

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on November 15, 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
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Gerald Hole, HW Superintendent; and several residents.

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

Supervisor Saraceni noted that no items would be added or deleted from the agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked a about a conversation that was had during the work session regarding the spray park grant money/sewer/septic lines, etc. Mr. Rode also asked about the purchase of the property. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is still in the works. He said the purchase of property is a priority over the spray park. He said it has been a property for a long time, and that it takes precedence; everything else comes behind that.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Saraceni wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He said he is a guest on “Bridge Street” and will be talking about the Baldwinsville Community and the events that are coming up in the future. He will be talking about the 50th Anniversary of the Turkey Trot. He said Rotary and Kiwanis are teaming up to put together a food drive. There are over 200 students in our School District who are hungry over the weekends between Friday and Monday. To address that, St. Augustine’s church, St. Mary’s Baldwinsville Rotary, Kiwanis, and a number of other organizations are going to use blue recycle bins to collect food during the Turkey race. It is the hopes that students no longer have to be concerned about eating over the weekend.

Supervisor Saraceni mentioned another great tradition, the Parade of Lights, Saturday after Thanksgiving, starting at 5:30 PM Saturday evening which, runs from Smokey Hollow grocery down Route 48 and makes a left on MacArthur or Artillery, down to Oneida Street, up Oneida and right on Oswego Street to the center of the village. It ends in Village Square where Santa Claus awaits to turn on the Christmas tree. It is a great tradition. He said it is an unbelievable effort between the Northwest Fire District, the Village of Baldwinsville, and the Town of Lysander; it’s amazing to see the first responders show up from all over, decorate their trucks and celebrate the season.

Supervisor Saraceni mentioned that he was asked earlier to brief the public on Parks and Recreation issues, specifically as there has been a flurry of activity related to parks; all good news. First, he thanked the Village of Baldwinsville for annexing Town of Lysander Park into the Village. He thinks that the Board made a determination that benefits the community, and that Lysander and Van Buren residents are going to be better served by a sewer rather than a septic system. They are also going to be better served by having that park in the jurisdiction of the Baldwinsville Police Department. The residents of Lysander are going to be safer as a result of it, and he thinks the residents in Van Buren are going to be safer as a result as well. The Counselors and the Trustees recognize that. He said sometimes we need to look at the benefit of the community rather than the specific benefit to one municipality. If we can start thinking like that, we will have opportunities to come up with other cooperative efforts across the board with municipalities. Supervisor Saraceni said he has already met with Mr. Burkinshaw for programing specific to Mercer Park and the Village Parks that are on the river. He said they are looking at possibly fly fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and would even consider water skiing. If we come up with a rate that people are willing to pay, we could make sure that we are protected, and indemnified against any accidents. It could be a great opportunity for the municipalities to work together on parks projects.

Regarding the purchase of property, **Supervisor Saraceni** noted the particular property which is contiguous to the Town of Lysander; is a small house between Spence field and the main entrance to the park. He went on record to say that is a priority for the Town. He said that before it considers any amenity, for example a spray park, that money will be allocated to acquire that property. That has been a focus of previous administrations, and thinks it is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is presenting itself.

Supervisor Saraceni thanked Assemblyman Barclay for providing the Town with a \$30K grant that is going to help us make [the purchase] a reality. If you follow the budget, we have been allocating about \$5K a year to replace the roof on the cold storage shed, the pole barn; [the maintenance facility] and that was going to be completed in 2020. The cost estimate on that was \$30K, and we have about \$20K right now. Assemblyman Barclay has provided \$30K which will allow us to do that. It frees up some money in other areas which can put towards the purchase of that land.

Supervisor Saraceni said he received word via email from the person he has been working with in Albany indicating the Town of Lysander will be awarded the \$100K grant it has been waiting for. He said it is exciting because it has been well over a year trying to get that officially in our hands. Also, in how this is all unfolded as far as the spray park, has allowed us an opportunity to receive another \$100K grant to put towards that project.

Supervisor Saraceni said original cost estimate for the total project to be done all at once was \$480K. That was with the larger pavilion, bathrooms, and some other amenities that were taken away when the bond resolution went down. Hearing that the bond resolution went down, Senator DeFrancisco gave us another \$100K for that project; so on that original cost estimate of \$480K, we are going to be receiving \$200K toward that project. This will help us complete that project and as promised have no impact on our taxes.

Supervisor Saraceni said once he gets official word and a letter indicating that the state has passed the law allowing that funding to be available to us, we will be bidding out Phase I of the spray park, and actually hopefully seeing for the first time, actual numbers on what that is going to cost. He said we need to make a determination; if it is well above our cost estimate and we are not in a position to do it right away, then we don't do it. There has been a lot of confusion out there as far as where this project is, how it is going to be funded, and there it is. **Supervisor Saraceni** said we still have an overall between Phase I and Phase II a cost estimate of \$480K to do it. It is just when we came up with that estimate we didn't have \$200K in grant money from the state to do it. It bumped up what we thought it would cost out of pocket to do the project. We are in a much better position now.

Supervisor Saraceni thanked the Spray Park Committee for all of their fundraising efforts. He said every dollar the committee raises takes a burden off of the In Lieu of Parks fund. He said their efforts and energy should be applauded.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#300/2018

Motion by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to adopt the November 1, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes with changes. (*Per Councilor Geraci, on page 10 it should say "a mission" "not an admission"*).

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Gerald Hole, HW Superintendent said that they have been plowing and taking care of the roads. He noted that there should be no parking on the streets as per the ordinance. They try and have the streets plowed by 6:30 AM.

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor noted that the Parade of Lights is Saturday the 24th and will begin with the parade and then the Christmas tree lighting to follow. There will be food and vendors in the square. The Snowmobile Safety Course is this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. People may register through 3:00 PM on Friday. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there might be fireworks at the Parade of Lights, but that has not been confirmed.

Theresa Golden, Assessor, said Enhanced STAR senior renewals have been mailed for 2019. They are processing this year which includes both the income of for the new renewals and they are entering it into their system and the state's system. All of the other exemption renewals will be mailed in December. She noted the evaluation reviews for residential properties; ten neighborhoods this year with an additional 16 neighborhoods based on tracking. Documentation will be needed and submitted to the state prior to the deadlines. The Assessor's office is waiting for written documentation regarding the audit.

David Rahrle, Comptroller stated that there will not be an increase in dental insurance this year. He noted on the preliminary budget a typo under Fire Protection - West Phoenix. It was correct in the detail pages of \$108,449, but the summary page reflected last year's number, of \$106,323. He wanted to make sure they realize it is \$108, 449, which was in the detail, and a 2% increase over last year. He made the assumption they were not going to increase it 2%. Their request came in the next day. That has no effect on the Town of Lysander's rate.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RES#301/2018

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Supervisor Saraceni said he is proud of this budget. He said the Board forecasted out five or six years where the Town needs to be, and spend the money on roads and all services in this town and relieve ourselves from depleting the fund balance; it stays within that perimeter. He said he knows that we weren't able to get everything everyone wanted, but he is confident the path they are on in the next two or three years will lead there to be zero reliance on fund balance.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN JORDAN

RES#302/2018

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to accept the resignation of Stephen Jordan as ZBA member effective October 31, 2018.

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 Mr. Jordan was called to active duty in the Navy. He did a great job on ZBA. He ran for Village Mayor at one time.

MOTION TO ACCEPT STREET, SANITARY SEWERS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IN THE LONGVIEW AT RADISSON PHASE I SUBDIVISION AS OFFICIAL TOWN ROADS

RES#303/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore that the following street, sanitary sewers and associated drainage utilities included in the Longview at Radisson Phase I subdivision be accepted as official town roads contingent on the letter of credit for the punch list and maintenance security revised to have an automatic renewal clause for a period of 3 years and the Highway Superintendent approving the temporary turn around.

<u>Street</u>		<u>Length</u>			
Longview Terrace		0.176 miles			
Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):

Supervisor Saraceni said he will keep everyone posted on the 2018 initiatives. He also mentioned that if anyone has any suggestions or ideas, whether it be regarding legislation, or any other topic, they may bring that to his attention for discussion [referring to Department Heads and Councilors].

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:32 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk