

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on October 18, 2018 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roman Diamond, Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Al Yager, Town Engineer, Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; and several residents.

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

Supervisor Saraceni noted items “D” and “E” will be deleted and a new item, “F”, will allow the Supervisor to approve and sign the Special Event License for the Earth Day Half Marathon.

Public Hearing
GML Section 3-c/Tax Levy Limit

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk read the proof of publication as follows: *“The legal notice was published in the Post Standard on October 7, 2018. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Rd., Baldwinsville, New York, 13027 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 is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated October 4, 2018.”*

RES#284/2018

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:02 PM. **The motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Ellis.**

RES#285/2018

Hearing no comments for or against the action, a motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 7:02 PM. **The motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Saraceni read a proclamation regarding International World Polio Day. The mission for World Polio Day was launched in 1988 by Rotary and they spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. **Supervisor Saraceni** proclaimed October 24, 2018 as World Polio Day in Lysander. A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes and will be placed in the minute book.

A resident inquired as to how many years the Tax Cap law would have to be passed. **Supervisor Saraceni** said until they fix the law. He said they would fix the imperfect law, but they have not. **Supervisor Saraceni** said Van Buren does not have that problem because Town of Lysander doesn't have a fund balance like they do. The rate per thousand residents in Van Buren pay is double that of the Town of Lysander's. Discussion ensued regarding local government meetings and open meeting items.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#286/2018

Motion by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to adopt the October 4, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor mentioned special events coming up. On October 27th, there will be Halloween window painting in the Village of Baldwinsville from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There are over 140 participants this year. Over 12 businesses are participating. He thanked the Lion’s Club. The event was advertised on the website and on Peachjar, and there are applications online. On that same date, “Park in the Dark” will be held in Lysander Park by the Spray Park Committee, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, for \$5 per car. He thanked the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor for judging costumes at the event. He encouraged families to dress up and visit the park that night. The proceeds will go to the Spray Park fund. October 31st is the last day the park will be open. The park will be accessible, but the gates will be locked and the park will be closed for the winter. The playground and trail will be available.

Supervisor Saraceni said Rotary was letting the public know what they do as an organization and the good they do in the community. He mentioned the window painting activity that the Town of Lysander now runs and manages. It was originally an activity that the Optimists managed and ran. Because of low participation, they had to give up the event. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the message he is trying to get out is that we have great organizations in Baldwinsville: Rotary, Optimists and Kiwanis. He said anyone can get out and take very little time out of their schedules to help these kind of organizations, as they are worthy of support. He encouraged anyone to meet with volunteer organizations to help them.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk reported the results of the area speed study request on Route 370 between Dewitt Drive and Homestead Drive. The NYS DOT stated as follows:

“Based on our review of recent speed studies in this immediate area and multiple adjacent areas, a lower speed limit is not appropriate for this section of roadway; therefore, no further studies are warranted at this time for the above subject location. We will, however, continue to monitor this area in the event conditions change in the future.”

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT

RES#287/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt a local law to override the tax levy limit established in GML Section 3c.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci said everything is relative; when they review the budget, they'd like residents to keep in mind that Lysander is the second lowest tax community in Onondaga County and it is going to try and stay that way.

Supervisor Saraceni once again said that it is a flawed law. He said the estimated rate increase would be 5.2% and that is within the preliminary budget which is subject to change. State law requires that any town needing to go over the 2% cap should pass a resolution. If the budget increase was below 2% he would still make this motion as a statement to Albany as he reiterated that this is a flawed law, and what the law has done is pressured or forced municipalities to live below their means which means infrastructure improvement and anything else exceeding the tax cap allows us to do.

What Albany didn't do was listen to municipalities regarding the process. The residents have an opportunity to speak before [the law is passed], and local governments are very transparent and responsible to accomplish the mission for the resources we provide. One flaw considers special districts. In towns, if you are going to put in a subdivision you have to establish districts, but they were included in the law, because districts are self-funding. He used Seneca Estates as an example as to their culvert, and that they generate \$7K per year toward drainage work/maintenance. He said it is always talked about with the Association of Towns and Villages, and it is always brought up to the Governor's office and always put aside.

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE A
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

RES#288/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize a public hearing to be held before the Lysander Town Board at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 1, 2018 where any person may be heard relative to the 2019 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	Absent		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni asked the Board if they would need to meet one more time. That will be determined.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOL TO LEVY UNPAID WATER BILLS

RES#289/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Town of Lysander to levy unpaid 2018 water bills onto the 2019 County/Town tax bills.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Supervisor Saraceni said the Village of Baldwinsville was billing debt service payments on a quarterly basis but that will change. The debt service will be billed and appear on the Town's tax bills. The fee will not be on the quarterly water bill. Those district are still Town water districts. Instead of paying district charges quarterly, residents are now going to pay their debt service in their water district on the Town tax bill. Nothing will change, except the quarterly billing (because of the new water meters) (He said a letter will be mailed out regarding that as well.)

MOTION TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE

RES#290/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Supervisor to sign and approve the Special Event License for the 2019 Earth Day Half Marathon and 5K to be held April 14, 2019.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):

Five topics to be considered in the future by the Highway Committee:

- 1) Vehicles parked on the road certain times of the year that affect plowing.
- 2) Possible permits for plow services (snow is being pushed across roads and making snow banks too high).
- 3) Driveway culvert replacement permits (new or replacement).
- 4) Leftover ditching materials/adjacent property.
- 5) Gift of services/materials on private property.

Councilor Geraci said he is concerned that the HW Superintendent doesn't regularly come to Town Board meetings anymore. He said he thinks they need to encourage the Superintendent to be at the meetings, as it's the opportunity for the public to interface with that person and for him to tell the community at large what is going on. **Councilor Geraci** said [the Board] has no power because [the HW Superintendent] is an independently elected official, but he said he is disappointed that our Superintendent is not here, and only here rarely.

Supervisor Saraceni said he can reach out to the HW Superintendent and suggest that it is an opportunity for him to communicate with the public.

Councilor Geraci said he has been on the Town Board since January 2014, and he just assumed that the HW Superintendent was always at the meetings every single time. He focused on the former HW Superintendent and said *"I give you a lot of credit as I just took it as a presumption that you would be here; no different than any of us being here, and I think it is a public responsibility to do that."* He said he is mystified as to why our newly elected HW Superintendent doesn't do that.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk