

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on October 5, 2017 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Kusick; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Al Yager, Town Engineer, David Rahrle, Comptroller, and several residents.

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Saraceni announced adjustments to the agenda as follows: Regarding item “H”, there is a date change from “November 16” to “November 9”. There will also be an additional motion for the approval of dogs to have access to Lysander Park, and one added for West Genesee Sewer District No. 2.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, presented the Tentative 2018 Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he asked the Department Heads to submit their budgets based on needs and not wants. He said the budget is a pared down version of what was presented. The budget that is being proposed [at this point] is in the ballpark of an 11% increase. If it is accepted as is, it is much higher than the Board would expect it to pass. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that if he had made no changes or modifications prior to this point, there would have been a 30% increase. He wanted to share with the community some things that are of concern this year: There is a significant increase in health insurance costs, which equates to a 14% increase in costs, which is \$50K higher this year. Regarding negotiated wage increases, specifically for the Highway Department, the Teamsters increase is \$18K, which is a total of \$68K for an increase in spending; 4 cents per thousand or 2%. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that the Board has a big job in front of them as far as paring it down to what it thinks would be a reasonable adjustment to the budget. As part of that consideration, in Item D, there will be a motion to set a public hearing to exceed the cap which is at 1.86%. It is up from last year, as it was .68% which is still below the 2% tax cap as per the law. He said he expects the budget will exceed that based on the aforementioned information.

Supervisor Saraceni said he looks forward to meeting with Department Heads as they defend their budgets, which is part of the process. These work sessions are open to the public, and the Board will take limited comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the local law regarding the in lieu of parks fee. He asked for clarification regarding the public hearing, which **Supervisor Saraceni** said was closed, and the verbiage and/or. Discussion ensued between Mr. Rode and Supervisor Saraceni about the clarification of the local law and setting the fee and the verbiage of the local law.

Supervisor Saraceni said the language prior to the proposed change was fine, but this allows an easier translation of it, which takes away some of the gray area regarding park lands.

Mr. Rode asked for clarification of dates of Board meetings in November, and that he has not seen a Codes report on the website. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he would be provided that information. There will be three total meetings in November, because the public hearing for the Budget is going to be November 9th.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road asked about item A regarding the change of language regarding Town Code, asked if that would cover money in the current account. **Councilor Geraci** said he doesn't see a difference in the wording. Discussion ensued regarding the use of "and/or" in the local law, and regarding the issue of acquisition and development.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that it is not necessarily in the Town's best interest to add park land. He said that when park land is added, it adds maintenance costs. There would be transport of equipment, and inevitably the need to add staff. It is not, right now, [maybe in the future] but that is the privy of the Board. He said that right now there are a bunch of parks scattered in the Town of Lysander to maintain. **Councilor Geraci** said it doesn't preclude the town from doing anything. It can develop new parks with the money and clarify the intent of the law originally. **Comptroller Rahrle** stated that the account started in 1979.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Diamond said that in regard to the budget, the increase is high and he will do everything he can to make long terms cuts so that whatever is presented is fiscally responsible.

Councilor Moore expressed that he is looking forward to working on the budget and see what the Board can do about changing that number.

Councilor Geraci said that the 11% number will not stand, as it is not reasonable. He said the Board needs to get the Town on firm footing. He said that what happened three years ago regarding the tax cut took away the opportunity to have money in the bank called the fund balance, to take care of what could happen (like health insurance costs going up).

Councilor Geraci said the Canton Woods 'Walk for the Woods' was a success and it raised \$2,100 for that event. They raised \$1,169.74 at a prior car show as well. Canton Woods just received a gift of \$1,500 from Word of Life Assembly of God Church, and an Onondaga County Block grant which will be used for repairs and other things at Canton Woods. Canton Woods is a cooperative effort between municipalities.

Councilor Ellis stated that he is looking forward to working on the budget and making it work for the Town.

Supervisor Saraceni congratulated Stan Dombroski on the opening of the Fireside Inn. He attended the ribbon cutting. He said the facility is beautiful and it will employ a number of people. He said that those who have lived in this town for some time may remember the dinners they served. It is a premiere banquet facility.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that the Code Book review is still being completed by the committee, and he expects the work relating to General Code will be done with proposed revisions in the next few weeks. Hopefully by December, there will be a revised Code.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that Senator DeFrancisco is funding \$100,000 toward the spray park project; however, the reality of it is that government money takes time to acquire. There is a process that needs to take place, although the Town had an aggressive time frame for the facility. The grant application is for a DASNY grant, and there is as process that takes place: it is a Senate Bill, then it will go to the House, and for environmental review. He said the Board is looking for an approval rate for this time next year. The Town has been provided the grant opportunity but it needs to go through the process. The other good thing is that it gives the board the opportunity to do more research and find further funding.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#184/2017

Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Geraci to adopt the September 21, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent, said HW has been cleaning up the sewer spill on West Entry Road. He said there was a sewer line break, which created a mess in McLane's front yard area.

Town Engineer Al Yager said that regarding the West Genesee Sewer District Extension 2, letters went out to property owners regarding construction of the electrical installation of grinder pumps.

Town Clerk Dina Falcone said thank you to the residents who donated to the pet supply drive to benefit Helping Hounds. She said there was an entire SUV worth of items donated.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NUMBER
5 FOR THE YEAR 2017 AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 117-16(A)**

RES#185/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt Local Law Number 5 for the year 2017, amending Town Code Section 117-16(A) to provide for the Town Board to set fees for subdivision approval in lieu of dedication of lands for park use.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITY TO \$5,000
FOR GIDDINGS CREST SECTION C-7**

RES#186/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to reduce the punch list security to \$5,000 for Giddings Crest Section C-7, as the developer has recently completed several of the remaining punch list items.

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
TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN OCWA PERMIT**

RES#187/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the OCWA Permit which grants permission for the installation of DICL water main and appurtenances; 1,325' of 8" and 12" Extension, Timber Banks Section 3, Phase 2, with no pavement to be cut.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE
TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GML SECTION 3-C**

RES#188/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing with respect to the adoption of a local law to override the tax levy limit established in GML §3-c, and to authorize a Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 2, 2017, in the Auditorium at Lysander Town Hall.

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
TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS
WITH SMART WATT ENERGY, INC.**

RES#189/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contracts with Smart Watt Energy Inc. to install LED florescent tube replacement bulbs in the Town offices and Highway Garage. The replacement bulbs purchase will be subsidized through a National Grid Small Business Program and installed by town employees.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN OCWA PERMIT FOR
INSTALLATION OF THREE HYDRANTS IN TIMBER BANKS SECTION 3**

RES#190/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Supervisor to sign the OCWA permit for the installation of three (3) hydrants in the Timber Banks Section 3, Phase 2 subdivision in the Cold Springs Water Supply District.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION FOR VENETIAN COURT IN CRIMSON RIDGE
PHASE IV SUBDIVISION BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICIAL TOWN ROAD**

RES#191/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond that the following street, sanitary sewers, and associated drainage utilities included in the Crimson Ridge Phase IV Subdivision be accepted as an official town road.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length</u>
Venetian Court	0.193 miles

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Mr. Yager said they have done significant clean up. There will need to be a local law for the stop sign. There are no houses there at this time.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

RES#192/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing for adoption of the 2018 Preliminary Budget. The public hearing regarding adoption of the budget will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 9, 2017, in the Auditorium at Lysander Town Hall.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ALLOW DOGS IN LYSANDER PARK

RES#193/2017

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Geraci to allow dogs access to Lysander Park, provided they are licensed and on a leash, with the leash not to exceed 6 feet.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Concerns were raised as to how dogs shall act in the park. Supervisor Saraceni said it is ultimately up to the dog owners to control their dogs. Councilor Geraci said there is experience with County Parks in this regard. People are responsible for picking up after their dogs. [With the suggestion by Mr. Burkinshaw], the Board wanted to allow dogs in the Lysander Park. Councilor Geraci said he thinks it is a good idea, as pets are part of the family. He said this is a good move. The Board agreed that this is a way to enhance the Lysander Town Park.

**MOTION ALLOWING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH KAHR'S
CONSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES/WEST
GENESSEE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2**

RES#194/2017

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with Kahrs Construction for the West Genessee Sewer District Extension No. 2 Electrical Installation Contract No. 2, in the amount of \$36,750.

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 it was something that was done procedurally because the town needs to move forward on this project.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING TOWN RELATED BUSINESS:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the budget being posted on the website. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it would be. Mr. Rode asked what the estimated amount of the fund balance is, and **Supervisor Saraceni** said \$309K, \$19K Part Town and Highway Part Town \$657K (proposed). **Councilor Geraci** said the HW balance includes equipment and it is inflated. You might want to take \$225K out. **Supervisor Saraceni** said three years ago it was \$900K [to get to the tax cut] and last year \$600K was used. This year's proposal is [in Part Town] \$300K. Discussion regarding budgeting and fund balance occurred.

Mr. Rode asked if the Town has to budget to get the grant money regarding the spray park.

Mr. Rode said that he received a letter from Army Corp of Engineers. They said they are not going to look into the Lysander/Radisson issue at this time.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road discussed agenda items as they relate to the town regarding what happened in the County with the moonlighting issue and full-time/part-time jobs.

Supervisor Saraceni said the County Executive got a raise of \$80K and that is a total of \$163K. Discussion ensued regarding the process and what is beneficial for the taxpayers of the county and ultimately the residents of Lysander. The definition of conflict of interest was discussed as it related to work as an elected official and the town having an impact or benefit regarding the job the other person was involved with.

Councilor Diamond referred to elected positions and that the community can choose who to vote for and not to vote for. Those who run for office are aware of what the job entails and what it pays. Discussion ensued regarding full time jobs, conflict of interest, and full-time elected officials.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road wanted clarification as to why the Town has to wait for the grant. **Supervisor Saraceni** said with this grant you cannot 'front' the money; it is not a reimbursable grant. Mr. Stirushnik asked if the project is significant enough where the Town can sell naming rights. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town is pursuing that. **Supervisor Saraceni** mentioned Budweiser and the Amphitheater and that the Town is seeking public and private partnerships in regards to the spray park.

Mr. Stirushnik referred to the leash law and the allowance of dogs in Lysander Park. He suggested the leash law be modified to make the leash 2 meters. He prefers the international measurements.

Mr. Stirushnik mentioned the cemetery funds (in the budget) in the amount of \$10K. He believes this is an action that should be turned over to the county and the county should provide funds to the towns for the cemeteries.

Mr. Stirushnik asked about plow trucks and referenced the proposed purchase of same in the budget. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there is a request for a plow, a crew truck, and a pickup. The plow truck is Mr. Stirushnik's concern. He asked about when it is going to be ordered and paid for. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the plow truck [one plow truck] will be ordered this fiscal year and paid for next fiscal year.

Cindy Clarke of West Genesee Street spoke in regard to moonlighting, and said that anyone in a position [in the Town of Lysander] will make every effort in that everything that needs to be done within their job gets done. She mentioned time management and said that not everyone is against moonlighting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR SARACENI

1. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room*.
2. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
3. **Public Hearing:** Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00 pm, regarding the adoption of a local law to override the tax levy limit established in GML §3-c, 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.
4. **Public Hearing:** Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:00 pm, regarding adoption of the 2018 budget, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.
5. **Planning Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium.

****Budget work sessions: October 12th, 17th, 19th and 24th 5:30 pm
(Conference Room)***

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting 8:00 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk