

A regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 15, 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
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW FOR THE TOWN OF LYSANDER

Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in The Baldwinsville Messenger on December 3, 2014 with same being posted on the Town Clerk's sign board at the Town Hall and the Town's website on November 17, 2014 for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the adoption of a local law that would create the Vehicle and Traffic Law for The Town of Lysander.

The Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm

Attorney Rivizzigno reported that the Town previously had a vehicle and traffic law that was revised several years ago but it was never adopted by the Town. He said the Board has taken those revisions to incorporate what the Town has currently as far as stop signs and things of that nature, put them into this law, so that they can adopt it finally and have a vehicle and traffic law on the books. He stated anytime that the Town creates a stop sign or that type of situation, or a one way street for example, it has to be done by local law and it would become part of this local law. He said that the Board is having a public hearing tonight for people who have any comments about it. He stated it is a pretty vanilla type of piece of legislation that leaves opportunities to put all those things in such as stops signs and one way streets. He said this is just the outline for the future and they need to put it on the books because it hasn't been for several years.

Supervisor Salisbury said it allows us to set speed limits on town roads but not on county and state.

The following person spoke:

Larry Barnett, Edgewood Drive, said he really has questions, more than comments but he does have some concerns also. He stated he has asked around and can eliminate a lot of his questions if they can answer this. He asked if this is a technique where revenue that is now going to other governmental bodies will not flow to the Town.

Attorney Rivizzigno said it could be. He stated if the police agency were to charge a person with a violation of a stop sign with this law versus under the vehicle and traffic law there would be some additional monies to the town but it is relatively insignificant in terms of big dollars.

Mr. Barnett said that raises one of his concerns. He stated if the revenue is barely insignificant is it going to offset the cost to administer these laws.

Attorney Rivizzigno stated there is nothing to administer, it is done by the police.

Mr. Barnett asked what gap does this fill.

Attorney Rivizzigno said that the NYS Town law requires that if a town has a stop sign it has to be done by local law and the town of Lysander doesn't have a local law. He stated what they don't want to do is when every time they get a stop sign request; they don't want to have to go through a process of creating a whole new local law. He said all they would do is have a public hearing to amend this law to add that stop sign.

Mr. Barnett said he doesn't have a problem with that. He asked if the stop intersections that are in this proposal are existing stop intersections.

Attorney Rivizzigno said yes.

Mr. Barnett said so the town is just adopting that.

Attorney Rivizzigno said yes. He stated that these are all stop signs that have already been brought to the town before and they are not adding anything new.

Mr. Barnett asked if they are existing stop signs now, not new ones.

Attorney Rivizzigno said yes.

Mr. Barnett said that there is a provision that will currently change Willett Parkway on the east side, which would be north bound, to 30 mph from 40 mph and he doesn't understand that. He stated he travels that road several times a week and has not witnessed any problems so he is curious what the reasoning is behind that change.

Attorney Rivizzigno stated before he talks about the reasoning he wanted to say that the purpose of the public hearing is to get the public's comments. He said the Board doesn't necessarily adopt what's there. He stated the Board should do, and he is sure they will do, is to listen to the comments, take that back, and before it is adopted it can be changed.

Mr. Barnett said it is helpful for everyone here that if there is a rationale for it that they hear it. He said he is against changing the speed limit to 30 mph. He said he uses the road almost daily and he does not see any problems so why change it.

Supervisor Salisbury asked why one side would be 30 and the other side would be 40.

Attorney Rivizzigno said that is what the Town had prior to a revision. He stated he left it in there and the Board can change any of that stuff they want to. He said that he was not going to make those changes on his own. He said it is in there, the Board needs to review it, and after they hear the comments from the public and make a determination.

Mr. Barnett asked who polices it now.

Attorney Rivizzigno said because there is no ordinance, any violation that a police officer sees...

Mr. Barnett said so it can be the State Police, the Sheriff, and the Village of Baldwinsville Police.

Attorney Rivizzigno said yes.

Mr. Barnett said his concern is that if they start with this simple traffic law and a year, two or five years from now the Town says they don't think it is being policed properly; maybe they say we should add a police officer to the Town of Lysander. He stated and one officer becomes two, becomes five, becomes ten and right now 40 or 42 percent of the Village of Baldwinsville budget is the police department. He said and if you look at what is done during the course of the year, if you read the reports, it is mostly DWIs. He said his concern is that they have another police department created, a town police department, like what happened in Camillus. He stated he lived in Camillus for 20 years and they have a town police department. He said he does not want to see that. He stated that the town has the Sheriff, which are very prevalent in the Town, and he has two in his neighborhood that live there. He said the town has the State Police barracks and there is a village police department and he does not want to see a town police department and that is his concern. He said it is more expense, he does not need it.

Councilor Geraci asked for clarification from Attorney Rivizzigno and asked if the town can set the speed limits on town roads.

Attorney Rivizzigno said in certain situations, yes. He stated it goes along with the state law and he would have to look at that.

Councilor Geraci asked him to check on that because he always thought the municipality had to get State DOT authorization to do that.

All persons, desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was terminated at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes for the December 1, 2014 regular meeting of the Town Board was tabled to the December 29, 2014 regular town board meeting.

Supervisor Salisbury asked the Board to hold on the approval of minutes as he wants to follow up on something.

Councilor Geraci asked when will it be tabled to.

Supervisor Salisbury said to December 29th.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

None

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Diamond said he would like to thank the residents that were present at the meeting. He stated some of them might be here to discuss the minutes brought up at the December 1, 2014 board meeting and some of them have other concerns or questions that they want to bring before the Board. He stated he thinks it is important that there is an open dialogue in the community and that they continue to show open and transparent government. He said he would like to thank everyone that has come tonight and he looks forward to hearing any questions, concerns or thoughts they have on some of the discussions the Town Board has had recently.

Councilor Shimer said in the spirit of the season she just wanted to give a shout out to the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau because Councilor Reeves, Supervisor Salisbury and her spent some time last weekend looking at what they do, what they do for the community and what people's giving does for people in need and she wanted to say thank you for doing that work.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Supervisor Salisbury provided the November 2014 report for the Code Enforcement Office and it is included with these minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #230/2014

2015 SPCA Animal Cruelty Contract

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Reeves to approve the 2015 Animal Cruelty Contract with the SPCA at an annual cost of \$1,958.31 and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #231/2014

2015 SPCA Dog Control Contract

Motion made by Diamond, seconded by Geraci to approve the 2015 Dog Control contract with the SPCA at the rates listed in the contract and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #232/2014

Service Agreement With Lifetime Benefit Solutions

Motion made by Geraci, seconded by Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Service Agreement and Appendix A with Lifetime Benefit Solutions Inc. to be effective January 1, 2015. These services are to administer the Towns HRA.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #233/2014

Ice Arena - Declare Surplus Equipment

Motion made by Geraci, seconded by Reeves to declare as surplus equipment a refrigerator/freezer and a popcorn machine located at the Lysander Ice Arena and dispose of as scrap with no residual value upon recommendation of the Parks and Rec Superintendent.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #234/2014

Ice Arena - Purchase Popcorn Machine for Ice Arena

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Geraci to purchase a commercial Popcorn Machine for use at the Lysander Ice Arena at a cost of \$980.00.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #235/2014

Ice Arena – Repair Hot Water Tempering/Mixing Valves

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Geraci to accept the quote by Town Mechanical to remove and replace (2) Hot Water Tempering Valves at the Ice Arena at a cost of \$1,175.00.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

Timber Banks

A resolution to accept the Timbers General Project Plan Amendment #4 dated November 24, 2014 was tabled to the December 29, 2014 regular Town Board meeting.

RES. #236/2014

Set Town of Lysander Water Rates

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Reeves to set the Town Water district rates to the following levels effective October 1, 2014:

Clinton Heights, Seneca Estates, Emerick Heights, West Genesee Water Districts:
\$26.00 base system fee per quarter

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\$15.63/1000cf
River Mist Water District
\$14.00 base system fee per quarter
\$15.63/1000cf

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

A presentation was done by Town Engineer Al Yager explaining the costs and the necessity for the increases. The presentation is included with these minutes.

Questions after the Presentation:

Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Road, asked if these rates still apply if Lamson Road water district goes through.

Engineer Yager said that would be an OCWA district so they would have OCWA rates.

Supervisor Salisbury said that the OCWA rates are higher than the town's rates.

Mr. Stirushnik asked if they were changing OCWA rates.

Supervisor Salisbury said they don't have the power to do this.

Mr. Stirushnik said that OCWA actually bills the customers themselves.

Supervisor Salisbury said yes.

Mr. Stirushnik stated that he suggest to the Board that rather than going and bonding, borrowing money, that an additional base fee be added to this to cover that and then lower the base fee a few years out when the district recovers the cost.

Engineer Yager said that the danger of that is if you lower the base fee, the service life on a water meter is 15 to 20 years, so that the plan would be to bond for 10, keep the base system fee as it was, so that the next time you have to do a meter replacement, you would not have to bond for it.

Mr. Stirushnik said that he is saying not to bond now, just increase the fee.

Engineer Yager stated it is not really fair to the person who uses a thousand cubic feet of water compared to the person who uses 7000 cubic feet of water if their meters are the same age and they have the same loss. He said actually the one who has been using more water would probably lose more so that the person that has a meter that uses less water would be paying less over the long term to finance that meter replacement.

Mr. Stirushnik said that he thinks that the people who are using the water now should pay for the meter that they are replacing rather than the people somewhere out in the future.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that they have looked at this quite a bit for the last couple of years. He said they have very old infrastructure in a number of the water districts. He asked Comptroller Rahrle by NYS Comptroller's standards they are not supposed to be in the red in water districts and Comptroller Rahrle said that was correct. He stated that they have to get this resolved quickly.

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RES. #237/2014

2014 Budget Transfers

Motion made by Diamond, seconded by Reeves to approve the list of Budget Transfer for 2014 as put forth by Comptroller David Rahrle.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

The budget transfers are attached to these minutes.

RES. #238/2014

**Highway Department
Appointment**

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Diamond to appoint Eugene Akins to a supplemental laborer position with the Highway department effective December 19th, 2014. He comes to us from a seasonal labor position with the RCA maintenance department and lives on Henderson Blvd. in Village Green. His starting rate of pay will be \$13.54 per hour.

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 said that this was recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

Councilor Diamond asked that they leave out the other gentleman's name as well as where that person is currently working and the Board agreed.

RES. #239/2014

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Diamond to accept the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan presented to the Lysander Town Board on December 1, 2014 and prepared by the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #240/2014

**COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
SEQR/ ESTABLISH LEAD AGENCY**

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Geraci that the Town Board having followed the prescribed SEQR procedures and determined the project to be a type 1 action requiring coordinated review, hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the 2015 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update.

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 said that this committee has been working over a year on this plan and this is the first formal acceptance. He stated all the Board has accepted was the draft and they will have a public hearing on this at a date to be determined. He said the Board went over this at the December 1st meeting, there were minor adjustments to the plan that have been made, so this is to accept the draft after the changes have been made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Salisbury announced that on Monday, December 29, 2014 the work session will be at 5:00 p.m. and not at 6:00 p.m. He said it will be an executive session to interview candidates for the Planning Board.

Supervisor Salisbury also announced that during the work session on this date the Board entered into an executive session at 6:21 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a retirement and adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mike Bishoff, Chaucer Circle, addressed Supervisor Salisbury and asked him to contemplate removing public comments and board discussion from the minutes as proposed by Councilor Shimer. He stated that he thinks that this would be a huge insult to the people of the town. Mr. Bishoff said he thinks it would be a disservice. He stated that it is apparent based on past actions of Councilor Reeves and Councilor Shimer that they have an ax to grind against the Town Clerk and this is not about old versus new, it is about a personnel vendetta against the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Salisbury interrupted Mr. Bishoff and Mr. Bishoff said he was not done talking.

Supervisor Salisbury said that Mr. Bishoff could not stand there and make accusations that are not true.

Mr. Bishoff asked why Councilor Reeves filed a complaint with the Attorney General's Office against the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Salisbury told Mr. Bishoff he was out of order.

Mr. Bishoff said he was not out of order, that Supervisor Salisbury was out of order. He said Supervisor Salisbury disrespected and insulted the town on countless occasions. He stated Supervisor Salisbury has disrespected and insulted and demeaned Councilor Diamond and that Supervisor Salisbury owes Councilor Diamond an apology for the conduct in the work session last week. Mr. Bishoff stated that it is reprehensible that Supervisor Salisbury, Councilor Reeves and Councilor Shimer would treat Councilor Diamond with such disrespect. He said that Supervisor Salisbury has impugned Councilor Diamond because of Councilor Diamond's age. Mr. Bishoff then addressed Councilor Reeves and said that Councilor Reeves impugned Councilor Diamond because Councilor Diamond is not a landowner.

(Undistinguishable cross talk between Mr. Bishoff and Councilor Reeves)

Councilor Reeves said to Mr. Bishoff for him to take his politics and sit down. He said if Mr. Bishoff wants to talk about something constructive, if Mr. Bishoff wants to play politics right now, he sees that Mr. Bishoff is stacked to go to work on it.

Mr. Bishoff said that concerned citizens have the right to attend these public meetings.

Councilor Reeves said sure they do, but if Mr. Bishoff wants to play his political banter, he is preaching to the wrong choir.

Mr. Bishoff asked Councilor Reeves who is playing political banter.

(Incomprehensible cross talk between Councilor Reeves, Mr. Bishoff and Councilor Diamond)

Mr. Bishoff said that he is not finished.

Councilor Reeves stated he has taken enough of Mr. Bishoff's abuse and accusations.

(Undistinguishable cross talk between Councilor Reeves and Mr. Bishoff)

Mr. Bishoff asked Councilor Reeves if he did or did not file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office against the Town Clerk.

Councilor Reeves said yes he did.

Mr. Bishoff addressed Councilor Reeves and said so he (Councilor Reeves) didn't have an ax to grind against the Town Clerk, asking if that is correct.

Councilor Reeves said he didn't have an ax to grind that he has an ax to grind about procedure.

(Incomprehensible cross talk between Mr. Bishoff and Councilor Reeves)

Supervisor Salisbury told Mr. Bishoff that his time was up.

Mr. Bishoff addressed Supervisor Salisbury and stated that he would think that a man of his intelligence and of his integrity would consider removing this deplorable, unconscionable...

Councilor Reeves interrupted Mr. Bishoff and said Mr. Bishoff was not good at this, with this dispute. He said to Mr. Bishoff to take his politics and said there was another one of his committee members right there.

Mr. Bishoff asked Councilor Reeves if Councilor Reeves was a member of that same committee.

Councilor Reeves said yes that he was kicked off because he has integrity.

Supervisor Salisbury asked Mr. Bishoff to sit down and said this was a disgrace to the whole community.

Mr. Bishoff addressed Supervisor Salisbury and told him that he was a disgrace to the whole community and an arrogant sob.

Councilor Reeves said that there is the next councilor of the Town of Lysander.

Mr. Bishoff addressed Councilor Reeves and told him he better hope not.

Councilor Reeves said that is the second threat Mr. Bishoff has made to him and that he had made one to Councilor Shimer at a work session and told Mr. Bishoff to be careful with his threats.

Mr. Bishoff said he did not make any threats and asked what he had said.

LYSANDER ICE RINK

Donna O'Neill, Center Pointe Drive, addressed the Board and asked how many of them have children.

Supervisor Salisbury told Ms. O'Neill that the question is really not germane to this discussion.

Ms. O'Neill said it really is and if he would just allow her to speak.

Supervisor Salisbury said that they have people at the meeting tonight because of misstatements made by two people. He stated one of whom is also why Ms. O'Neill is here and he wished before she goes off on that they are going to look at the statements and he happens to know that many of them are mistruths.

Ms. O'Neill stated she does to know what Supervisor Salisbury is referring to and said she is simply here to rally for her son who plays one of the best youth sports second to wrestling. She said her son has played hockey since he was 6 years and has played in the town since he was 6 years old. She stated when she became a parent and joined the rank of youth sports she heard parents are the ones that ruined the sports. She said she is very concerned that this is the case with the troubles. She stated she is not here to support or debate, she doesn't even know the sheet Supervisor Salisbury is talking about. She said she is here to speak for her son as a parent. She stated her son who plays a sport he loves is on the verge of not having a place to skate. She said whatever the issues are she asks as a citizen in this community for him to have the choice and ability equally to skate wherever he needs to and wants to. She said it is very important and whatever the issues are they are letting adults and parents, with whatever agendas they have, get in the way of the kids playing a competitive sport. She asked if the Board could think about that as they go through and allowing there to be fair treatment of all teams and kids that want to play in the ice arena.

Pam Glamos, Wrenwood Circle, stated she is going to reinforce what Ms. O'Neill said. She said she has three sons who play competitive hockey. She stated she was in the ice rink the other night for a Baldwinsville High School hockey game, her son plays on the high school team, and on the other rink Camillus was there. She asked why Camillus is allowed to practice at the rink because they are not allowed to practice at Camillus' town rink. She said they cannot get ice time over there. She stated she is forced to drive to Cortland, Morrisville, the On Center, Syracuse University and Cicero and she does not have a problem driving to all these places but the Lysander rink is in her back yard and Camillus won't let them go to their rink to play. She stated Camillus won't let them rent ice there. She said she doesn't understand why the Town of Lysander will not allow their hockey teams with children from Lysander to practice on their home rink.

Councilor Reeves asked Ms. Glamos what was the organization.

Ms. Glamos asked which organization.

Councilor Reeves stated the one that is not allowed to skate at the Lysander ice rink.

Ms. Glamos said there are two organizations, Syracuse Youth Hockey...

Councilor Reeves interrupted Ms. Glamos and said Syracuse Youth Hockey, Syracuse Blazers.

Ms. Glamos stated her oldest son plays for the Syracuse Stars and their primary rink is in Cicero but if they want to rent ice time over there they are not allowed to.

Supervisor Salisbury said that one of the things is that they do not rent out the ice and they have hired somebody to do that. He stated that he also think that they have Liverpool that plays hockey here. He said remember that this town is providing an ice rink for a number of people who don't even live in Lysander and how many from the Syracuse Youth Hockey really live in Lysander.

Ms. Glamos asked how many people from Camillus live in Lysander and asked why Camillus has so much ice time when 30 percent of the Syracuse Blazers are Lysander residents.

Supervisor Salisbury said he will ask that question but...

Ms. Glamos stated that several kids on their team are residents here. She said that she knows the person who was previously allotting ice slots left and the town has a new person in there but that new person is totally biased against the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association. She stated she does not know the letter that Supervisor Salisbury held up, that she does not know the politics of this, all she knows that her children, this town's children, are being affected by the way the ice rink is being run and its being run poorly. She said it needs to have somebody take control and revamp it and do it over correctly.

Councilor Reeves handed Ms. Glamos a sheet of paper and stated that two thirds at least of the statements are totally false. He said that no one on the Board has taken any direction other than fairness and get as many kids in to the ice hockey rinks as possible.

Ms. Glamos said that is not happening.

Supervisor Salisbury said when the Syracuse Youth Hockey had their tournament here they had already been informed that the town was renting ice at \$150.00 an hour, not what was done by GBIA, who are no longer here. He stated Syracuse Youth Hockey refused to pay that, they sent out a check to GBIA, who is no longer here at a rate that was not charged to them. He said it took us a month or better to get the check from Syracuse Youth Hockey. He stated Syracuse Youth Hockey were offered ice time and they refused it because it wasn't exactly what they wanted. He said the town is trying to satisfy everybody and this Board has absolutely nothing to do with the assigning of the time but the person they put in charge, as far as him as a person, not as the Town Board Supervisor, seems that it is going quite well and they get nothing but good comments. He said the only place they get bad comments is from the Syracuse Youth Hockey and he thinks that Ms. Glamos needs to look at why she has to drive so far. He stated that he would be glad to discuss this further.

Ms. Glamos said that she does not have a problem with driving. She stated she signed up for travel hockey and put 45,000 miles on her car in six months. She said she doesn't care as she does it for her children. She told Supervisor Salisbury to not ask her about her driving stating that is not an issue for her. She said don't put that on her. She stated what she is telling him is what is being done by the Board and by the town is not right.

Councilor Reeves said he would correct her and stated not by this Board because this Board is removed from that. He stated the Board did hire someone to manage it and taken a position all along they are not going to make anything political on the ice time and they couldn't tell you who is using the ice time other than any meetings they had with Robin telling her to fill the ice time up no matter what it takes. He said one thing that Robin told them at the last meeting the Board had with her was that Syracuse Youth Hockey had put ice aside for a tournament or something and after checking online she found out that it is advertised that it is going to be exclusively over to Cicero. He stated that Robin had to do a quick readjustment and start selling ice time because no one from Syracuse Youth Hockey told her that the whole tournament had been moved. He said that the advertisement said that it was all going to Cicero and that communication goes both ways.

Ms. Glamos said that communication does go both ways and that Councilor Reeves is right however the only reason that it was moved to Cicero, that she knows of just as a parent, is because they were uncertain whether or not they would have ice. She stated the red rink was not up and running.

Supervisor Salisbury stated that the red rink was up for the first tournament.

Councilor Reeves said no it wasn't. He stated the second one has been up for quite a while and the second one the scheduling was made with the red one up.

Supervisor Salisbury asked Ms. Glamos to come into his office and he will have a meeting with Robin and they will go through all the comments on there and Ms. Glamos concerns.

Ms. Glamos asked Supervisor Salisbury when he wanted that meeting.

Supervisor Salisbury gave Ms. Glamos his number and told her to call him.

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Peter Schroeder, Chillingham Way, stated he wanted to address some of the Board's comments about the ice arena and some of the situations that has come about. He said the ice arena in October, the red rink, was not up and the reason why they had to move to another location for those ice slots was because they had no idea, they were told, that there was not going to be ice there so they had to make arrangements and struggle through (unclear, interrupted by Councilor Reeves) and make that happen, that was in October. He said as far as the ice time and this situation with hiring Robin, he talked to Supervisor Salisbury in the summer about this and told him his concerns on what was going to happen by not honoring the contract with the Syracuse Youth Hockey Association for a five year deal at the Lysander ice arena. He stated he told Supervisor Salisbury that the Lysander Youth Hockey Association President and Board members were specifically targeting Syracuse Blazers because a number of us, him being one of them, he has coached for Lysander Youth hockey for many years, left to the Blazers organization because he wanted his son to play by birth year and more competitive hockey. He said that they (LYHA) have a vindictive nature about them that they don't want the Blazers to have ice there because they felt that the Blazers are a competitive threat and this is what the bottom line to this whole thing is. He stated that that they are getting involved in taking ice time away from the children. He said his son is a Baldwinsville resident and can't even skate on ice that is in his own town. He stated that the Board gave management of the ice arena to Lysander Youth Hockey for a short period of time. He said in the manner of giving them that responsibility the ice that was all scheduled and done by Don Zimmer that was agreed upon by all organizations prior to him (Zimmer) giving the management to Lysander Youth Hockey the minute they go it they gave all the ice slots to allotted to the Syracuse Blazers to the Camillus Youth Organization who has not one kid that lives in Baldwinsville. He stated not one kid or parent pays taxes to this arena.

Mr. Schroeder asked the Board how they can give an organization that won't let any of our kids even play in Camillus. He stated it is in their (Camillus) minutes that the Syracuse Blazers are not allowed to be a part of that organization. He said the only time they let anybody in that organization is the girls team. He stated ironically the President of the Lysander Youth Hockey daughter plays now for Camillus. He said they were told when the town brought Robin in they were going to sit down with all organizations and work out a plan and that all organizations would have ice time available to them. He stated everybody was offered a contract except for one organization, the Syracuse Blazers. He said they sat down with Robin and she didn't have a contract in place and no ice time to present to them. He stated that Robin presented ice time before 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked how many of their kids are still in school at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He said and at 9:45 at night and asked how many kids that are 12, 13 years old do you want on the ice until 12 o'clock at night. He stated don't tell him that the town offered them ice time that they rejected. He said they were offered ice time no one else wanted. He stated that they were the only organization that was willing to do it one for one meaning that every ice slot they rented for practice they would give them a week in ice slot. He said this ensured money and filling that rink on the weekends. He stated he walks in the arena right now and on afternoons on Sundays and Saturdays and there is not anybody on that ice. He said it is empty and he is a tax payer. He stated that rink is going to fail and the town is setting it up to fail because they are not looking at the big picture. He said they are listening to certain people and the information that is in front of them (the Board) is not lies. He stated he has been a part of this and has been following this the whole way through. He asked why the Board is occluding an organization when everybody else has a contract. He said there is ice time that can be worked out and said there are two arenas there. He stated the town can do one half ice practices a week like his organization does to fit twelve teams in. He said there is an organization using the rink that has full ice practices twice a week.

Supervisor Salisbury said thank you and they will look into it.

Mr. Schroeder said that Supervisor Salisbury will look into it but he won't do anything about it. He said that Supervisor Salisbury is great at talking but he is not seeing any answers.

Councilor Reeves said that one thing that doesn't help is that the town received a check for GBIA from Syracuse Blazers for \$135.00 when they knew it was \$150.00.

(Incomprehensible crosstalk between Councilor Reeves and Mr. Schroeder)

Mr. Schroeder said the contract was signed to do this tournament. He stated there was 32 teams coming in from all across the country. He said the arena was the price, the cost of the rink was set, and a contract was in place.

Councilor Reeves asked who signed the contract, GBIA, correct.

Mr. Schroeder said to Councilor Reeves that they dismantled GBIA.

Councilor Reeves said he didn't dismantle GBIA, GBIA did.

(Incomprehensible crosstalk between Councilor Reeves and Mr. Schroeder)

Mr. Schroeder asked if the bill was paid.

Councilor Reeves said yes last week the town finally got the money for the October tournament last week.

Mr. Schroeder said that you are talking about a \$15.00 difference over how many ice slots.

Councilor Reeves said that finally got the money last week.

Mr. Schroeder stated that Syracuse Blazers spent a \$120,000 on ice and the tournaments that they have they bring people from out of town into the hotels and restaurants and asked where is Lysander and these other groups bringing in this kind of revenue to this community.

Supervisor Salisbury addressed Mr. Schroeder and said he has examined the financial records for a number of years and Syracuse Youth Hockey has never been until last year a major player in this ice arena.

Mr. Schroeder said that is untrue and told Supervisor Salisbury that the accounting that he is getting it from is combining different organizations under one umbrella. He said that Syracuse Blazers have accounting that they can provide it for the Board if they would like to see of all the years and the money that they have spent progressively increased every year. He stated in July, June, August September we are the biggest renters of ice in this whole community at Lysander. He said they spend more money than anybody and yet they don't have a contract and asked the Board to explain why Syracuse Blazers don't have a contract.

Supervisor Salisbury said he does not know where the funds were but he is looking at not only ours but he is looking at cash received so....

Mr. Schroeder said he can provide that to the Board.

Councilor Reeves said that GBIA numbers do not support what Mr. Schroeder is saying.

Mr. Schroeder replied because GBIA numbers and the accounting the Board got is from Lysander Youth Hockey.

Supervisor Salisbury said no they received it from an accounting firm in Utica for GBIA.

Councilor Reeves said no they did not.

Mr. Schroeder said that this should be worked out and that this is about the kids. He stated there is 175 kids right now that don't have a place to play hockey and they have to go all over.

Councilor Reeves asked who they should throw out so they could play.

Mr. Schroeder said they don't have to throw anyone out. He stated there is a way to work that schedule during the week and that they are only talking about Monday through Thursday. He said there is a way to sit down and work with the organizations where you do one full practice one half ice, share the ice, they do it all the time and it would open up all this ice time. He stated there are two arenas there that can effectively...

Supervisor Salisbury said that they would look into that and when he gets together with Ms. Glamos they can talk about that.

Councilor Reeves told Mr. Schroeder that his is welcome to show up with Ms. Glamos.

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Larry Barnett, Edgewood Drive, stated he forgot about the issue of minutes on town board meetings.

Lysander Town Board regular meeting
December 15, 2014

Supervisor Salisbury said that was a minor discussion in a meeting on December 1st and the Board is not even looking at it right now.

Mr. Barnett stated it is a lot easier to go on the website and look up written minutes than it is to start watching videos. He said if you want to find something on a video than you have to go all through the video and listen to all of the discussion similar to what has taken place tonight to find one little thing you are looking for. He said he did it today looking for something last year it is so easy with the written minutes. He stated unless it is a totally unbearable burden for the Town Clerk he would advocate that they continue to have written minutes.

Councilor Reeves said just to clarify even if you do written minutes what you have to understand is to try to keep anything consistent. He stated he is one that hates laws. He absolutely hates any law of any kind but one thing you have to realize every time you put another law in its just more paperwork which you have to realize is right now if he has a disagreement with the Town Clerk he can go and get you five opinions just like that that will say he is right. He said he can go to FOIL, he can go to the Association of Towns, he can get case studies from the Town Attorney on the books and the Town Clerk can do the same thing. He said she can get five opinions just like that which substantiate the way she did it. He stated consistency doesn't have to be there because what happens every time one person doesn't like it one way or the way one person complains about the way you have grabbed five opinions and it is all grey area and there is no consistency. He said if you were to pass, even if we did them the same way, if we were to pass a resolution it would require first off you would have to decide how you are going to do minutes, that would have to be documented and then he thinks they would have to schedule a public hearing if he is not correct, just a resolution then, and have to decide how you're going to do it and when you are done you have something there is no more arguing or disagreement on his side or going and getting opinions even if they do have the statements in them. He said there should be something out there that defines the statements are going to be in and what the statements are going to say so that when he has a discrepancy with something that's done or the Clerk doesn't agree with my position on it we (unclear) can all find opinions anywhere to substantiate where we are at and when we are done we still got something that nobody is happy with. He said this is the only reason why they looked at a resolution to get to a point where this bickering, this small stuff talking about minutes are behind us and everybody is on the same page, we all follow the protocol and we start doing some things like ice time, we start doing some Lamson Road water, the things that count.

Mr. Barnett stated he hears what Councilor Reeves is saying that he is saying that as a Town Board member but he is saying it as a citizen tax payer. He said he does not want to spend a half hour or an hour going through a video on PAC-B when he can scan the minutes in two minutes and find what he wants. He stated now if there is a discrepancy you can go back to the video so you have a secondary source, that's great. He said his second point is the bickering is a cultural issue. He stated he has been on a government board and he has never seen anything that works like this Board. He stated he was never involved with anything like this Board. He said there is a culture issue in this Board and he hates to say it because he has lived here for over 20 years, there is a culture issue, and they need to look at it and Mr. Barnett said he was done.

Councilor Reeves addressed Mr. Barnett and said let him finish, he is not done. Councilor Reeves asked Mr. Barnett if he didn't believe that they need a town law to make it consistent even if there are statements, there is consistency.

Mr. Barnett said you cannot legislate consistency.

Councilor Reeves said you can, on the minutes.

Mr. Barnett stated he went back to see what was recorded of something he said over a year ago and the Town Clerk did a very nice job of summarizing it. He said it wasn't every word the essence was there and he had no problem. He stated again a secondary source is the video you can always go back on that.

Councilor Shimer addressed Mr. Barnett and provided her phone number, 415-6181 and told him to call her.

Mr. Barnett asked why.

Councilor Shimer said she will talk to him about this.

Mr. Barnett said he was not going to get involved.

Councilor Shimer said she just wanted to hear his opinion and then they can have a discussion.

Mr. Barnett stated they have a secondary source in the video and he is saying from the citizen, from the tax payer, it makes it very easy to go back and locate something. He said he doesn't want to watch hours of video to do that and you will not legislate consistency.

Councilor Geraci stated he wanted to say something in response to Mr. Barnett and just for the record he agrees 100 percent with Mr. Barnett when Mr. Barnett said the board with the cultural issues. He stated he is not part of that and he wants to see written minutes.

Councilor Diamond said he wanted to respond to Supervisor Salisbury and Councilor Reeves based on the fact that this statement was brought up and they decided to respond to the public. He stated this discussion about going to resolution only took place at the December 1st meeting. He said it was in a work session when it first came up. He stated the problem with the work sessions are that it is great to go over the agenda and have discussions, but they are not recorded, none of the work sessions are recorded. He said what he wants to do at the next town board meeting is that he wants to introduce a resolution, that he will give the Board time to think about it, but he would like the Board to pass a resolution from this point forward the Board is going to record the audio of every work session and have it uploaded to the website. He said he talked to a few people already...

Councilor Reeves addressed Councilor Diamond and told him that they are already working on that and asked him where he has been.

Councilor Diamond said that they have not been talking about uploading the audio for the work sessions.

Councilor Reeves then addressed Dan Boccardo, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, and asked him if they are working on the audio for the work sessions, not the work sessions for the meetings.

Dan Boccardo: (unclear) sent you an email today on that.

Councilor Diamond stated that he thinks that the public has a right to know about the discussion before the Board votes on it. Councilor Diamond held up a copy of the minutes and said these were not approved tonight. He said this is a statement. He read, "when it is brought up for a vote the Board can discuss it further." He again said when it is brought up for a vote the Board can discuss it further. He stated that he thinks the public has a right to know before it's brought to the Board's attention to vote on it. He said he did not lie and he is not pushing a political agenda like he has been accused of. He stated he has tried to work with the Board since he has taken office and he thinks it is important to have a different perspective, he really does. He said unfortunately he disagrees with this. He stated he also disagrees with an interview, there was one with Channel 3, and the Supervisor said they are still looking into this they are still a long way away from it. He said there was another interview, he remembers correctly, he didn't re-read it, but the Supervisor said that he and Councilor Reeves and the rest of the Board absolutely did not support, or they said they did not support this. He said he is sorry but when you say you are going to have the Town Attorney look into something that is beginning the proceedings to bring it to the agenda of the Town Board. He said he has given his presentation on this, he has given his thoughts on this and he is an elected representative and the reason why he asked the public to come tonight because he wanted to know what the public thought about this. He said this is important for him because he ran on open and transparent government. He stated Channel 3 did an incredible interview and they were talking about new versus old. He said when he was running for the town board he said at the very beginning he wanted a link on the town's website so people can watch the meetings from the computer. He stated that not everybody has the time in their busy schedule to show up to a town board meeting. He said that is why the people elect them. He said he wants the people to have the information so they can make an informed decision. He stated so when it is a he said, she said and somebody is accusing him of something and there is no way to verify it, he feels that this can be fixed. He stated they need to pass a resolution from this point forward that every work session's audio should be recorded.

Councilor Reeves addressed Councilor Diamond and asked who is the first person to mention passing a resolution pertaining to minutes.

Councilor Diamond responded by stating, Councilor Shimer.

Councilor Reeves told Councilor Diamond that he thinks he is wrong. He said that if he goes back to the minutes of the 22nd of September you will see Councilor Diamond said that maybe they should pass a resolution to not pass any of the minutes at all.

Councilor Diamond stated he said that because this Board...

(Incomprehensible cross talk between Councilor Reeves and Councilor Diamond)

Councilor Diamond said he suggested it because this Board can't work....

Councilor Reeves stated you mentioned a resolution.

Councilor Diamond said that he is a little bit frustrated because this is something near and dear to his heart. He said open and transparent government is important. He stated the only reason why he suggested it....

Supervisor Salisbury (unclear) working together which is...

Councilor Diamond stated hopefully the Board can work together but he was elected to represent the people and sometimes it means as a board member we can disagree.

Councilor Reeves said when he asked the attorney to check into it and report back to the Board that's not Andy Reeves says he is going to support it; Andy Reeves is going to vote for it.

Councilor Diamond addressed Councilor Reeves and said he voted with Councilor Shimer and Supervisor Salisbury 98 percent of the time since he has been in office.

Councilor Reeves said he asked the town attorney in front of Councilor Diamond and everyone else to give the Board the specifics on it and no one at all mentioned anything about a resolution and pushing ahead, we all wanted to get the information. He addressed Councilor Diamond and said if he asks the attorney for information, you can take that and run with it and jump in front of the camera.

Councilor Diamond said he is not jumping in front of the camera, he wanted the public to be aware of this and this is why he brought this up at the December 1st board meeting. He stated you know what, he is sorry, and that they are going to disagree on this issue. He said he wanted to hear from the public and he thinks that they are the people they should be listening to, not him.

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Mike Becallo said he is a Cicero Town Councilor and appreciates being here in this fantastic facility and thanked the Supervisor and Councilors. He stated he just came out to say a few words about the minutes and how he views the minutes and how the minutes helps him, how they are functional.

Supervisor Salisbury said he appreciates Mr. Becallo's comments but the board is not even talking about the minutes. He stated there was nothing on the agenda and when this was talked about it is Councilor Diamond who has taken it one step further. He said to get somebody from Cicero to come here to promote what he is talking about. He stated that they are not even talking about the minutes and so it's not relevant tonight.

Councilor Diamond said he thinks it is relevant to hear what the public has to say about the subject.

Supervisor Salisbury told Councilor Diamond that he (Mr. Becallo) is not the public, he is from Cicero.

Councilor Diamond said he is a neighbor and a fellow town councilor, he thinks it would be nice to hear from him but if you don't want to listen to him...

Supervisor Salisbury said that Councilor Diamond does like to take over the meetings.

Councilor Diamond stated that's because our Supervisor...

Councilor Reeves said that he is too focused on (unclear), he is too focused on the ice rink problem and little bit too focused on trying to get some people some water on Lamson Road and he takes offense to make an issue out of this when all they did was ask a question of the town attorney if he could research this issue. He addressed Councilor Diamond and told him he ran like a blue jay making all this noise and everything else and none of them haven even gotten to that point or even considered it.

Councilor Diamond held up minutes from a meeting and said he recommends that everybody read them.

Councilor Reeves asked if that was the first or second draft.

Councilor Diamond said this was the most current draft from the Town Clerk that were not approved tonight. He stated he wanted to ask a quick question to the Town Clerk. He addressed the Town Clerk and asked her if she received an email saying that there were any problems or any reasons why the minutes were not going to be approved tonight.

Town Clerk Dell stated she did not.

Supervisor Salisbury said that she received one from Councilor Reeves.

Town Clerk Dell stated that Councilor Reeves sent some corrections, they were changed and they were sent out.

Councilor Diamond said that he did not send an email but he spoke with the Town Clerk earlier last week and he had no problem with them. He stated if you want to look at something that is fine but this is not the first time the Board has not approved the minutes and what he did mention is that the Town Board does not have to approve them.

Supervisor Salisbury said that there is nothing wrong with not approving minutes the first time they come out if there is a question.

Councilor Diamond stated did you send her, did you ask...

Supervisor Salisbury said he did not. He stated he was busy reading the land use plan and read all of that. He said he was busy working on the ice arena and he was busy doing (unclear)

Councilor Diamond said that the Town Clerk spends a lot of time with these minutes and for the Board to consistently not approve them he thinks that is disrespectful.

Councilor Reeves said that they spent two meetings last week with the comprehensive land use plan, special meetings and such, and he thinks that if someone didn't get to the minutes, one thing is Councilor Diamond use to respond to minutes to all of the Board, from his respective, Councilor Geraci responded and knew he looked at them, and he didn't see anybody else...

Councilor Diamond said he didn't send an email but he spoke with the Town Clerk earlier in the week and didn't feel that he needed to document it as long as she was aware...

Councilor Reeves said probably they didn't feel that they had to document to tell her that they were not going to be approved tonight.

Mr. Becallo continued speaking and said he just wanted to let everybody know how he views the minutes and give his representation not of the Cicero Town Board it's just himself as an elected official. He stated the minutes provide a history for him when he is making decisions on current issues that are up it helps him see what the Board in the past has decided on and also gives him an idea on the history of outstanding issues. He said meeting minutes keep elected officials on their toes especially during election season. He stated public input in the minutes, many times he has gone back to the minutes much during public input, it's for the public to talk and say how they feel and it's his job to come back to them and respond to that. He said when the minutes are in there, it gives him an idea to come back to, oh he missed something here, make sure that he addressed that to the citizen. He stated that lastly constituents that cannot attend meetings due to work reasons or health, many of these citizens reach out to him for comments or concerns based off of the minutes. He said our communities do not want to see decisions being made without input as well as our communities don't want to wait and see decisions that are made and they deserve to know what we are thinking always, they always have the right to know what he is thinking. He said it is all about access to the community.

Councilor Reeves asked Mr. Becallo to address the Board, not for the camera, not for the audience. He said to Mr. Becallo if he wants to give the Board a message about minutes, give the Board a message about the minutes.

Supervisor Salisbury asked Mr. Becallo if his Town Board has a public access television station that people can watch the meeting on television.

Mr. Becallo responded to Supervisor Salisbury and said the minutes are the Town Clerk's.

Supervisor Salisbury said no they are not, they are the town boards.

Mr. Becallo said that they can argue as much as they want back and forth, the town councilors, there is something he sees in the minutes that is not correct, he just goes to the Clerk...

Supervisor Salisbury told Mr. Becallo that he did not answer his question. He said that he thinks that they (Baldwinsville) are the only community that records on television PAC-B, we all have the opportunity, but we are the only community that's has gone ahead and does that, Cicero is not, asking Mr. Becallo is that was correct.

Mr. Becallo said that is correct.

Supervisor Salisbury said thank you very much, they have his message.

Mr. Becallo said he wasn't done he has one more statement. He said he came all the way out here. He stated that lack of community involvement in local government means that the government is failing its people and this is his last statement. He said he appreciates the Board having him and he thanks the Board for their respect.

Supervisor Salisbury said that they will take those as his own thoughts.

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Town Clerk Lisa Dell started to address the Board and Supervisor Salisbury asked her to go to the microphone.

Councilor Reeves said that you guys have a good press agent I have to hand it you, Mike.

Town Clerk Dell stated the Board already knows this because she has communicated this several times but she would like the public to know this too. She said several months ago, it may have been last year, she would have to look it up, the Board and her agreed to a format for the minutes where public comments and board discussions were included. She said that has been done consistently and pretty much that part is done verbatim. She stated it would be obvious if she left certain things out and if she did the Board members would be very quick to tell her. She stated that in a recent interview with a news channel or newspaper the Supervisor said that she only includes Councilor Diamond's statements and not his and that is untrue. She stated that anybody can read her minutes and listen to the recording simultaneously and you will know that is not true. She said that in the December 1st work session Councilor Shimer proposed this idea, and the only reason Councilor Shimer presented was because it was too tedious for her to read them. She stated then in another news article Councilor Shimer said the minutes are inaccurate. Town Clerk Dell said that she really does not know what the reason behind Councilor Shimer's proposal is. She stated that all she knows is that they agreed to a format, she has no problem doing it, it is her job, the taxpayers pay her, she pays herself because she is a tax payer in the town and she doesn't have any problem doing it. She said lastly she hopes she puts an end to this issue there as there is only one law on the books that she can find, and if the board can find another one, show her, that New York State law section 30 of Town Law says the powers and duties of the town clerk is basically to do the minutes, and that's it, and that's what she does. She stated there is no law on the books that says the town board can tell the town clerk how to do the minutes.

Councilor Reeves said talk to the town attorney because he has it.

Town Clerk clarified asking if it is an actual law, by a judge, not opinions.

Councilor Reeves said yes.

Town Clerk said she would love to see that law but right now the only law she knows is the powers and duties of the town clerk like Mr. Becallo said. She stated in an email to the Board she also stated what Mr. Barnett said that it is hard to find something looking at a video and she knows that she has researched the minutes in the past for the town engineers, for the town attorneys and it has been very helpful when that public comment or the board discussion was put in just like Mr. Becallo said.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 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