

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on November 5, 2020, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer, Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, David Rahrle, Comptroller, PAC-B, and several guests and residents.

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

Adoption of Minutes

RES#199/2020

Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudauraskas to adopt the October 15, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Presentation of Award to Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout Kyle Goodale built a community library for Lysander Park. **Mr. Burkinshaw** presented him with a plaque which will be affixed to the library he built.

Public Hearing – 2021 Budget

RES#200/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to open the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

Supervisor Wicks: *We will listen to the Comptroller’s presentation regarding the budget. Once the presentation is complete we will take questions. Please, during the presentation, hold your questions until we are done, and once we are done, you will have plenty of time to ask questions or Mr. Rahrle or me or anyone else on the board.*

The PowerPoint presentation began with discussion of the General Fund, where all transactions are recorded unless the law provides otherwise. The Town Wide Fund (A-Fund) are the costs that are applicable to all Town taxpayers. The Part-Town Fund (B-Fund) are costs charged only to taxpayers living outside the Village of Baldwinsville.

The Highway Fund Costs are for the maintaining of roads, including road repairs, snow removal, weeds and brush removal. Costs are charged to taxpayers living outside the Village of Baldwinsville. Details of the PowerPoint are attached to these minutes and are available on townoflysander.org website.

Citizens Comments Regarding the Budget

Supervisor Wicks: *Any questions regarding the budget from anybody? I'll ask again. No questions? Mr. Rode?*

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way: *Stay back here?*

Supervisor Wicks: *No you can come up and get on camera.*

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way: *I don't want to break it again, a couple of years ago, I had a bad experience. First thing I noticed was on the agenda tonight. I see we are making a payment for wrongful termination.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Okay, why don't we deal with the budget first... then we will have citizen's comments on that.*

Kevin Rode: *Sure.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Let's just deal with the budget.*

Kevin Rode: *It ties in to what... we are giving a \$5K raise to that person who that person reported to, so I'm little confused I sat through all the budget work sessions and I know you guys decided to give the raise, and trying to get a better person to run for the position, or recruit better talent than what might be interested in running for the position. I do feel that, you know, the taxpayers in Lysander are now on the hook for \$6K, and I know last year, when I ran for office, there were also other outlying allegations against Elected Officials for harassment. Has anything been looked into in that regard?*

Supervisor Wicks: *Okay, there were a couple of questions there, if you're talking about in the past, that any allegations in the past, I wasn't here, and I don't know what you're talking about, so, because I don't know what you're talking about I got to say no to that.*

Kevin Rode: *So there's no investigations or anything with any elected officials in the Town of Lysander?*

Supervisor Wicks: *Well if there are any investigations, until they are completed, I wouldn't be able to tell you anyway, so...*

Kevin Rode: *If they are already not complete? Sure.*

Supervisor Wicks: *If there were investigations, I wouldn't be able to tell you what they are because they involve personnel, and things like that, and they would be ongoing, just like any other investigation, the police have an investigation, they don't you know, give out information until they are complete. So the answer to that is that if there was any going on I wouldn't be able to give you any information anyway until they were complete. The question was with the \$5K raise, I initiated that so, and not only for that position, it's for the position, it's not for any specific individual. If you look at, and I have them here, you look at what the current HW Superintendent's position is being paid, its \$20K less than the average across the Onondaga County. So, I think that we want to retain and recruit the best talent that we can have. Now, that wasn't done to, that raise wasn't to entice anybody to stay, or to try and recruit somebody to run for that position. That is not what that was about. What that was about was an overall... When I came in, Mr. Rahrle and I started looking at things and I said that one of the things I want to do is ensure that we are paying our employees a fair wage in order to keep them. I think we have good employees and I think that in order to retain good employees you have to pay them a fair wage. So one of the things I started doing this year, and a lot of other things came up and that slowed us down we are also in contract negotiations where that can be taken care of as well, but what I wanted to do was take a look at all of the different salaries that positions town wide, and ensure that we are paying those positions the appropriate amount, and with that position, I felt that it was way underpaid. So, if people are happy with the current HW Superintendent, and they like that fine, if they are not happy with the current HW Superintendent, then this would help bring other talent in. And, I not only, that, I think that we should bring that up to a level around where the average is. The average is right now \$72K, so I think we should with that position, because you are talking about that position right, now, I think that should be within a few years up to a salary around \$70K. I think that would be a fair wage. But not only his, but all the other town positions. So that was the thought process around that, and I did initiate it because I think that is what we should do for all the positions in the town.*

Kevin Rode: *And that's fine, I just, you know, going back to, we are at year three of a four year term for this elected official, I think if we are going to do the raise, as a town board, we would have put it in for 2022, budget, this is what we want to pay the HW Superintendent. He ran four years ago. He knew what the job paid.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Well that's where I disagree with you because if you are trying to budget for things, I don't think that the taxpayers should be getting these large increases and taxes because we are deciding to pay, you know, for instance the HW Superintendent, an extra \$20K, what happens if the revenue is down that year, then we can't do it? I think you should have with everything, I am going to talk about incremental increases to stabilize the tax rate over a five year plan that will stabilize the taxes so we don't have these ups and downs in the tax rate that we have in the past. But, with that, I think that you have to do incremental increases just like when you are negotiating contracts, you have incremental increases, you don't do it all in one year you can't do it all in one year because it negatively affects the tax rate. This year we had, Mr. Rahrle and I have been working on this with the department heads in the town since March, and I can tell you we have been working on it very hard. That's how we got to where we got. Where there's relatively no tax increase, and to do what you are suggesting, doesn't allow us to stabilize that tax rate, the way that we need to stabilize it. That's why I put that in.*

Kevin Rode: *I mean \$10K a month is about a penny.*

Supervisor Wicks: *But that's only, you took a look at the budget, this is the budget, so you've got \$10K in that line item, add \$10K to each line item and you come up with substantial increase, so that's why I am doing it. We are taking a look at everything and if you do small incremental increases in whatever we are looking at whether it's salaries, we have a five year plan for the HW Department for their equipment. Their equipment is 14 years old. That's too old. We want to get it down to seven years; well we could eliminate the fund balance and take care of that today, but that isn't the prudent thing to do that's why we have a five year plan to deal with that. Small incremental increases, you take care of pieces of equipment each year and by the end of five years that equipment should have about a seven year average and which by having that seven year average, now it's covered under warranties, now our repair and maintenance fees go way down, so it helps us out that way.*

Kevin Rode: *Correct. I don't have any problems with the equipment plan. That was 40 years of poor management by our previous town boards. Can't fix that. We got to fix it now.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Well we can fix it and that's what we are doing.*

Kevin Rode: *Right we can't fix what happened in the past. The fund balance looks like we are using a little more to cover, you know, a tough year, but you know, our estimated fund balance is going to sit at 23%. It seems a little high, in a town, you know, we don't know what next year is going to bring but I know for years there was an argument 15 or 20% we are pushing 23, we are definitely over the high end of what's left here for what we have. I just wanted to bring that to your attention for next year.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Well no, I agree with you 23% is too high, that fund balance should be somewhere between 18 and 20%, really shouldn't go below 15%, and the reason why you want to keep it between 18 and 20% is because it affects our ability to borrow money. We have an AA – correct me if I'm wrong, AA rating and the reason we don't have an AAA rating is just because of the size of the town, but we have an AA rating in this town because of the way that we manage our money. And part of that AA rating, how they figure that out - the calculation is how much of the fund balance you carry. Now, I agree with you that 23% is too high, but the problem with us, is that we got an issue right now that happened 40 years ago. That, with a water district, and the issue was because at the time, now, I don't have all the details I haven't read the whole thing yet, but it appears that at the time that a building was put over the top of a water district, and if anything ever, or not a water district, a water main, now, that building over that water main, if it ever blew, it would cause problems to that business. Well, who is going to be on the hook? The town is going to be on the hook. So we are going to have to take care of that. Now, in taking care of that, if, who is going to pay for that? Normally the water district has to pay for it, well that's going to amount to like I think it was like \$500 or \$600 per household for 15 years. I don't want to do that, so we are in the process of researching if we can pay out of that fund balance for that, because the people in that district should not have to pay for a blunder, a mistake of that somebody else did 40 years ago, that they had no control over. I mean, it was just something that shouldn't have been done, but it's done, like you said, we can't change history, but we certainly can try and fix it, and the people that are living there, if it was done 30 years ago, most of those people probably didn't live there, so that extra 3% depending on how much it is going to cost, if we can pay that, Mr. Rivizzigno has been looking into whether we can do that legally or not, but if we can I think it is something we can do and part of that overage of 3% will go towards fixing that problem.*

Kevin Rode: *If it's a water district that has an issue, the other part that I have pushed for years on we need to look at consolidating these district so more people pay the price. The districts are 30 years old, they don't have a debt, the district, make a bigger district everybody is paying their fair share, everybody is going to pay for the replacement over time, it's no different than what we do for highway taxes everybody pays for roads...*

Supervisor Wicks: *That's right that's a whole other issue and that's why that 3% is there. We don't know how much that is going to cost us, and not only that, like Mr. Rahrle said, next year, we are going to see,*

and I just heard, it was the budget officer for the County, was talking about the next two years, and what he said, that our budget next year, and the following year are going to be bad, and so in a normal year, you would want to decrease that overage down, and you know, it would help lessen the blow on people, although, everybody is getting somewhat of a decrease, but we don't know what it's going to be next year, and that's what I don't want to do, and that's what the State Comptroller says you don't want to do, you don't want to have an increase, then have a decrease, then the following year we are in a bad year, with an increase then a decrease. I don't want to do that I want to stabilize that so a portion of that will probably be used next year because we are probably going to need more in the fund balance but it will keep the tax rate stable for the taxpayers and I think most taxpayers I have talked to want a stable tax rate so they can know what they can count on and not only that after that, I'm going to be looking at after next year but a five year plan so we can stabilize it long term but that will probably come at a slight increase in taxes, slight incremental increases so we can get to the five year plan and get to that five year time frame and after that five years, that tax rate will be stable for a number of years.

Kevin Rode: *Okay. On page seven, of the roll up sheet, I saw the Engineer of the HW and the Engineer for HW/transportation, will decrease in the \$3,500 but it seemed in 2018/2019, \$6,500.*

Kevin Rode: *He's budgeted on two lines.*

Supervisor Wicks: *No it's not double budgeted.*

Kevin Rode: *Okay that's fine.*

Supervisor Wicks: *There's one, the number is \$8,500 right Mr. Yager?*

Mr. Yager: *I think it's \$7,000...*

(Crosstalk)

Mr. Rahrle: *But the General Fund portion gives back the revenue from special districts.*

Kevin Rode: *Very good. I was just wondering how we weren't going to.*

(Crosstalk)

Supervisor Wicks: *That question came up with other people.*

Mr. Rode: *My only other thing I saw in codes we've got \$4,000 for mileage. You know, we are doing these things with all these different vehicles the parks truck we are returning only has 30,000 miles on it. What does the Codes Officer, does he have a magnet that he puts in his own vehicle? How do we know that a codes officer is driving around town?*

Supervisor Wicks: *Okay. I'm not sure what the question is.*

Mr. Rode: *If we are paying someone mileage reimbursement they don't have their own vehicle.*

Supervisor Wicks: *No they use...*

Mr. Rode: *They have a town vehicle.*

Supervisor Wicks: *No. They use their own vehicle.*

Mr. Rode: *So how do you identify when they are going up to a house checking out codes?*

Supervisor Wicks: *Well, first of all, they list where they are going. They are going to and from, so they have appointments with people and we can verify that. I mean how do you know when I put in a mileage sheet which I haven't done this year I do on my own I put in one for the entire year that will amount to about \$50 but you know how do you know where I go? You have to rely. But, what you are saying is, with some people, we have to rely on that they are honest, honest people, and they have appointments in their book, so if there was ever a question, "Well you didn't use the mileage that day because you were in Alex Bay."*

Mr. Rode: *I wasn't going that way, not for a minute did I think*

(Crosstalk)

Councilor Kudauraskas: *Badges...*

Supervisor Wicks: *This is what we are doing. First thing I did when I came in I agree with you we should have identification for the Codes Officers so the first thing I did was I talked to Mr. Wolsey, and I said do you have any identification, I said I want - they have a coat with drop downs in it, so when they are not working they put it up but they have drop downs which say "Codes Office" in Lysander on the back. We are currently in the process of doing IDs for everybody in the town because we never had IDs here. Because everybody who is in an employee here, including planning, Mr. Rivizzigno, whoever, is employed by the town, not only that, volunteers, and students that come in; everybody is going to have an ID. So anytime they go anywhere that is what we will do with that. Now, are we going to put markings on their car? No. We are not going to put markings on their car. I don't see any reason for that right now. I mean I pull up in my car, and I identify myself as Supervisor when I'm out there and nobody seems to have a problem.*

Mr. Rode: *I guess my point was we are turning the truck in with less than 1,000 miles. The village has an old police car they use for the Codes Office, but we should probably have a vehicle for the Codes office to be identified that they are out there; in this day and age if someone is driving slowly down your street they might see where someone wants to put a fence and call 911. If it's got TOL Codes no one is going to question that, all I'm saying is we are doing a vehicle replacement program, we have vehicles, we are the Town of Lysander, you know, 20 some odd people. Let's get our Codes Officer a vehicle. So what we pay in mileage, if he ever gets in an accident I don't even know...*

Supervisor Wicks: *There is none. Our insurance covers that. Any municipal employee that drives their own vehicle is covered under their insurance.*

Mr. Rode: *... their own personal vehicle because of the vehicle accident that happened on town time. I'm just saying that if you are doing town work officially, you don't usually have a lot of stuff that takes you out to the town every day I would imagine. Codes Officers out going to businesses, they are a lot more active. That's all, I'm just asking.*

Supervisor Wicks: *And that's fair. I mean that is something that we can look at. I don't know if we want to - this year would have been the best year to do it but that's a fair point that, and I will discuss that with the Board and I will discuss it with Mr. Wolsey and see if that's something they would be interested in because we can do something with that. Now with the parks we are turning it in with few miles but because we are involved in the replacement program, last year I think it was purchased for \$25 and some change. This year we are turning it in. We got a brand new truck it's an even swap it cost \$27K so we actually made money on it due to the low mileage. So I don't know too many people who make money on a used car in one year.*

Mr. Rode: *The big bump of buying a Codes vehicle we might be able to turn it in every year and keep the parks on for two years. That's all.*

(Crosstalk)

Supervisor Wicks: *The thing with keeping the parks one for two years, we want to turn them in every year because that parks vehicle we purchased that we didn't put anything in it other than gas. We turned it in no brakes anything no oil changes, no nothing. Now we get a brand new car new truck, it has 100% of the warranty and it's already got new oil in it new brake sand new tires. Why would we wait two years - and we are looking into doing that with all of our equipment? Again, you need to have incremental increases in order for us to do that. I could do that tomorrow, but I don't want to raise taxes 30 to 40%. So we are going to do it incrementally, and doing it the way we are doing it, there was no tax increase, and if we do have an increase, I can guarantee you it's going to be very small, it's not going to be these large increases then after five years it's going to establish so some of the things you are pointing out we are already thinking about and already doing.*

Mr. Rode: *Okay, and I would like to commend the Clerk for doing the job she does. She asked for a very nominal raise that is still short of the raise that was asked for two years ago, but she does a great job.*

Supervisor Wicks: *I agree with that. She did a great job. Anybody else? There will be time for citizen's comments once we close the budget hearing. Now if there are no other questions, I wanted to tell you that some of the things our citizens, a couple of weeks ago while we were in and already had developed our budget, there was Mr. Burkinshaw told me that we had to take down some trees, and the estimates were around \$27,000. Well, we went out, and that number to me was too high. So we went out and started looking at what we could do. Mr. Moore suggested I call Josh Allen from CNY Crops, which I did do. To make a long story short, Mr. Allen is going to take those trees down for \$3,500, and the reason he is doing it for \$3,500, because by law, we have to pay prevailing wage. So all we are doing, we are paying him, he has employees coming in - we are going to pay the difference of what he normally pays - and prevailing wage, \$3,500. Otherwise he was going to do it for free. He is doing a big favor for the citizens in the Town of Lysander. On top of that Stan Dombroski from Timber Trees, he is taking - Josh Allen is taking down*

the trees but leaving the stumps so Mr. Dombroski from Timber Trees - said they would come in and grind the stumps down at a price of \$25 a stump, which was very very cheap. That is actually cheaper than what we can do it ourselves. Correct Mr. Burkinshaw? So these two businesses in our town are helping out our residents, and us – and keeping the tax rate down. I talked about the fund balance and why we have over 20%, you know there are some things that are coming up and the five year plan I talked about and with the special districts we have no control over the special districts they are just paying for the service. Whatever the service costs is what you are paying for. So when it comes to the budget, we don't have any room there, because it – whatever it costs us – that is what we charge the special districts who when you get an increase, it's because something in that district needs to be addressed and there isn't enough of a fund balance in those districts. Now we are going to address that with those special districts and take a look at a ten year – ten years down the road and see what in ten years in those districts are going to need to be done and come up with a number and then we are going to have those incremental increases in those districts so that you don't have those large increases in any one given year and that should help to stabilize those things as well and we are working on all of those things and hopefully another COVID doesn't come up which will have us rethink what we are doing. Any other questions?

RES#201/2020

Having heard all comments, Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to close the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

Citizens Comments

Jack Kline of Avery Road spoke about being a member of the Plainville Fire Department for 45 years, and a Commissioner for 28 years. He said that he understands the town has little control over fire districts, but he wanted to express his concerns in the public setting. He began with the history of the fire department, and the fire districts working together. Mr. Kline's concerns are that there was an original plan for the district, which allowed for equal representation from both ends of the district that have slowly been forgotten. They have changed commissioners 15 times since it was started. Now there are 4 Baldwinsville firefighters on the board, and the 5th is from Baldwinsville. In his opinion, that is not equal representation. He said that if taxpayers would vote or run for a Commissioner's position, they can be part of the board instead of the fire departments controlling taxes and how tax money is spent. Mr. Kline continued by stating that in the last 4 years actual money collected has gone up 23%, which includes the vote to build a new station. He mentioned the 25% increase over 5 years. He suggested as a municipality, we should pay attention to proper ways of running a fire district. Mr. Kline stated that the Lysander Fire Department has gone from 25 members in 2016 to 10 with only 4 or 5 in 2020 that are active. They need volunteers and he suggested more people attend the meetings. The Fire District meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and filmed by PAC B.

Charles Wright of Camerondale Road spoke about an ongoing issue he is having with water in his yard. He asked the Board if the only recourse for a resident to get the town to enforce Town Code is to bring a lawsuit against it. He provided some background. In 2005 Gloria Drive development was built behind Camerondale properties. As part of the development, a drainage district was established and a drainage swale easement was built behind it and installed. It was approved by TOL. Over time the swale has deteriorated, so there's obstructions that have been placed in the swale and the water channel in some parts has disappeared so it doesn't drain down the swale as originally designed in 2005. Over time he began getting more water on his property, and some of his neighbors got water too. In 2017, after experiencing a flooding condition, he met with Mr. Dinsmore (former HW Superintendent) and Mr. Yager for possible causes of the water issue. They walked the swale and the easement and they both observed where a property owner behind him had built gardens and concrete mulch beds in the drainage easement, and Mr. Yager stated, "They can't do that." Mr. Yager said he would send them a letter to have it removed within 30 days, or the Town will remove it and add the bill to their taxes. Mr. Wright said a few months went by and another weather event occurred and more flooding, he called HW Superintendent Mr. Hole, who came out and videotaped water coming down part of the swale, hitting the obstruction and going into his neighbor's yard and directly into his yard. Mr. Hole said he would talk to the Town Engineer. Mr. Yager said he had dropped the ball on the issue and apologized. He said he would send a letter to the property owners. He said that regarding that conversation, it was decided the town would put a small dirt berm to direct water back into the swale, and nothing else would be done. Mr. Wright then met with Mr. Saraceni, who brought the Code Officer, Mr. Wolsey, and the Town Engineer to walk the easement. When they completed the walk Mr. Wolsey said there are clearly Code Violations. There's a 20 foot easement and it is supposed to be an area clear of obstruction and any debris so water can flow. The outcome of that meeting is that he received a letter from the Town Engineer that said remove obstruction and debris from the drainage soil. He said it wasn't on his property. Discussion ensued explaining that flooding conditions worsened and nothing has been done. He has spoken with an attorney and litigation could be a possibility. As such, Supervisor Wicks advised Mr. Wright that they would all need to sit down with the Town Attorney to continue the discussion and come to a resolution regarding the flooding and easement situation.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Wicks moved onto Town Board comments.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Diamond went on the record as follows: *“Thank you so much to Mr. Rahrle for what you did for the budget. Every single year you were able to break it down and explain everything. I appreciate that. I’m so happy and excited that the Board has the opportunity to pass a budget that did not raise taxes this year. So many people are out of work, they are struggling to pay bills, this is the last year we should be looking at raising taxes. So I am very thankful for that. One thing I did want to mention tonight, was an area where I have had a disagreement within this budget. Every budget, every piece of policy, there’s compromises and there’s disagreements. I just wanted one of mine on the record. What I agreed with the Supervisor and the rest of my colleagues is that there are a couple of elected positions where the salaries need to be adjusted and I don’t disagree with that, I think that that should happen in years past, and maybe there should have been incremental adjustments. However, I don’t think 2020, when most people that are not in government, are worried about keeping their jobs, I just don’t think this is the right year to be giving elected officials who ran for a position a raise. I don’t think that’s right. I do think that we need quality people to hold positions. I do think the position should be taken care of, I agree that maybe we don’t want to raise a position \$20,000 in one year. I was surprised that the individual (HW Superintendent) asked for a \$20,000 raise the year of COVID. I’m glad that the town board decided to give a \$5,000 raise. It’s more reasonable. I just, on the principal I think we have a hard time saying to the public, I understand you are out of work I understand you are struggling, we are not raising taxes but we are giving our elected officials, officers of the town, leaders of the town, a raise. I disagree with that. Reasonable people can disagree. It’s a good budget I support it I just wanted my thoughts out there.”*

Councilor Moore congratulated Kyle Goodale for the Eagle Scout project. He also thanked people who were watching at home on PAC B and thanked those who took the time to come to the meetings.

Councilor Geraci said it was as pleasure working on the budget because it kept TOL on track in terms of keeping the budget as flat as possible, meaning that prices are going to go up, and what he didn’t like about what the board was doing years ago was with budgets and taxes and they are on a gradual slope. He is happy with the two new board members who are helping to keep it on track.

Councilor Kudauskas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Rahrle for putting the budget together.

Ms. Falcone said, *“Every year, I strive to find ways to improve my office and cut my budget. In restructuring my office and cutting back, I’ve saved over \$21,000. I just feel like, I’m so happy that we are not raising taxes, and I love my job. If the 2% increase is something that I can get - which is totally fine, I appreciate the Board supporting me, and it really means a lot to me. We work as a team and do this together, and I’ll chop my budget as much as I can to help the taxpayers.”*

Supervisor Wicks said, *“For most of the people, our Town Clerk, she did reorganize her office and she did save over \$21,000. As well as everybody else, all the Town departments, Mr. Rahrle and I went to the Town Departments and early March, and we told them look we are going to have to slow down on the spending because this year is going to be tough and I do not want to raise taxes. Like Mr. Rahrle said I told him that early on. Now, I’m glad we were able to do it but that was my goal and I’m glad we could meet it but I could not have met it without the help of Mr. Rahrle and he walked me through the process and I have a much better understanding of the process and the budget thanks to him. I want to thank him publicly for the help he gave me all year. All the department heads did a great job at doing what I asked them and I didn’t get any pushback from anybody. I went in, told them what we had to do, and they did a phenomenal job throughout the year. I think that you can’t do it by yourself it’s collaborative effort, the board and I sat down and went through this budget and there were some disagreements, some things some people wanted in and some things people wanted out, but collectively we came together with the budget without too many headaches, so I think there’s enough credit to go around but a lot of credit should go to everybody that was involved.”*

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RES#202/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudauskas to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SERIAL BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE WESTERN STAR 4700 DUMPTRUCK WITH 2021 HENDERSON PLOW

RES#203/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the issuance and sale of serial bonds for the purchase of one Western Star 4700 Dump Truck with a 2020 Henderson Plow.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH NYE FORD FOR THE 2021 PARKS TRUCK

RES#204/2020

Motion made by Councilor Kudauskas seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with NYE Ford for the 2021 Parks truck and authorize the trade in of the 2020 Parks truck.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$6,410.00
TO CINDY RAHRLE AS SEVERENCE PAY DUE TO HER WRONGFUL
TERMINATION BY THE TOL HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

RES#205/2020

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the payment of \$6,410.00 to Cindy L. Rahrle as severance pay due to her wrongful termination by the Town of Lysander Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Mr. Rivizzigno stated that the Board had received information from Mrs. Rahrle regarding her termination of employment alleging that it was wrongfully done. The allegations were investigated and they were accurate. As a result, Town of Lysander agreed to pay her severance pay, in exchange for her release for any charges. His opinion is that if there were to be a lawsuit the town would have lost. He says it is a clear way out for the town, and for Mrs. Rahrle. Supervisor Wicks said Mr. Hole and he have discussed the issue, and they have gone over it, and they developed a system so that something like this, not only Mr. Hole but other department heads, so that this will never happen again. It was an error, and the Board came up with a system that should prevent this from happening again.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
THE POSTLER & JAECKLE CORP. PROPOSAL TO REPLACE
THE ROOFTOP HVAC UNIT FOR THE TOL HW GARAGE**

RES#206/2020

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Kudauraskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Postler & Jaeckle Corp. proposal to replace the rooftop HVAC unit for the Town of Lysander Highway Garage office space in the amount of \$8,379.00.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPOINT DONALD HALSTEAD, JREW TAYLOR, AND JESSE
MONTELEONE AS SUPPLEMENTAL PART TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE HW
DEPARTMENT AT THE RATE SPECIFIED FOR THE POSITION IN THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT**

RES#207/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudauraskas to appoint Donald Halstead, Jew Taylor and Jesse Monteleone as supplemental part-time employees for the Highway Department at the rate specified for the position in the Collective Bargaining Unit contract.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO REJECT THE ONE QUOTE RECEIVED FOR SNOW REMOVAL
AT THE NYS TROOPER BARRACKS FOR THE 2020/2021
WINTER SEASON AND REISSUE THE RFP**

RES#208/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudauskas to reject the one quote received for Snow Removal at the NYS Trooper Barracks for the 2020/2021 winter season and reissue the RFP with all quotes to be received no later than 10:00 AM November 18, 2020.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

One quote was received and the Board thought it was high. They want more people to bid on the project.

**MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #137 OF 2019 REGARDING
ACCEPTANCE OF GIDDINGS TRAIL AS AN OFFICIAL TOWN ROAD**

RES#209/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to rescind Resolution #137 of 2019 regarding the acceptance of Giddings Trail as an Official Town Road.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

The Board adopted this in 2019 and added it to road inventory list for CHIPS funding. Criteria has changed and they want the details of the streets (beginning and end points) in order for the CHIPS funding. This is the same for J, K and L resolutions as well.

