

A regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2013 at 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John A. Salisbury, Supervisor
Arthur C. Levy, Councilor
Melinda Shimer, Councilor
Andrew O. Reeves, Councilor
Russ W. Johnson, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; David Rahrle, Town Comptroller; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; Al Yager, Town Engineer; Theresa Golden, Town Assessor; Lisa Dell, Town Clerk and several residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 23, 2013, October 3, 2013, October 21, 2013 October 24, 2013 and October 28, 2013

RES. #230/2013 Motion by Shimer, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED that the minutes from the regular Town Board meeting of September 23, 2013, October 3, 2013, October 24, 2013 and the special Town Board meeting of October 28, 2013 be approved.

VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

All Ayes, Motion Carried and Adopted

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Theresa Golden, Town Assessor, provided a report including an update on the registration and deadlines for the Basic Star and Enhanced STAR property exemptions. The complete report is available for public review in the Assessor's office.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

The following people addressed the Board and expressed their opposition to the proposed tax increase and the passing of the proposed 2014 Town of Lysander budget:

Barbara Raymond-LaPrease, Patchett Rd. (Statement on file in Town Clerk's Office for public review.); Patricia Rickard, Cadys Arbor; Kim Kramer, Morgan Road; Bill Cross, Bucks Trail; Larry Barnett, Edgewood Drive; Craig Way, Speech Drive; Norm Ashbarr, Hidden Lake Drive; Doug Clements, Mott Road; Don Crobar, Lucille Lane; Paul Schultz, Mariner Trail; Casey Ostrander, Echodale Avenue; Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Road and Bill Lawrence, Mourning Dove.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL TO REMOVE RESOLUTION FROM AGENDA

RES. #231/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED to *remove* from the agenda the resolution to pass the preliminary budget, as revised, for the Town of Lysander.

Councilor Levy explained that he is prepared to introduce several resolutions to amend the proposed 2014 budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Ayes, Motion Carried and Adopted

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #232/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED to remove from the budget the position of bookkeeper to the Supervisor.

A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Noes, Motion defeated.

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #233/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED that the budget line for Engineering Aid be removed.

A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the necessity of the expense.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Noes, Motion defeated.

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #234/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED to remove from the 2014 Town of Lysander budget the computer reserve account for \$7500.

A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Ayes, Motion carried and adopted.

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #235/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Johnson

RESOLVED that the budget line for labor relations attorney be reduced from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Noes, Motion defeated.

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #236/2013 Motion by Johnson, Second by Levy

RESOLVED to take \$400,000 from the unappropriated fund balance and offset the 37% tax increase.

A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the motion..

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Noes, Motion defeated.

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2014 PROPOSED TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET
APPROVAL TO AMMEND

RES. #237/2013 Motion by Johnson, Second by Levy

RESOLVED to reduce the \$290,000 highway increase.

Councilor Johnson explained that he would like to see the Board take a few months to build a more strategic plan to finance it. A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	No	Councilor Reeves	No	Councilor Shimer	No
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Three Noes, Motion defeated.

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APPROVAL TO ADD RESOLUTION TO AGENDA

RES. #238/2013 Motion by Salisbury, Second by Reeves

RESOLVED to *add back to the agenda* that the Preliminary Budget, as revised, for the Town of Lysander be approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye
Councilor Johnson	No	Councilor Levy	Aye		

Four Ayes, Motion carried and adopted.

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ADOPTION OF 2014 TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET

RES. #239/2013 Motion by Shimer, Second by Reeves

RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget, as revised, for the Town of Lysander be approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye
Councilor Johnson	No	Councilor Levy	No		

Three Ayes, Motion Carried and Adopted

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
APPOINTMENTS

RES. #240/2013 Motion by Levy, Second by Reeves

RESOLVED to appoint Edward Calkins and Kristofer Pierce, both of Lysander, to the position(s) of Part-Time Casual Laborer for the Highway Department at a pay rate of \$13.54 per hour.

VOTE:

Supervisor Salisbury	Aye	Councilor Reeves	Aye	Councilor Shimer	Aye
Councilor Johnson	Aye	Councilor Levy	Aye		

All Ayes, Motion Carried and Adopted

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

Lisa Dell, Lysander Town Clerk, addressed the Board and informed them that staffing levels in the Town Clerk’s Office were reduced when she began her first term, hours and services were expanded, and staff was trained to work in the Tax Receiver Office to assist so the Town would not have to hire extra personnel.

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Norm Ashbarry, Hidden Lake Drive, addressed **Councilor Reeves** and asked for the status of the investigation referring to a complaint letter signed by Councilor Reeves to the NYS Attorney General’s Office that was posted on Facebook regarding possible criminal activity involving current and past Town Officials.

Councilor Reeves responded that he could not share the status of the investigation.

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Larry Barnett, Edgewood Drive, expressed his concern about the way citizens are treated at Board meetings.

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Greg Wedyck, Speach Drive, expressed his concern about the high taxes in New York State and pointed out that interest rates are at its lowest to borrow money for the road repairs.

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Kim Harrison, Gerald Lane, expressed her concerns about a vacant, nusience property on her street and that after 15 years the property is still in poor condition.

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Bob Wicks, W. Genesee St., expressed his concern about the original amount budgeted for an attorney for labor negotioations and that no explanation was offered as to how that figure was achieved or an explanation as to why it was reduced to \$25,000 wondering if there were other arbitrary numbers in the proposed budget .

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:03 p.m. Supervisor Salisbury adjourned the meeting.

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

Lisa Dell, Town Clerk