. So there's already an increase in fees. Over the past two months we have had \$400 already*

*in marriage license certificate fees. That's ten dollars per certificate, transcript. So I anticipate that as a raise in my fees as well. In addition, people are now getting passports instead of enhanced licenses, so those fees obviously are going to increase. We are going to be, you know, doing a lot more of those. Also, the dog license fees went up as well. But I only did the projection through August 31<sup>st</sup> because the budget had to be in in the beginning of September. We are up \$506. And I know, do you have any other questions on the fees? Okay. I know that you had a question about the training?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Oh I did?*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Yeah. When I began here it was always budgeted for; page 42, 401 Seminars, Training. There's \$1,500 in there, and I think I've only spent \$600 of that, so I think you guys wanted to chop some of that?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Not necessarily. No. You were open to reduce.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *It's not enough money to even debate.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *However, if you did want to take some of that money, I would be willing take some of that money out of my budget, pay for somebody to come in and clean the bathrooms.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's an interesting one.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *We could put it under contractual/janitorial*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Under building?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No. So look it.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *I mean, please.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I'm not gonna raid your training budget, so.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *I'm asking you to please...I'm on camera...please.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *A talk needs to be had with somebody.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Yes it does.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *It's too late for that. You know what? Let's put that out there.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *We hear the need.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *We can decide.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Have you expressed this need before?*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Yes. Yes. It's an ongoing. Now that the public is using that bathroom right there in the hallway, so yeah. But other than that, I'm happy with everything; everything is running like a well-oiled machine, so you guys should be happy.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Good job Dina. Thank you.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Attorney, retainer hasn't changed. Union issues we slashed. This year we settled remarkably fast, a five year deal with the teamsters, about two and a half months, it wasn't as difficult as we had expected; it was actually really good working relationship, so, with that we back off of \$10K to and bring it down to \$5K in the event that we get some sort of unforeseen challenge on an issue. Retaining HR Consultants, that's pretty much it on attorney.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *The only thing else I caught in 'General' is under "Buildings/Equipment", I don't know what page it is, but all we got in it is \$1,450 which I interpret as chairs for the HW Department that means there is nothing else we're going to need to buy in this building? Dina, David and Joe, it's your world here, but...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So, back to Dina, Dina would like new bathrooms...*

**Ms. Falcone:** *They don't have to be new, I just want them to be cleaned.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Porta-Johns are cheap.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Oh, that's funny.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So with a renewed focus on cleanliness, I think we can get through another year without bathrooms, it would definitely...*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Does that mean we're not getting the bathrooms cleaned?*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Without remodeling them.*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Oh yeah.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I'm just, you know, all joking aside, you bought computers and other things out of this code in years past, and I'm just, you know, while we are budgeting. Last year we budgeted \$6K, I don't know what we spent it on in 'Buildings and Equipment' and I don't know what we budgeted in 2017 and 18, so I guess that number is on an as needed basis? Right now we are going to buy chairs right now and that's it. That's page 5 of 15 under the third grouping down called Buildings/Equipment.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, I mean, it's...*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Focusing on software and computers.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Tech this year. Keep us running. So, impact report, revenue, Justice, so Town Board nothing has changed there, did we address Association of Towns or no? The association of Towns is the same number? Right?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Yes.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Okay, we move on to Justice. They have a request to have security at all of their court sessions, in addition to DA, you know, that's a public safety issue and I would support that. They wrote a joint letter earlier in the year, remember, we were exploring whether or not to possibly bring on a constable, we put that on hold but we still need to provide security for courts, it falls in line with the building improvements we did with the JCAP grant of \$30K that we did receive? Right Dave? We got a \$30K grant?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We did.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *You guys have an issue with that?*

**Councilor Moore and Councilor Diamond:** *I'm good with that.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Well the only issue is we have to find \$10K.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well, it's in the budget as it's proposed.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Oh I know, it's an additional \$10K.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yup. That takes care of Justice. We are zipping through these pretty quick. I'll put a little check. Supervisor, same. Keeping the bookkeeper, Nancy Mott, obviously she wears a lot of different hats, as do most people that work in this building. I think it's worth pointing out that, the workforce in this building we run pretty lean; there's not a lot a lot of – actually there's no fat – we have a parks department that is run by two full time employees, and that department process sees over ten thousand people through our parks and programs, we've got two clerks that serve 22,500 people in the town, so I don't know where you go from two to one, and take vacations, can't be sick, and you can't take personal time; everybody, this is a good time to just commend the staff – it's amazing what the town employees are able to accomplish as a unit. They are always willing to help each other, so my budget, nothing has changed in there. Five hundred on celebrations, you know, we could bump that; there's gonna be next year is going to be another exciting year with Phase II of the spray park which is mostly pavilion work and bathrooms or changing rooms. I'd like to recognize employees more often, which reminds me, are we going to do anything, Jerry, for Al? Did you want to do something within the next month or so to recognize him publicly here?*

**Mr. Hole:** *We as a highway department did recognize him, seeing him off, and it would be kind of a moot point now. It would be up to you.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well, alright, so I would just say maybe in the future, regardless of whether it's a highway employee or a town office employee, when we are seeing people off, especially with 30 plus years under their belt, maybe we bring them here so that they can be recognized on PAC-B. So that as a community we can celebrate their service. Not that celebrating as a group is a bad thing, I mean the relationships exist between the guys is strong, but it would be nice if we publicly recognize all of our employees so that the community can see the work that they have done. Let's keep it in mind.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *The only other question, well not the only, in the rollup page 11, I just want to make sure everybody hears the question I have; the bottom of the page is the Planning Board and Board Members are going from \$6,720 to \$10,080? Just what this is the Planning Board, not the Town Board – what is the answer for that?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We budgeted worst case scenario that they would meet twice a month and we didn't do that this year from a budgeting standpoint. We didn't do that this year we budgeted on worst case scenario.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I agree. We should budget full case scenario. Not a worst case but full case. We should anticipate that all those sessions be full.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I agree with that even though in prior years they will have spent - it looks like they are spending quite a bit less than the full amount, in fact about half; so we should budget on paper what it would look like they would normally be expected to do.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Alright, might as well do public safety.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Well, are you going to do Codes as well?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Codes aren't, well they're not available. I invited Tim. He had to perform a wedding at 5:00 PM. Wasn't able to make it today. So, we can put him on next week.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I think we should, the question I have for Tim is on page 10 of 15 on the rollup. Building permits, I mean I just – I guess I would like an overview of what's going on with building in this town but we brought in \$58K in 2017, um, \$12K less than that \$46K in 2018, I don't know what we are projecting to bring in in 2019 but he's projecting only \$40K in 2020 so are we seeing a downturn in building construction in the town, and whatever the answer is, I'd like to know what it is.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I don't know but two weeks ago we determined that every year we are up, so I don't know if those are good questions to ask. So, I would anticipate him being here. ZBA, Planning, those are basically reiteration considerations - benefits are deliberated later. Are we ready to go to Parks? PAC-B hasn't changed, that's a formula. Right? PAC-B? That's a formula on receipts?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Yes.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Chase Cemetery same?*

**Ms. Falcone:** *Yes.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Historian. That hasn't changed. 108 to 109, page 108 to 109, we run stormwater management through historian?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *No that's a tab as a reference point I don't want to put a tab for every line item – we'd have too many tabs. It's a reference point. It doesn't run under historian. That's why we number the right hand corner, No. it doesn't fall under Historian.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Alright, it's like what are you doing! Bonnie's taken up a new task! Historian the same.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *It's down 1,000. It's not the same.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We had a project we were still trying to do. We have a Gould's pump that the VOB was gifted when I was Mayor; it's a steam pump we budgeted to have on display in the atrium.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I talked to Steve about it about it at the Village tree lighting meeting, he has both those pumps. There are two he's looking to get rid of. He has both of those pumps.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *They are cool, made here in Baldwinsville, used around the world.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *He has both of those pumps and he'd like to get rid of them.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Dredged the Panama Canal did you know that?*