**MOTION FOR STREET, SANITARY SEWERS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE
UTILITIES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHLAND MEADOWS PHASE 3 AND 4
SUBDIVISION BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICIAL TOWN ROAD
(GIDDINGS TRAIL 0.473 MILES)**

RES#210/2020

Motion made by Councilor Kudauskas seconded by Councilor Diamond that the following street, sanitary sewers and associated drainage utilities included in the Highland Meadows Phase 3 & 4 subdivision be accepted as an official town road:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Beginning and Ending Points</u>
Giddings Trail	0.473 miles	beginning at the southern dead end of Giddings Trail extending to the intersection of Afternoon Drive and Mercer Street.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION THAT ROADS WHICH THE TOL HISTORICALLY MAINTAINED
BE ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF LYSANDER ROAD INVENTORY
LIST AND ACCEPTED AS OFFICIAL TOWN ROADS
(COLE ROAD AND CRAMER ROAD)**

RES#211/2020

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore that the following roads that the Town of Lysander has historically maintained be added to the official Town of Lysander Road Inventory List and accepted as official town roads:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Beginning and Ending Points</u>			
Cole Road	0.480 miles	beginning at Plainville Road proceeding west to the intersection of Shuba Road			
Cramer Road	0.190 miles	beginning at River Road proceeding northeast to the dead end			
Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #186 OF 2016 AND RESOLUTION #45 OF 2016
REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STREET AND ASSOCIATED UTILITIES
INCLUDED IN THE WHITETAIL WOODS SECTION B SUBDIVISION**

RES#212/2020

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to rescind resolution #186 of 2016 and resolution #45 of 2016 regarding the acceptance of the street and associated utilities included in the Whitetail Woods Section B Subdivision.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

This is the same thing as resolution I for DOT to add it to CHIPS funding since 2016.

**MOTION FOR LONGBOW WAY 0.188 MILES, SANITARY SEWERS
AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE UTILITIES INCLUDED IN THE WHITETAIL WOODS
SECTION B SUBDIVISION BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICIAL TOWN ROAD**

RES#213/2020

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas that the following street, sanitary sewers and associated drainage utilities included in the Whitetail Woods Section B subdivision be accepted as an official town road:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Beginning and Ending Points</u>			
Longbow Way	0.188 miles	beginning at the intersection of Spike Horn Path extending east to the dead end			
Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**DECLARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SURPLUS
FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

RES#214/2020

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to declare the following items surplus from the Parks and Recreation Department:

- 1987 FORD Diesel 3910 Tractor
- 6' Ford 951 Special Brush Hog

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS FROM THE LARGE GROUP ROOM

RES#215/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to declare the following items surplus from the Large Group Room:

2 upholstered chairs with armrests

Tag nos. 0984 and 1059

5 upholstered chairs with black plastic armrests

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| 1 | tag no. 1011 |
| 2 | tag no. 1049 |
| 3 | no tag |
| 4 | tag no 1083 |
| 5 | tag no 1010 |

Asset Tag No: 003-00954

Description: chrome circle glass top table (ABB)

Asset Tag No: 003-01054

Description: faux wood round work table w/ metal frame

Asset Tag No: 003-01050

Description: tan armed chair on casters w/ metal frame

Asset Tag No: 003-01051

Description: tan armed chair on casters w/ metal frame

Asset Tag No: 003-01052

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Description: tan armed chair on casters w/ metal frame

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND TOWN CODE 320-86.2/SOLAR FARMS**

RES#216/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudauskas hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Lysander Town Hall to amend Town Code 320-86.2 to read as follows: "Solar farms and solar power plants shall only be permitted in the Agricultural and AR-40 Zoning Districts." This resolution shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

We found there was an issue with our Town Code that we have to address regarding solar areas, that if we don't address it, it could open us up for some liability. It is just a word, but we still have to go through the motions.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO SELL REMAINING ASH WOOD IN LYSANDER PARK

RES#217/2020

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudauskas to authorize the sale of the remaining ash wood in the amount of \$250.00.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Mr. Burkinshaw thanked those who helped with the window cleaning on Sunday, November 1st, including Beth Healy from Troop 80, Mr. Kudauskas, the Town Clerk, and Jeff Belczak of the Baldwinsville Fire Department. **Mr. Burkinshaw** also mentioned that the surplus equipment will be going to Auctions International.

Supervisor Wicks thanked Mr. Burkinshaw for coordinating the window painting program and all of the work that was done with the program.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Kudauskas to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:44 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk