

December 8, 2015

Supervisor
Town

Dear Town Supervisor:

Most, if not all, local governments have already begun to experience the financial stress, and in some cases distress, that the current iteration of the New York State Tax Cap has produced. Many have already or will imminently have to spend down their reserve funds to an unhealthy level, cut services and employees, and submit to options that, in the long term, will prove more costly both in terms of services and expenses (e.g., infrastructure).

In the absence of mandate relief and/or increased state and federal aid, the reality of stagnated revenue streams for most communities cannot do otherwise than render the Tax Cap unsustainable at the local level. What is more, our strictest cap in the nation is also inequitable, meaning it is not equally applied to all governments. Not all, for example, have to count infrastructural costs against their cap. Similarly apparent is that in spite of the unequivocal message and actions of the Associations of Counties, Towns and Villages, Albany has remained unwilling to provide the kinds of relief and legislative amendments that might render a tax cap viable.

In that local elected officials enjoy a much greater level of trust within their respective communities, and with a view to further encouraging and working with Albany to remedy the inadequacies of the current legislation, the following three proposals are offered for consideration individually or, preferably, in tandem.

1. That each elected local official review and – if in agreement with its request – sign, date and return to me individual copies of the enclosed letter addressed to Governor Cuomo by no later than **December 18, 2015**. Said letters will be presented to the Governor's office prior to the end of December 2015.
2. That one elected local official function as your community's point of contact in regards to the tax cap and these proposals. Said official's contact information should be emailed to our contact person (see below).
3. That at least one elected local official be willing to travel to Albany on a date(s) yet to be determined in order to meet with and further encourage our governor and locally elected state officials to take some positive action.

We are of the opinion that the time has come for local officials to do what we do best, namely, *personally* represent and attend to the needs of our respective communities. We are hoping that you agree and that together we can work with all parties to achieve a tax cap that benefits our residents.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Patrick J. Keem

Dr. Patrick J. Keem
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P.S. If you have any questions, would like clarifications and/or to discuss further, or simply want to relay your thoughts, please connect with our contact person, Town Councilman Mike Sherry, at mikesherryop@orchardparkny.org or 716-861-0526.

December 8, 2015

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I would like to thank you for your determination to bring tax relief to the residents of the Empire State and all of its local communities. Among your efforts, perhaps the most impactful has been the Tax Cap. Unfortunately, in the absence of mandate relief and/or increased state and federal aid, and given the reality of stagnated revenue streams, in spite of our ongoing efforts to collaborate and consolidate services where feasible, local governments have begun to experience financial stress, and in some cases distress, in our efforts to comply with the current iteration of the tax cap. Furthermore, it appears that the tax cap is not currently applied in an equitable manner among all governments.

The results for all too many local communities is that reserve funds are necessarily being drawn down to unhealthy levels, services and employees are being cut, and local officials find themselves having to submit to options that, in the long term, will prove more costly both in terms of service and expenses (e.g., infrastructure).

I would request, therefore, that the current Tax Cap legislation be revisited and amended in such ways as to alleviate what I am certain were its unforeseen negative consequences.

Very truly yours,

Supervisor/Council Member _____

Town of _____

Item C1
(1-2)

Daniel Boccardo

From: John Salisbury
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Daniel Boccardo
Subject: FW: Supplemental Labor Hire

For agenda.

John A. Salisbury
Supervisor Town of Lysander
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supervisor@townoflysander.org

From: Gene Dinsmore
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:29 AM
To: John Salisbury
Cc: David Rahrle
Subject: Supplemental Labor Hire

MEMO

December 10, 2015

To: Supervisor John Salisbury and the Lysander Town Board

From: Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent

Subject: Supplemental Labor Hire

Please appoint Mr. Douglas Weller of 9477 Oswego Road to a supplemental laborer position in the highway department. This is a non-scheduled, part time, on-call position that supplements the highway crew primarily during snow events. Mr. Weller is the son and nephew of two farmer-brothers who worked for the highway department many years ago (Bettis brothers).

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Thank you,

Gene Dinsmore
Highway Superintendent

Cc David Rahrle

Gene Dinsmore
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highway@townoflysander.org

Item F,
(1-2)

TOWN of LYSANDER
8220 LOOP ROAD
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(315) 638-4264

December 11, 2015

Lysander Town Board
8220 Loop Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Re: Crimson Ridge Phase 3B

Subj: Punch list Security Reduction

Dear Town Board Members:

The owner of the Crimson Ridge Phase 3B subdivision recently completed placement of the asphalt top course. At this time I would recommend that the Town Board reduce the Punch List security requirement by \$27,450.00 accordingly. I do recommend that the Board retain the remaining \$6,000 punch list security until the developer has completed items 2, 3, & 4 shown on the attached punch list.

Regards



Allen J. Yager, P.E.
Town of Lysander Engineer

Attachments

Cc: Kevin Barry, J.K. Tobin, Inc.

Final Punch List

Crimson Ridge Section 3B
September 30, 2014

- ~~1. Furnish and install 1 1/2" Type 6F asphalt top course and tack coat~~ ~~\$ 27,450~~
- 2. Place topsoil, seed and establish turf in road right of way \$ 2,000
- 3. Clean closed drainage system once all land in the development has been stabilized and the asphalt top course has been placed. \$ 2,000
- 4. Install monuments \$ 2,000

Total

ASV
~~\$ 33,450~~ \$40,000 12/11/15

Item 6,
(1-2)

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December 11, 2015

Lysander Town Board
8220 Loop Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Re: Highland Meadows Phase I

Subj: Punch list Security Reduction

Dear Town Board Members:

The owner of the Highland Meadows Phase I Subdivision recently completed placement of the asphalt top course. At this time I would recommend that the Town Board reduce the Punch List security requirement by \$50,000.00 accordingly. I do recommend that the Board retain the remaining \$6,000 punch list security until the developer has completed items 2, 3, & 4 shown on the attached punch list.

Regards



Allen J. Yager, P.E.
Town of Lysander Engineer

Attachments

Cc: Mario D'Arrigo

Final Punch List

Highland Meadows Phase I

- ~~1. Furnish and install 1 1/2" Type GF asphalt top course and tack coat~~ ~~\$ 50,000~~
- 2. Clean closed drainage system and stormwater pond fore bays after all land in the development has been stabilized and the asphalt top course has been placed. \$ 2,500
- 3. Install monument \$ 2,000
- 4. Establish vegetation in all Town owned right of ways and easements \$ 1,500

Total

~~\$ 56,000~~ \$6,000 *AJY 12/11/15*

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December 11, 2015

Lysander Town Board
8220 Loop Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Re: Springwoods Subdivision

Subj: Punch list Security Reduction

Dear Town Board Members:

The owner of the Springwoods Subdivision recently completed 2, 3, 4 & 5 shown on the attached punch list. At this time I would recommend that the Town Board reduce the Punch List security requirement by \$12,950.00 accordingly. I do recommend that the Board retain the remaining \$25,900 punch list security until the developer has completed items 1, 6, & 7 shown on the attached punch list.

Regards



Allen J. Yager, P.E.
Town of Lysander Engineer

Attachments

Cc: Greg Card, Card Holdings, LLC.

Final Punch List

Springwoods Subdivision

- 1. Furnish and install 1 1/2" Type 6F asphalt top course and tack coat \$ 21,900
- ~~2. Install Drainage Structure in NYS DOT ROW \$ 4,500~~
- ~~3. Install stormwater management area discharge control structure \$ 5,000~~
- ~~4. Install 159' of 18" SICPP from SMA to outfall \$ 7,950~~
- ~~5. Cleanup and establish turf in Right of Way after National Grid Installation \$ 5,000~~
- 6. Clean closed drainage system and stormwater pond fore bays after placement
Once all land in the development has been stabilized and the asphalt top course
has been placed \$ 2,500
- 7. Install monument \$ 1,500

Total

~~\$ 48,350~~ \$ 25,900 ^{AJY} 12/11/15