**Ms. Falcone:** *You know I'm doing these minutes verbatim, right?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *History mystery. Let's do Parks!*

**Councilor Geraci:** *We have six minutes left.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Let's just get into it. It's not that – it's not that – there's certain things that are out of our hands, we got minimum wage increases, so salaries are predetermined, once you run through it Tony.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Okay, first I just want to say what a year that we had. You know, it was nice to see the marching band here, we do partner with the marching band for our concert series. They are always our kick-off act of our summer concert series, free to the community and they participate pretty much every year, and they draw one of the largest crowds locally here, and it's always nice to see them and support them and we wish them good luck with everything. They do work hard and they do represent this community very well. That being said, all the way up to probably one of the things that you guys challenged me with is getting people to our events at the park and this has got to be a record setting year for attendance at the park alone with the Little Kids Big Truck to the grand opening of the spray park, to the Park at Dark event, numerous other programs with the Scouts sleepover, the pavilion rentals, to Pop Warner season and home games that we host at the park, and BYSA Soccer events going on at Spence Field. When you say ten thousand, probably more, and it's just a great number to have, and some of the events that we are bringing to the park now, have been just overwhelming; the numbers of people that come out and supported our programs, and I can't wait to see what next year is going to bring for sure because between and I had mentioned this to a couple of you guys, that when we opened in August, to when we closed in September, we kept track, literally of everybody that came through the gate we had three thousand people alone visit us in one short month. You can guarantee this is toward the end of the season and the weather was turning, and school already started and dropped our numbers tremendously when school started, but to have that kind of people interested in what we did was remarkable.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Tony, specifically, that was the spray park.*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *Right, that was just the spray park. That's not talking about the three thousand that kicked off the Little Big Truck event with big numbers to the Park at Dark event the spray park girls put on, that the turnout in support of local communities and businesses came and handed out free candy; so some of the events we are holding at the park now, have been just well received and we are bringing more and more people and they are seeing what we have to offer; so every little improvement that we are making to this park, we're showcasing one park that we have, and saying 'look at what we have to offer you' we have this one amenity and we have this one facility and we do take pride in it and it may seem silly that we are focused on the ditch project, but as you drive from the park that's kind of something you see and if we can clean it up and make it look nice and have that appearance when you come visit us, you know, I'd like to do that. So I really do appreciate you guys taking the time out to hear me out and saying "hey it means that much to you and cleans up the area and make it look nice", it really does because we are attracting more and more people through our gates and hopefully we will have more and more to offer. That being said, questions you have, one of things I'd like to point out is a while back, we dropped our crew leader position up at the park, I'd like to try to revisit that, and add that to the budget, I did budget both salaries in that area, I know we are not supposed to talk about personnel or anything else but there is a key person I lean on every day at staff meeting every day, a key person I go to and talk about what we need to do. She - that person - has been there the longest just along with me, and I'd like to revisit it and bring that back.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Where is it in the budget? I'm looking at Parks Maintenance going to \$45K to \$47K, that's not that big a jump. Is it in that code?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Page 85?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I don't have page 85, so 7110, 100. I have line items...71 10 100.*

**Councilor Moore:** *It's on page 715.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I don't have 7110. I have 7110.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We crossed it out and made it 102 and 103, so you're talking about page 85.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *He's talking about page 85.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Those two numbers added together are only a couple of thousand more than what we gave you, are you ok with that? That's what's here.*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *I want to cross out one and make sure we have enough in there to cover what the union says that a crew leader should get. I'd like to get that and appoint that person to that. I know I brought it up this year and I didn't budget it... 2018...for 2019.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Just tell me what the number is right now the number is \$58,370, which is 102 and 103 added together.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *I think what he's trying to tell you he would like to change that number to reflect \$20.70 an hour is that what you are saying?*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *Right. For the whole summer.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *What we do is pay - he ran - hour on the front end and an hour on the back end for crew leader.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Fine. Just what's the number?*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *I don't know, I'd have to come back on that - I just want to point that out.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *So, right now, in this budget document, that I have, it adds up to \$58,370 you gotta tell me the number you want.*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *I don't have it. I'll get with... Comptroller and figure out what that number would be.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Can you do it now?*

**Tony Burkinshaw:** *Yeah we can do it hang on.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *720 hours times 20 hours... \$23,184 instead of \$19,756 would be \$23,184.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *\$19,750 changes to what?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *\$23,184.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's the only difference so you're talking about \$4,000 in change difference?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *For that line item, yes. For that one position. So cross out the \$19,756 that's not his request. His request is \$23,184.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Which in the rollup doesn't, you know, it's all rolled up, so...*

**Councilor Moore:** *What was the amount that changed - down here?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So still being close to that...*

**Councilor Moore:** *This is personnel though...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well, it's defined, and he's talking about a position. It's...*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *I mean the rates are determined by the union.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, it's not like...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *At the current salary is what we are talking about, is going from \$19,756 to \$23,184, which raises the bottom line by that \$4,000 and change. I don't know what the number comes to just someone with a...*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *\$61,798.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *As opposed to \$58,370. Ok. I'm good with that. Alright what else?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *We have gone through some items I'm hoping you guys are current to what I have, we eliminated swings, we dropped down to one mower, to be exchanged this year, and hopefully maybe another one next year. We have some replacement tools; things that have minimal, one thing we put in*

here was for our Ford tractor to have new tires. With what we cut last year, I'm currently looking at the tread tires, that comes from a recommendation from our employee that drives his tractor that knows his tractor, and the HW Superintendent who is very familiar with the tractor so I've taken both those gentlemen's word on those.

**Councilor Geraci:** Are you talking about Park Equipment Code 71 10 200? So you are all over the place on that one spending \$1,400 bucks in 2017, \$14,000 in 2018 and budget - we only gave you \$1,050 and now you are up to \$33,476, and that is for tires and what else?

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** That's what I'm saying, that I have eliminated some things that I hope you guys got the updated copies.

**Councilor Geraci:** I don't know if I did.

**Councilor Moore:** So mine says \$33,476 what's the real number?

**Supervisor Saraceni:** That's the most current request.

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** We are willing to go through and eliminate the tot swings, a mower, which was \$9K thousand...

**Supervisor Saraceni:** Instead of two mowers it would be one mower.

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** One mower.

**Councilor Moore:** Both tot swings?

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** It should bring us to around \$14,678.

**Councilor Moore:** So both tot swings are out.

**Supervisor Saraceni:** Do you have any tot swings now?

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** I do have two. But they were - because we took that equipment out - I replaced adult swings with tot swings and I wanted to replace the tot swings that I removed, we currently have a broken tot spring that I am trying to replace but I'd like to add another one because of the growing number of use at the park. That item seems to be very well used, and hence, it's why it's broken. And currently fixing the spring and getting the spring ordered.

**Councilor Moore:** Are you looking at page 94 Tony?

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** I'm looking at item tot spring and tot swing.

**Councilor Moore:** Can you list off the items you are keeping?

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** So according to when I went through this, mine says that we are keeping the tot spring for \$1,300, for - doing the - replacing the 2011 X Mark for \$9,200, we are eliminating the 2014 replacement, we are keeping the replacement pole for \$600, we are replacing \$400 worth of hand tools that were either missing, or beat up during the project build; then we are budgeting \$1,778 for tires and the tires to be weighted. Bringing those to \$14,678 if my math is correct.

**Councilor Geraci:** Then you are going to add a pick-up truck to that?

**Supervisor Saraceni:** 2020.

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** That's what that wasn't on my plate, but yes, there was talk of that. To get on the replacement system and roll over the truck

**Mr. Rahrle:** That's still in there.

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** Okay. That's why you guys are up at 30 and I'm up at 13.

**Supervisor Saraceni:** Why aren't you looking at the same pages we are looking at?

**Mr. Rahrle:** He has the pages, his aren't numbered like ours are.

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** ...I submitted. I don't have the same worksheet you guys have.

**Mr. Rahrle:** *I think you do. You didn't give me a new page here, we just crossed things off after we sat down with you. We are looking at the same thing you are.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *After the budget was submitted there was talk about why isn't Parks – we said we could do the Parks getting a new truck and hand-me down, our truck give to Al, to get around.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, yup.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Because he's taking his truck next week to auction.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No, the small truck replacement program has proven itself, and since Parks needs a truck, it would be silly not to – we will have less miles on it than the highway trucks, I mean you're only using it for –*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Summer.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So I don't know, buy a truck and use it for...*

**Mr. Hole:** *You should check into a short term lease. You only use them in the summer right?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Right.*

**Mr. Hole:** *How about a six month lease? Then you turn it back in.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I never heard of a six month lease, but... I say we leave that dollar amount in there, and you know, over the next week or two, see what you're options are, but I think that's a replacement plan has proven itself out –*

**Councilor Moore:** *So just to be sure, 710 200, that is at \$33,476.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Correct.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Did you get rid of the tot swing?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *One of them.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Not the spring.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I kept the spring not the swing.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Do you need the swing?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I can live without it; yeah. It doesn't matter, I mean... I would like to see one of the things, I am throwing out there the playground is getting more and more use. I'd like to start investing in my playground equipment being that as we go, it's gonna be a thing that is gonna be a focus of my – one of my focuses of the engineer, too, is that, we are bringing more people in...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Alright so put the tot swing in. Tot spring – tot swing – put them both. Put them both.*

**Councilor Moore:** *Re are going to re-do those pages right?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Yes.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *One more, so you're budgeting \$9,200 for the one older, X Mark mower, we are going to get a trade in, hopefully of around \$2,000 minimal, and then we will look at the X Mark next year maybe, a second one. Pole saw you are supposed to buy this year you never did.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *The pole saw broke this year. Yes, so, when we went down to Ace to get it repaired, some way, somehow, mixed communication is, they thought we were going to buy a new one, and they didn't repair our old one, and looking at it and talking with our, my staff, they are basically saying well you are going to pay in labor and do to fix this old weed whacker pole saw, you just best budget it for next year and get a new one for \$600.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Let's not talk about it anymore because it's only \$600. So, Dave, remind me again, if the list price on a mower, just as an example is \$9,200 and we think we can get \$2,000 we are really only going to pay \$7200 or does the \$2,000 go into revenue somewhere?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *No we are going to budget \$7,200 for this.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So, alright.*

**Councilor Moore:** *We gotta put \$2,000 in revenue.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *No!*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Somewhere?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *By leaving \$1,400 leaving the \$1300 \$7200 for the mower, \$600 for the saw, \$400 for the hand tools, \$22,100 for the pickup truck, and the page totals \$33,000.*

**Councilor Moore:** *Even?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Even.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Wow that's lower than...*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *It's tires - its tires, we moved them to the next page. Because it's not a piece of equipment it's a part.*

**Councilor Moore:** *\$33,000 even. \$476 less than what it was in the rollup.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *\$1,780 in there for your tires.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Alright so he's got it in twice. Okay. And then, to Jerry's point, if between now and when we have to adopt this budget if you can find a better way to get a pickup truck less than \$22,000 we ought to talk about it but I know when you buy this truck and sell it in a couple of years you are going to get your money back. So we will get our money back. Do the CVA on it. What's the best approach? Alright? So you left off the \$17,798 on page 94 Dave, and you moved it to page 95. Okay. Alright.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *That line item actually went down \$20,000 to \$18,000.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Hey Jerry, just to give you a heads up – we are probably not going to get into highway tonight.*

**Mr. Hole:** *I didn't think so either. Somebody's gotta do something with the truck. He has to know what he wants. There's a lot more to it than that.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I'm just saying anything is better than what we have.*

**Mr. Hole:** *The key is whatever you get...*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Is it gonna resell?*

**Mr. Hole:** *You don't wanna buy a new color, you don't wanna buy...*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Right. I've heard at resale too you don't want the plain Jane work truck - you want a little bit of bells and whistles you want the automatic windows...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Let's talk with Jerry about that. Let's keep going we are running out of time. What about parks contractual going from \$1,500 to \$6,000. What's that?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *What page are you on 96? Page 96, I'm not sure – everybody happy with what's on 95?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *One of the things that was brought up in the work session is a tree planting thing; looking into it I did not budget tree planting in 2018, I put it in for 2019 because I do think it's important and on the same page, I did take out the northern parking lot, for this year, I did take out and cut security cameras in half, and then I did take out the south parking lot, on the north parking lot entrance but I put in the south parking lot in the main entrance for \$10,000.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I wish we had updated sheets, because this is, you know, our sheets do not reflect anything of what you just said.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well there's check marks...*

**Councilor Moore:** *I don't see \$10,000 anywhere unless you are rounding them.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Just for you guys. (Inaudible)*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I guess what I'm asking is I don't know what adds up to \$6,000 because that's what's in the rollup.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Security cameras?*

**Councilor Moore:** *No. Its 401, 71 10 401 adds up to \$6,000 in the rollup.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *The only thing that's \$6,000 is cameras.*

**Councilor Moore:** *401 doesn't add up to that, like the total.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *That's the only thing that survived after we did the cut.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Okay, well that's so, the trees are gone?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *The trees are gone right now.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Right now they are. The only thing that survived were three security cameras.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Ok, so no parking lot, no trees, just security cameras.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *I have a check mark for extending northern parking lot – we are not doing that?*

**Supervisor Saraceni/Councilor Moore:** *No. No.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Why do we need security cameras?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We just thought with the new facility and the gates being open in the winter, the park has eyes on it while it is open, but its, you know, it's a big park, just outside of residential area, so we thought it would be worth having eyes on it all the time. We want to see who's coming in and who's going out - we had two picnic tables gone last year.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *So this is a recording you look at after the fact?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yep.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *It would give us*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *It holds 30 days' worth of*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I think it holds more than that but it would give a gage who was in when they were in...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *How many cameras is that?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Three.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Three cameras and one recording box.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Good enough to read license plates?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yes.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I don't know, but you can definitely make out make and model for sure.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well, we can't - we were originally going to use the cameras we were going to replace here, but these are horrible.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Right, and they won't do wireless feeds. Where I am looking to place the camera a wireless feed will feed to the recorder.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *If we are not going to get the license plate, the make and model, I'm not sure if it's really gonna help us.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *It's up to you. It's better than nothing.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No, we'll just make sure, we'll make sure that we can.*

**Councilor Moore:** *It may catch a license plate.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I mean, cameras are improved every year.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *That's with the most expensive on everything, so...*

**Councilor Moore:** *I don't know about that, but, what I'm saying is the technology is out there that we can, and has been for a long time.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *What do you want to spend on trees Bob?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I want to spend \$5,000 on trees. I think we should talk about it and besides trees, what about your northern parking lot, what about your north and south parking lot and main entrance, you're talking about a park facility that's being used to the hilt, how much are we putting off till tomorrow that we should be getting today?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *So the reason why that was cut was because during major events, it doesn't matter how much parking we've got, we won't have enough.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Exactly.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *It's kind of the same deal with Village Square, when there's a big island event there's not enough parking. Normally there's plenty of parking.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I agree.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *With the splash pad in use, as a fresh facility, in conjunction with pee wee football, it handled it fine; we have ample parking now, and it's something that we might be able to find a grant for down the road.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *And just on that note by note of reference, Beaver Lake Nature Center has the same amount they had when it opened in 1972. They do the Golden Harvest Festival, the pumpkin thing they do all their overflow parking on grass. It's the same amount of parking since 1972 so I would be hard pressed to be convinced that you actually need to expand the number of permanent parking spaces, I like the idea of parking on grass that you don't normally park on but I think whatever you are parking on I hope the surface is okay.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *That's – I did put in the \$10,000 for the south parking at the main entrance coming in due to the construction over the summer, we ripped up that south parking lot, I mean I wish Al was here...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We ripped up that one section in front of the splash park.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Right but if we are going to stone/seal it and chip seal it, why not do the entrance coming in as well, just to get it maintained?*

**Councilor Moore:** *Well right now I am looking at the bottom line for this budget, and there may be some things that have to wait until tomorrow. You know?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We have more heavy construction coming.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I'm hesitant to add to what's already been added.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I'm just throwing it out there it's your guys' call.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I understand that I just want, you know, people to know I'm hesitant to add to this budget.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No, absolutely.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I'm more likely to take a few things.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *I feel the same way about a couple of items but if it's only a few thousand dollars here or there it doesn't make a huge difference in the budget I'm anxious to see what the number turns out to be once we have already gone through with parks and then highway so we have a better idea of what we are actually looking at.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I'm still focusing on this section of the budget.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We are adding \$5,000 for trees...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *No. We didn't agree to that but that's what I want to do. Let me ask you a question Dave because I don't know where it is in the rollup. At the bottom of page 96 is the capital reserve account which was a good idea, we decided to do this a few years ago we agreed to budget \$5,000 for that, where is that – how much money is in that account right now?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Roughly \$27,000.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That to me was put there to fix things that happen to be or need to be fixed every several years so why aren't we using that money to fix the roads?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Good point. I'd love to use it.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *David, didn't we allocate some of that toward Spray Park?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *No.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *What, the \$30,000 to replace the roof went towards what account?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We haven't done anything with that.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Right. But there was money in the account. It was close to \$25,000.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *That's the reserve bond you're talking about. We're still sitting on it.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *And it was supposed to go to... the money was supposed to go towards – it was targeted towards a roof replacement of the parks shed. But then Assemblyman Barclay came in with a \$30,000 grant and said 'we'll do the roof, or use this money' towards the roof, and that freed up \$25,000 in the event that we needed it for the construction of the spray pad. So we haven't had to dip into that money.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *No we have not.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Okay good. So that's fine – add \$5,000 and keep building it up but –*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *To answer Bob's question, it's on page 9 of 15.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's the transfer to other funds, \$5,000 and nowhere in the budget - nor should it be - but it doesn't show what's in there cumulatively which you're thinking is about \$25,000. Okay. So I guess one question I have for us, is, what is that money there for? I thought it was there for things that have to happen every so often, like a new roof, like fixing a road, or fixing something that happens in an emergency basis. But, not for regular expenses. I thought fixing - I think fixing a parking lot falls into that category.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I agree with that.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Well, I know you do...*

**Councilor Moore:** *I don't have a problem using money that's already set aside.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *The premise for that is when we started doing that it was because we anticipated that we needed to replace the roof. Storage barn.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Again, to Joe's credit, we found other money for that. We found a grant to fix the roof.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *We were awarded a grant. We haven't received the money yet. We were awarded it.*

**Councilor Moore:** *My point is, I don't have a problem with that if we have those set aside, but what I don't want to do is add it to this budget – I don't just want to look at projects and say – oh, it's only another \$10,000...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That's a good question Dave, let's just take for example that we want to fix the road and we want to spend \$10,000 out of the \$25,000 we wouldn't put it in the budget would we?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *Yeah, you'd have to show it as an expenditure and then we would increase the amount we would appropriate because it's coming out of there.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *So we can fix roads, could we also replace existing trees?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *In the park?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No. that's not what it's designed for.*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *It's not in the general fund.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *This is... we still have more construction to do.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Give this some thought.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, you know I'd rather fix all the parking lots at once and oil and stone them after the construction is done, because the staging area is going to most likely take place in the northern parking lot because it's going to be closest to the new pavilion. To fix a small section, I mean, I guess we could, but...*

**Councilor Ellis:** *Let's finish tearing it up.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Let's finish tearing it up and fixing it all at once.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I put in for the south parking lot to be repaired, I can put in \$10,000 and take \$10,000 from that fund(s), because we are going to put another \$5,000 in.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Well, why don't you guys give it some thought over the next few days in terms of the best ways to do this? I am thinking it right now it would be an appropriate use of the money if there's a staging concern if we ought not to do it in 2020 because we want to do it all at once, come back to us.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Well, so here's the other thing, once project is done, the money is still going to be in that account, we can always make a motion to allocate those funds for a project; but I would do it all at once; I wouldn't do one parking lot and then do the other; I would oil and stone everything.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *There has been times that we have done one end and done another end.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Right.*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *Because we didn't want to do it all at once, and just going on my five year maintenance plan, I put on there that the oil and stone was due in 2019 and I crossed it off because I knew we would be ripping up the park, so 2019 - 2020 it's definitely going to be one of those things we want to look at just for maintenance aspect of things.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Okay, so then going back to my, you know, it's been six years I've been on this Board, we really haven't done anything with planting of trees, except for that one that we got a donation last year or so. So, what do you guys want to do? I'm proposing we find \$5,000 in this budget to start us on our way to replacing trees. Because I guarantee you, one of these years you are going to walk into the park and the white ash trees will be dying and start dying in five years – within the course of five years they'll be gone - not only that - you'll have a safety problem with having to take them down. Onondaga County spent, I forgot how many thousands of dollars taking white ash trees down. Onondaga Park had, do you remember? It was ridiculous.*

**Councilor Moore:** *So, I don't have a problem either, if we are looking for money within this budget, rather than adding to the budget. If that's how we want to approach it. I am willing to do that - I'd even meet you half way. But I just feel uncomfortable adding things.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *I echo Bob's thoughts, no, Peter's thoughts, but Bob I have a question for you and I am just trying to remember the In Lieu of Parks funds, we can use that to enhance the existing park right? Can we use funds that are In Lieu of Parks funds to build trees or to plant trees?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *We are down to a few thousand dollars.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, we gotta see what's going to be left of...*

**Councilor Geraci:** *We had this argument every single budget year, well we will get to it when we can afford it and guess what we can never afford it. Maybe Joe and Dave, you're gonna work this budget over in the next few days, see if there's a few thousand that you can find. I mean a start is a start - \$1,000 is going to get you maybe ten trees, and we are talking about four foot high trees if you are lucky.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *Dave can you give me an idea of how much is left in In Lieu of Parks?*

**Mr. Rahrle:** *\$4,000...*

**Councilor Diamond:** *\$4,000. So instead of putting the money in the budget would you be okay with using the In Lieu of Parks Funds? Maybe \$1,000 to come out of there?*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Sure. I could care less where the money comes from.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *So we are not hitting the budget.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *How many trees can you buy with \$3,000?*

**Mr. Burkinshaw:** *I know that when we planted along the walking path coming in I think we did 13 trees for \$5,000.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *Just keep in mind, if you put me in charge of the tree program, what he did along the entrance was perfect because those were big trees and they look like trees - what I'm talking about is buying anything between 4 and 6 feet high - saplings - that you won't even notice for a few years. They are gonna take - gonna grow fine, because they are young and they are gonna take to the environment you plant them in, but what I'm thinking of is 50 years out - what are these trees going to look like in 10, 15, 20 25 years? You don't have to have instant trees because you still have trees in the park. They are going to be growing up in the background, then all the sudden you have a tree. So if you plant the six foot tree today and a 12 foot tree the 6 foot tree will catch up to it in about 15 years if not less. So, buy little trees and spend less money per tree and buy a lot of them.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I think, I think we are going to be able to get you \$3,000.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *That would be great - it's a start.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *What else you got Tony? You know what, we are right at - we're at 9:30, and you gotta be running out of tape over there. Why don't we adjourn tonight's meeting and set another Town Board Meeting for next Thursday to start at 7:00. I don't know is if we are going to need a work session.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I don't think we need one.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No we don't. So no work session next week. Town Board Meeting starting at 7:00 if there are things we need to discuss we will discuss during regular Town Board.*

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### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 9:31 PM.**

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk