

A regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014 at 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Lisa Dell, Town Clerk; David Rahrle, Comptroller, Pac-B; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; Al Yager, Town Engineer; Dan Boccardo, Dog Control and several residents.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
IMPOSING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
AR-40 ZONING DISTRICT

Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in The Baldwinsville Messenger on October 29, 2014 with same being posted on the Town Clerk's sign board at the Town Hall and the Town's website on October 21, 2014 for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the adoption of a local law to impose a temporary moratorium on changing the current zoning classification for properties within the Agricultural Residential 40,000 (AR-40) District within the Town of Lysander.

Supervisor Salisbury reported that this was passed a little over a year ago and it is a six month moratorium with the ability to have two, three month extensions which they did. He said during that time the Land Use Planning Committee has met, has done a fantastic job but they need a little more time to complete it. He said that is why they are having this moratorium again for six months.

The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm.

No one spoke for or against the proposed local law.

The public hearing was closed at 7:01 pm.

RES. #206/2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Diamond, seconded by Reeves to approve the minutes of the regular town board meeting of November 6, 2014.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Salisbury announced the following:

- That there is a page 2 of the agenda which are the additions that were added today and that the resolutions on page 2 first will be done first.
- There is one person that's term is up December 31, 2014 on the Planning Board and the Town will take resumes for that position including the person who holds that position now. He said that they do open up for resumes each time a term is expiring.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Diamond stated that tonight is going to be the budget vote and he thinks that they are moving in the right direction. He said he feels very comfortable with this budget and he thinks that there are places where

they can continue to cut and reduce spending. He said that this is a very good budget and he is very proud of his body of work.

Councilor Shimer stated that she wanted to give kudos to Bill Lester and the Land Use Planning Committee. She said she went to their informational meeting last Thursday and she was very impressed with the plan and happy with the work that the committee did with themselves and other personnel from the County. She stated she feels it is a very good plan and it will remediate some of the issues that the Town has as well as move forward with sustainable development in the Town. She said that she hopes the public will come out after the first of the year when the Town Board has the public hearing on the plan.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Theresa Golden, Town Assessor, provided the following report:

September 2014 – October 2014 Assessors' Report

- New Basic Star Registration Update: The office has received a number of calls concerning missing Star exemptions, removed as directed by DTF. They must contact DTF to appeal their determination and receive a correction if applicable. We expect to receive more calls when escrow accounts are reviewed next year. All new Basic Star exemptions in 2014 will reregister with DTF this year. Mailings are scheduled for late December.
- Exemption renewals for Enhanced Star, Senior Citizen and Disability were mailed in September. They are currently being reviewed and processed as received. Reminder post cards will be mailed in January to property owners that have not renewed. The deadline is March 1st, 2015. All other exemption renewals will be mailed by mid-December.
- Special district and taxable value reports were created for the Town Comptroller to aid in budget preparation. An exemption impact report was also created for attachment to the budget, as required by law
- The County has frozen the 2014 file to prepare rates and process January County/Town bills. Work continues on the 2015 file for next year's assessment roll.
- Valuation/inventory changes are being entered as completed for 2015. Final field review will occur before March 1st, as weather permits.
- Initial sales analysis has been completed and final analysis is currently being reviewed by neighborhood/property type. This will determine the appraisal work to be completed for 2015.
- Digital pictures have been attached to V-4 on the County server. This will provide additional backup protection for our valuable picture file. It will also allow new pictures to be taken/attached using a tablet in the field.

Supervisor Salisbury reported since 2012 the assessment for the whole Town has gone down .62 percent. He explained that Anheuser Busch and at least one, or possibly two other companies have gone off the assessment rolls because they pay their taxes through a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program. He stated the decrease is made up through these PILOT programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Salisbury announced the following:

The Board will not be voting on item G, imposing a temporary moratorium, because they have to wait for the County approval.

- There will also be a work session on December 1, 2014 before the regular meeting that will start at 5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Approve OCWA Permits to Install (2) Hydrants at Timber Banks (Agenda Item B) **Approve OCWA Permit at to Install Water Main at Riverknoll (Agenda Item D)**

Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Road, referred to new business B and D and asked if there will be any pavement cut or damaged.

Engineer Yager explained that new business D does not affect any Town roads, it's all private development and new business B is the new section of Timber Banks that is being constructed and there are no pavement cuts required.

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Adoption of 2015 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Stirushnik referred to new business F and expressed his appreciation to the Board for including the additional information and detail.

Kevin Rode, Greymoor Way, asked if there were any changes to budget from the public hearing to tonight.

Supervisor Salisbury said no there were not and if that were the case they would have had to announce it.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #207/2014

RESCISION OF RESOLUTION
AWARD FOR SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT
NYS TROOPERS BARRACKS

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Diamond to rescind Resolution 198/2014, the award for the Snow Plowing Contract of NYS Trooper Barracks to Clear-A-Way for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 winter season, passed at the November 6, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury explained that when the Board approved some of the snowplowing bids at the last meeting the bids requested an amount for two years. He said everyone bid for one year and they had to inform the bidders it was for two years and that they wanted the total amount for two years. He said that the bids were rescinded because they would not do it for half of what they quoted on the bid. He stated that the Board is going to vote to rescind two resolutions awarding the initial contract and vote to have the Highway Department plow the Town Hall. He said the original bid for the Trooper Barracks was for \$1399.00. He said when that when they vote to approve a bid they received this week, it is for \$51.00 more and not by the same people.

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RES. #208/2014

RESCISION OF RESOLUTION
AWARD FOR SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT
LYSANDER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer to rescind Resolution 199/2014, the award for snow plowing at the Lysander Municipal Offices to J.M. Landscape in the amount of \$11,990.00 for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 winter seasons, passed at the November 6, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

VOTE:

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

Four Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

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RES. #209/2014

AWARD FOR SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT
LYSANDER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Salisbury to assign snow plowing and removal at the Lysander Municipal Offices to the Town of Lysander Highway Department for the 2014-2015 winter season.

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VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury explained that the Highway Department plowed the parking lot and the Highway Superintendent kept track of the costs. He said that the cost came in at almost twice what they had the year before for snowplowing. He stated that so when the bids came in this year they thought it was for two years but it wasn't, it was for one year. He explained if the Highway Department does it and the Highway Superintendent keeps track of it, he bills the General Fund. He said that they are taking it from the General Fund and then putting it into the Highway Fund so it will be keeping the monies totally within the Town.

RES. #210/2014

2014-2015 NYS Trooper Barracks Snow Plowing Contract

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Diamond to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Clinton Pierce for snow plowing at the NYS Trooper Barracks in the amount of \$1450.00 for the 2014-2015 winter season.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #211/2014

Approve OCWA Permits to Install (2) Hydrants at Timber Banks

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Shimer to approve the OCWA permit for the installation of two (2) hydrants in the Timber Banks, Section 1, Phase 5A Subdivision in the Cold Springs Water Supply District.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #212/2014

Approve OCWA Permit to Install Water Main at Timber Banks

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer to approve the OCWA permit to install 1110'± of 8" DICL water main at The Timber Banks, Section 1, Phase 5A Subdivision, with no pavement to be cut.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #213/2014

Approve OCWA Permit at to Install Water Main at Riverknoll

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer to approve the OCWA permit to install 485'± of 8" DICL water main at Riverknoll Apartments Sec. 3 project.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #214/2014

Set a Public Hearing
Proposed Local Law
Establish Vehicle and Traffic Law of Town of Lysander

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer to authorize the Town Clerk Lisa Dell to advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, to hear such persons for or against adopting a Local Law of the Town of Lysander for the year 2014 which would create the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Town of Lysander.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #215/2014

2015 MVP Health Plan Renewal for Retirees

Motion made by Geraci, seconded by Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with MVP Health Plan Inc. to renew town health plans for retirees effective January 1, 2015. The rate for the Gold Anywhere Plan will be \$331.90 per month, and the USA Care plan \$390.40 per month.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury explained that the Board recently approved to increase the employee's retiree contribution from 10 to 15 percent.

RES. #216/2014

Adoption of 2015 Preliminary Budget

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer that the 2015 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Lysander be adopted.

Tax Rates: Inside the Village-----\$0.6947 a decrease from 2014 of \$0.1226
Outside the Village:
General-----\$0.6947 a decrease from 2014 of \$0.1226
Part Town-----\$0.0909 an increase from 2014 of \$0.0094
Highway-----\$1.3029 an increase from 2014 of \$0.0409

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury explained the new rates for the 2015 budget as stated in the above resolution.

Councilor Geraci commented that this was a good process and he is surprised that the Supervisor did not put in additional numbers in the resolution, as it is something that the Board should all be proud of, that what the rate reductions really mean in percentages is that taxes outside the village are going to go down 3.3 percent and inside the Village taxes are going to go down 14.6 percent. He said it's not just the dollars, it is the percentage decrease and he is very happy with that.

Councilor Geraci continued and said what he is not happy with, and he is struggling with this, as he is speaking, that taxes went up 37 percent outside of the Village and 53 percent inside of the Village for reasons that were established by the Board for doing what they thought need to be done. He stated when he looked at the 2013 budget though he saw that the math showed that there was an 18 percent tax increase in 2013 outside of the Village and a decrease inside of the Village. He said that you can't just add 18 and 37 together and get 55

because it is 37 percent on top of an 18 percent increase so it's even higher than that. He stated he left with the question on how taxes went up so much. He said the taxes raised in 2013 were 2.1 million dollars and taxes raised in 2015 are going to be 2.9 million dollars. He stated that is a lot more money being raised in taxes. He asked if the budget could possibly be cut and he does not know. He said that he does know that the highway department has been given \$350,000 more last year and continued in 2015 to make road improvements. He said that they are all happy with the road improvements but after running a County Park system of a 15 million dollar agency, a 15 million dollar annual budget, he was faced with an infrastructure deficit in that department where legitimately he should have been spending a million dollars a year. He said he tried to prove this to the County Legislature but all he received was \$250,000 a year and was told to make do with he can do in terms of the money.

Councilor Geraci explained one possibility here is to take more money from the highway department instead of spending instead of spending \$350,000 and asked if they could get by with \$250,000 instead. He stated he thinks this is reasonable. He stated he proposed lowering the fund balance which is just under a million dollars which is about 20 percent of the budget which is healthy. He said Onondaga County runs an unappropriated fund balance of 10 percent. He stated other municipalities as pointed out to him at the work session hover between 15 and 20 percent. He said so Lysander isn't doing something totally unusual at 20 percent but it is still a high number. He stated he was going to propose spending more of that fund balance and he is not so sure he is going to do that now. He said that he is going to support this budget but he is not happy with the fact that the Town has raised taxes well over 50 percent in the last two years. He stated the money was spent legitimately but stated that the question he has to ask, because he was not on the Board at that time, was all the things that were done the last two years, were they required in addition to the highway department. He said there is a list of them, some of them were \$14,000 dollars, some of them were \$47,000 dollars, some of them were \$5400 dollars and if you add all of these things up could they have created a more lean budget. He stated he is struggling here and was going to vote to pass this budget anyways but he thought it would have been a reasonable thing to sponsor a resolution to cut the highway department, its maintenance or highway improvement budget, by \$100,000 and it would lower taxes probably 5 or 6 percent over what they are currently doing. He said he is going to hold back on that until he hears from the other Board members.

Supervisor Salisbury stated he appreciates what Councilor Geraci had to say but one of the things is that there are many aspects of a budget. He said they have expenditures which by the way from 2012 to 2013 had a reduction of 8.92 percent, not an increase. He stated what happens is that the revenues have gone down because they have lost sales tax. He said they still had some sales tax left in 2012. He stated also, the previous administration took \$1,075,000 out of the fund balance and applied it against the tax rate in 2012. He stated when one takes a million out of the fund balance one year and only \$500,000 out of it the next year how does one think how that \$500,000 is made up. He stated it goes to the tax levy. He said because you don't get any more revenue and you can't cut any expenses so it goes right to the tax levy. He stated that in 2012 \$1,075,000 was used and the next year the town didn't have very much but they used \$740,000 and had to make up \$335,000 on the tax levy. He stated then in 2014 because the fund balance had been used in prior years they could only apply \$374,000 in fund balance. He said again they had to make up the difference between \$740,000 and \$374,000. He stated this year they only used \$194,000 but since they used \$374,000 they had to make up that difference. He said so expenditures and fund balance, tax rates do say something but he will tell you that you get to tax rates by expenditures, less revenue, less fund balance, tax levy divided by the assessed valuation. He stated it is not just simple as Councilor Geraci said because one is the fund balance has disappeared in the three years, four years, five years, prior to when he became Supervisor and Councilor Reeves and Councilor Shimer joined the Board. He said when Councilor Geraci says that the Town's fund balance isn't bad from what other towns he stated the following statistics from 2013:

The Town of Lysander is ranking 10th in population at 22,000.

The Town of Camillus has 24,000 residents but their fund balance is almost 2.5 times of what Lysander's is.

The Town of VanBuren who has 13,363 residents has a budget of 5 million dollars. The Town of VanBuren's fund balance was \$3,435,000.

The Town of Lysander's budget for 22,000 residents is \$5,687,000. Lysander's fund balance in 2013 was \$1,619,000.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that a town has to maintain a good fund balance or the taxes are going to fluctuate all over the place. He said that the Town of Clay has over 8 million dollars in fund balance and they have a population of 59,000 people but their budget is 25 million dollars. He stated that they have a fund balance that is not 10 percent, not 20 percent but a lot more than that. He said that they have all this information and he wants to say that towns and villages understand that they have to keep a good fund balance. He stated it is totally irresponsible if this Board were to spend the fund balance because next year everyone is going to pay. He said it is nice that they can pass it on to somebody else but it is not going to affect the people, you have to pay one way or the other. He stated so if you use the fund balance this year you are going to pay next year. He said they have tried to level it out so that the taxpayers are not hit by a reduction in the fund balance.

Councilor Geraci stated a fund balance, for all intents and purposes, is money in the bank. He said it is a rainy day fund. He said it is insurance and basically money that has been borrowed from all of us as taxpayers to just hold in case something happens. He said it is good to have a rainy day fund but the entire budget, which is a very responsible budget, has every expense pretty much nailed. He stated unless the sky starts falling in 2015 they ought not to have to go into the fund balance for an emergency. He said they may have to go into it for \$10,000 here or \$50,000 there or for an ice skating rink that needs some help like what is happening this year. He stated for an emergency to be 20 percent of the town budget then there is something dearly wrong with the 2015 budget which he doesn't think there is. He said there is no magic number for having a fund balance whether it is 20 percent or 10 percent. He stated it is good to have a rainy day fund and he is just arguing that perhaps it is too high. He said you don't have to make it up in next year's budget and you don't have to raise taxes just to put money in the bank to satisfy.

Councilor Diamond stated he shares Councilor Geraci's philosophy and he doesn't think that 15 percent, 20 percent, 5 percent just like Councilor Geraci said, there is no perfect number. He said that he would love to cut taxes more than what they are already doing now. He stated they are already cutting taxes in the town almost 4 percent. He said the village is 14 percent and these are good numbers. He stated but if they can increase the numbers and cut more he thinks that is a good thing and that is moving the budget further in the right direction. He said regardless of any amendments that may or may not be made tonight, he will vote to support the budget. He stated this is a good budget and the Board has put a lot of work into this.

Councilor Shimer addressed Councilor Diamond and asked him what services he suggests to be cut.

Councilor Diamond said that he agreed with Councilor Geraci regarding cutting the highway budget and cutting a little bit more out of the fund balance.

Councilor Shimer asked Councilor Diamond if he would put a break on fixing the roads.

Councilor Diamond stated he would continue to do much as they can within the budget that is set as a Board.

Councilor Diamond asked Councilor Shimer if there were any other places that she would consider cutting in the budget other than the two mentioned.

Councilor Shimer said right at this moment she doesn't have any place where she would make cuts.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that he thinks that this year is the first time that they have really gone after the roads and tried to fix them. He said the Engineer and Highway Superintendent have worked very hard on the study that was done by Cornell University. He stated they have taken a positive step in trying to fix the roads and also stop them from deteriorating any further but it is going to take a number of years to catch up to the disrepair that has occurred over the last 20 to 30 to 40 years. He said that they have to be reasonable but they also have to be responsible. He stated the 22,000 people in the town are not going to be fixing the roads and the Board has the responsibility of providing the funds to the highway department to make sure that the roads can be prepared and maintained. He said that he is not going to shirk his duties and say that we will cut the taxes. He stated of course cutting taxes is very popular, but fixing roads is responsible.

Councilor Reeves stated that they surgically cut all equipment out of the highway budget and there is nothing going into the highway budget for equipment. He said that Councilor Geraci and Councilor Diamond make a lot of good points. He stated he made a list of basic equipment that highway has and throwing pricing on it and such. He explained that the highway department turns their equipment over in a 15 year turn around and he is talking about roughly 3 million dollars total. He said that is \$200,000 a year. He stated that they have nothing in the budget this year but one thing that everyone needs to understand is they are going to definitely have \$200,000 there because they bought the last two trucks on time, \$47,000 a year in principal and interest and over 5 years. He said one thing they can't afford to do is to be paying for 4 trucks at \$47,000 and then have to have a fifth truck. He stated they have to be a little more proactive and they should try to buy the next truck and pay for the whole thing at once. He said they need to manage the highway department's equipment. He stated the one thing they do know is that there is \$200,000 a year that didn't get spent this year but there is \$200,000 a year over a 15 year period and that the whole rotation starts over again. He said that they need the fund balance to help protect and be able to serve the Highway Superintendent and give him the equipment the Superintendent is going to need. He stated that they don't have any of that \$200,000 in the budget this year and they have two trucks that they are leasing and the reason why they pulled the big out truck more than anything else is because the Superintendent has one coming in probably March and common sense would tell you let's wait and see what it is like, see if that's what the Superintendent wants in the future before the Superintendent orders the next truck. He said that the Board is already committed to the Superintendent to get another truck, a big truck, and probably a pick-up truck with a plow in 2016. He stated it looks like the town has a nice fund balance right now but if they take anything out of there now they have to put that towards the budget next year and the first place the cuts are going to happen are going to be in Highway because that is the biggest budget. He said that they need to keep this equipment on a fifteen year rotation and need to stay with the Cornell plan that was put

together and need to follow the plan here and go right down the road. He stated it is easy to sit here and say they are going to save a few pennies here, a few bucks here and cut some taxes. He said they need to be responsible and a year ago he said two things have to happen with the budget. He stated they needed to stabilize it and make it sustainable. He said and this through the budget process this year that it proves that it is sustainable. He stated if one looks down the road, which anybody in business will tell you, you look down the road, you don't look right here what's today. He said if it is a tax cut what the People want today he will give a tax cut but he will tell you that you will have a train wreck coming down the road if the Board has that kind of vision. He stated he appreciated the work Councilor Geraci did on this and he has done an awful lot of work on this and so has Councilor Diamond on the budget. He said but this is the time when they have to keep the fund balance for one reason and that is they need to be able to provide equipment for the Highway Superintendent to do the job.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that all of the Board members have done a lot work on the budget and he thinks that prior statistics are important. He said that in 2013 the town spent the least amount of money per capita of any town in the county. He stated that they are not trying to increase that. He said back in 2013 they spent \$255.00 per person in the town. He stated that in the Town of Onondaga, which is just about the same size of Lysander, under a thousand differences, they spent \$394.00 per thousand. He stated the highest spent was \$948.00. He said that he doesn't think that by decreasing the rate they are going to go up from 19. He stated that is not a reason why a town has budget. He said these are just statistics that happen afterwards but they have to look at what they are doing with the taxpayer's money. He said this is where he thinks they are very responsible in that regard. He stated personally he was not in favor of taking any more out of the Highway Department then they did because they have to keep moving forward on the town roads and he will keep saying this until he leaves office. He said it is so important that the roads have to be maintained because it is an asset in the town, the roads everyone drives on.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

DOG CONTROL

Norm Ashbarry, Hidden Lake Drive, stated a few weeks ago he talked to a Mrs. Julia Fuller, a longtime resident of Lysander who lives out in Plainville. He said she had a dog in her yard and she called the Town offices and was connected with the Dog Warden, Mr. Boccardo. He stated that this was about 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning and she told him about the dog in her yard and she was afraid to go out and deal with it. He said there was some conversation that ensued, perhaps a lack of communication, he doesn't know, but in any event there was no response. He stated at 6:00 Mrs. Fuller's daughter, Wendy, called and again spoke to what she thought was Mr. Boccardo. He said that he explained to her that it was after hours and there was no response after hours. He stated that Mr. Boccardo apparently said to the daughter what does she wants him to do. He said that she told Mr. Boccardo that she wanted Mr. Boccardo to do his job at which point she said Mr. Boccardo hung up.

Mr. Ashbarry continued and said that the daughter then called 911 and asked for the police. He said the police did respond and the police, upon responding, did call the Dog Warden and he thinks Mr. Billings showed up and did deal with the dog.

Mr. Ashbarry commented that he thinks it is not user friendly, the system the town has and perhaps dysfunctional. He asked why doesn't the Town have the Dog Warden do what the previous Dog Warden did which is respond on an emergency basis after hours for cases such as that.

Supervisor Salisbury then thanked Mr. Ashbarry for his comment.

Mr. Ashbarry said it was a question and asked Supervisor Salisbury if it is something that he will consider having the Dog Warden respond after hours to emergency situations.

Supervisor Salisbury said that the town did not have 24/7 dog control back three or four years ago.

Mr. Ashbarry stated that he has the contract with him and the contract says 24 hours on call status. He said that is what the contract says and he could read it if Supervisor Salisbury wants him to.

Supervisor Salisbury said that Mr. Billings responded.

Mr. Ashbarry asked Supervisor Salisbury if he now felt it was appropriate to consider that.

Supervisor Salisbury then thanked Mr. Ashbarry.

Mr. Ashbarry asked if he was going to get an answer.

Supervisor Salisbury stated he has to find out what they did and he thinks they responded to the lady and if Mr. Ashbarry would like to call him tomorrow he will check and get back to him.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Highway Superintendent Gene Dinsmore expressed his appreciation to Councilor Reeves for considering the fact that they do need to have a planned budget for equipment because they can't just wait until something is broke to replace it. He stated that he and Councilor Reeves goes back and forth all the time about specifics and dollars but he gets the idea and he appreciates that. He said that part of the budget they are doing what they are supposed to do, planning ahead. He stated the other piece that he is struggling with is that he is running a 2.2 million dollar business and they have 120 some miles of roadway in the Town of Lysander. He said that is a lot of roads and asked for people to picture their driveway that is 20, 30 feet long and picture shoveling from here to Rochester. He stated but the idea of what is going on here is instead of seeing the (unclear) planning that the Town had in previous years and in administrations, the Town now has a licensed professional engineer and a highway superintendent that is an engineering technician and a list of 37 roads that went to the Board and each one was specifically laid out of what the treatment is going to be for a total of \$848,324. He stated the Engineer and him already know what they are planning to do next year. He said is this cast in concrete, no, and they still modify as they go along if something else comes up. He stated but they have a plan for all those dollars and to just put forth the idea that you will cut it \$100,000 and then we will go as far as we can. He said this just doesn't work. He asked that the Board has to specify which one of these 37 roads they would like him to drop from the plan. He stated they worked really hard to come up with a plan, they have exact dollars for each one and they are ready to go forward. He said the Board has taken him forward by voting yes on the budget and he appreciates that a great deal. He stated but to make a frivolous assertion that the Board is going to take a \$100,000 grand out and then just go as far as they can and asked what was meant by just go as far as they can.

Councilor Geraci addressed Superintendent Dinsmore and told him his comments were gratuitous at this point, the budget was passed and the budget was not cut by \$100,000 so he appreciates what Superintendent Dinsmore is saying but at this point the Superintendent's comments are gratuitous.

Superintendent Dinsmore addressed Councilor Geraci and said he appreciated Councilor Geraci's opinion and the vote that was taken. He said that he is just trying to present the fact to the People that a great deal of work went into the plan. He stated they had many meetings at which any one of the roads could have been cut out and they would have been playing around it and then go forward. He said that is how you run a business.

Councilor Diamond addressed Superintendent Dinsmore and stated that he agrees in the fact that the Board feels that long term planning is a great idea. He stated no one on this Board disagrees with planning for the future. He said how much money the Board is budgeting for it, that is where the discussions happen. He stated that he knows of some Highway Superintendents that do not use the Cornell study and they have something called the 248 agreement.

Superintendent Dinsmore stated it is not the same thing.

Councilor Diamond agreed with Superintendent Dinsmore but said it is still a list of roads that are supposed to be done each year and that those roads are brought to the Board. He said that they don't have the specific dollar signs, they don't have all the technological advantages that the Town has with the Cornell study but it is a similar idea.

Superintendent Dinsmore said it is not a similar idea and he appreciates what the Board did tonight.

DOG CONTROL

Dan Boccoardo, Far Reach Drive, stated he is the part time Dog Control Warden for the Town of Lysander. He said that Mr. Ashbarry took the time to get out a few erroneous tidbits of information that he can tell Mr. Ashbarry that are mostly false and for Mr. Ashbarry to get up here and accuse him of something that he is doing so he felt compelled to speak and say that most of those things, if not all of them, are inaccurate and wrong. He stated that his office is open from 9 to 4:30 every single day of the week and he encourages Mr. Ashbarry, or anyone in the community, that when they have a question or problem, or some complaint with dog control, or any of his other responsibilities, to call him or come in to talk to him personally rather than take up precious time of the Board and the fine people of the community who came to listen tonight.

Mr. Ashbarry asked if he could respond.

Supervisor Salisbury said no they are not going to continue this.

Mr. Ashbarry said he did not use up his three minutes.

Supervisor Salisbury said no and told Mr. Ashbarry if he wants to come in tomorrow he will sit down and talk to him.

Mr. Ashbarry addressed Supervisor Salisbury and told him that several times he has said something that is false, that the previous dog warden didn't do that. He stated in fact the dog warden did do that, he did respond, it's in the contract and that Supervisor Salisbury continues to lie about it.

Supervisor Salisbury addressed Mr. Ashbarry and stated he called him a liar.

Mr. Ashbarry said he has the contract and that Supervisor Salisbury has said there was no 24 hour response and Mr. Ashbarry said it is here in black and white.

Supervisor Salisbury said that he will look at that and for Mr. Ashbarry to call him tomorrow.

BOARD MEETINGS

Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Road, stated he appreciated if the Board coordinated with other Board in the town so there is not an overlap in meeting schedules.

Supervisor Salisbury explained there are limited nights when they can have meetings as Court is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals also have to hold their meetings on either a Monday or a Thursday as well as the Land Use Planning Committee meets regularly. He said it is not possible for the various Boards not to conflict during the year on a Monday or a Thursday. He stated he appreciates Mr. Stirushnik's concern and they have taken into account what Mr. Stirushnik has said. He said that is why there are two meeting rooms and whichever Board is going to have the largest attendance, they get the auditorium for the public address system. He stated they try not to conflict but it happens and it is not that the various Boards don't hold their meetings; they just may have to hold them on the same night.

ASH TREES

Mr. Stirushnik asked if the Town has made any provisions for future removal of ash trees or the replacement of the trees.

Supervisor Salisbury stated there has been some discussion with the Highway Superintendent and he is not looking at expending huge amounts of money next year but it is being considered.

Mr. Stirushnik said he would urge him to than to wait for a large, one or two year expenditure.

Supervisor Salisbury said if Mr. Stirushnik thinks they catch the devil for having water here, they would really catch it every time they cut down somebody's tree even though it is not on the person's property. He said that is the only tree the Town is responsible for, the ones in the right away. He stated they are taking that very seriously.

TOWN BUDGET

Mr. Stirushnik asked what would happen if the Town took \$100,000 out of contingency and put it into a commitment to buy a truck a subsequent year. He asked how is that change budgeting and taxing.

Supervisor Salisbury said they cannot take \$100,000 out of contingency, they only budgeted approximately \$50,000 and asked if he meant out of the fund balance.

Councilor Reeves stated a \$100,000 won't buy a truck.

Mr. Stirushnik said that they would be half way there.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that Councilor Reeves talked about a plan and the Board will talk about it for 2016.

Russ Johnson, Ashington Drive, addressed Councilor Reeves and said that Councilor Reeves mentioned that he is maybe looking at taking some of the money from the unappropriated fund balance and maybe acquiring some equipment through that for fiscal year 2016.

Councilor Reeves said no, what they are talking about doing is maybe the 2016 budget.

Mr. Johnson said okay, and asked why not just budget it.

Councilor Reeves said no, 2016 budget.

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Mr. Johnson asked Supervisor Salisbury if he changed to a conservative, his registration.

Supervisor Salisbury said yes.

Mr. Johnson addressed Councilor Reeves and asked him if his brother was Chair of the Conservative Party.

Councilor Reeves said no.

Supervisor Salisbury asked Mr. Johnson if he was on the Lysander Republican Committee.

Mr. Johnson said no.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Salisbury to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to possible litigation.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:59 p.m. the Board adjourned to Executive Session and returned at 8:15 p.m. At 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Salisbury adjourned the regular meeting.

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

Lisa Dell, Town Clerk