

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on December 21, 2017 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Saraceni, Supervisor
Robert Ellis, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roman Diamond, Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; and several residents.

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

Supervisor Saraceni noted that there are a few modifications to the agenda items. There is a dollar amount for the Fire Protection Agreement in the amount of \$106,323 and in item "C"; the dollar amount is \$13,612.16.

Public Hearing No. 1

2018 Fire Protection Agreement

RES #228/2017

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:03 PM. **The motion was seconded by Councilor Geraci and Councilor Moore.**

Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the Public Hearing Notice which was published in the Post Standard on December 10, 2017 as follows, "*That a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to hear citizens for or against the 2018 Fire Protection Agreement by and between the Town Board of the Town of Lysander and Enterprise Fire Company No. 1 (the West Phoenix Fire Protection Agreement). Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said agreement will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said agreement are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated December 7, 2017.*" There is no environmental impact associated with said agreement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING

NONE.

RES#229/2017

A motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 7:03 PM. **The motion was seconded by Councilor Moore and Councilor Geraci.**

All persons, desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was terminated at 7:04 PM.

Public Hearing No. 2
Cable Franchise Agreement

RES#230/2017

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:02 PM. **The motion was seconded by Councilor Moore and Councilor Geraci.**

Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the Public Hearing Notice which was published in the Post Standard on December 10, 2017 as follows, "*That a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to consider the approval of a Cable Television Agreement between Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC and the Town of Lysander; specifically, a cable franchise agreement by and between the Town of Lysander and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC, I/k/a Charter Communications. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said proposed franchise agreement will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said agreement are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk.*

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated December 7, 2017.” There is no environmental impact associated with said agreement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING

NONE.

RES#231/2017

A motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 7:04 PM. **The motion was seconded by Councilor Geraci and Councilor Moore.**

All persons, desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was terminated at 7:04 PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

NONE.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Moore wished everyone Happy Holidays and added that he is fortunate to live in this community and serve the community.

Councilor Geraci said he was pleased to see the article in the December 13th *Messenger*. He mentioned that Al Markham and his brother did volunteer work at the Jacksonville Rural cemetery. He said “*hats off to the staff*” for being part of the community not only as employees, but for doing that kind of good work. He thanked others for their help with the cemetery. **Councilor Geraci** said it has been a great opportunity to be part of the Board and to do good things for the community. He said there are no places like Baldwinsville and Lysander, as there is something uniquely special in this community. He wished everyone a happy Holiday.

Councilor Ellis expressed his thanks to the staff of Lysander. He said he has gotten to know the staff and is impressed with them. He wished everyone a safe Holiday.

Supervisor Saraceni took a moment to let everyone know that he regularly has coffee at Café Shamballa [in the Village], and it gives him the opportunity to interact regularly with residents. He said he ran into Bob Manning there, who serves on the Baldwinsville Library board. Mr. Manning mentioned that Al Yager had done an outstanding job in helping his mother-in-law with a drainage issue in Radisson. He received a note that said, “*thanks for great work and professionalism.*” **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town has great employees who work very hard, and Al Yager works very hard. He said Mr. Yager took special interest in a group of residents in Radisson who were falsely included in a flood plain. Mr. Yager was the first to spot it and help these people.

He recognized that there was a group of 60 people who had been falsely classified as having property in a flood plain, which would have required them to have insurance that would be costly. The Town worked with the RCA in coming up with a plan to get the residents properly classified, and had contacted FEMA. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that hopefully all but five for six of the residents are going to be removed, saving tens of thousands of dollars in insurance costs.

Supervisor Saraceni recognized Gene Dinsmore for his service to the Town. He said that this is his last board meeting [through December 31st]. He said he has served for over six years. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is a tough job. He said that the issues that HW deals with this time of year is clearing snow, etc., and in the summer road maintenance and repair. It is a huge job. It consumes more than half of the Town’s budget, and for the last six years Gene has worked diligently and to the best of his ability. He thanked him for his service to the Town of Lysander. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday season, and suggested we all try to be nice to each other.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#232/2017

Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the December 7, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent, said that they have been plowing and salting. They have not had any difficulties other than internal equipment repairs. He has taken steps to transition everything to the new HW Superintendent. He noted that he would be available if needed in the future. He thanked the residents of the Town for being patient and allowing him to repair the things that were budgeted for, such as paving and concrete work. He thanked his employees. **Mr. Dinsmore** stated that he received an award from Onondaga County Soil and Water and that the Town was recognized as Municipal Partner of the Year for 2017. [Toward the revegetation of disturbed soils and hydro-seeding.]

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN 2018
FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

RES#233/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2018 Fire Protection Agreement between the Town Board of the Town of Lysander and Enterprise Fire Company No. 1 (the West Phoenix Fire Protection Agreement) in the amount of \$106,323.00 (No adverse impact on the environment).

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH
TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC L/K/A CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**

RES#234/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Lysander and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC, locally known as Charter Communications.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni said the Town gets a piece of whatever the 'home shopping' revenue is and the "catch all" statement in the fees section takes care of that and it doesn't have to mention specific things it gets fees from. Three municipalities worked on this together and PAC-B will continue to receive their funding in order to continue to provide the services it offers.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION
AGREEMENT WITH DUDE SOLUTIONS, INC.**

RES#235/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Online Subscription Agreement with Dude Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$13,612.16.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYEES LIABILITY PROGRAM AGREEMENT (WITH PERMA)

RES#236/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Workers' Compensation & Employees Liability Program Agreement, a/k/a PERMA Program Agreement.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

The only thing in this agreement that Councilor Moore noted is that if you look at the sentence above "term" and "renewal", it should read "PERMA" between "and" and "agrees".

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS

RES#237/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the Town of Lysander to adopt a local law amending Chapter 121, Article IX of the Code of the Town of Lysander relating to the tax exemption for Cold War Veterans in accordance with §458-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of Lysander Town Hall and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise regarding same.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPOINT CARL MARIANI TO THE POSITION OF LABORER

RES#238/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to appoint Carl Mariani to the position of Laborer (supplemental) as a wingman, retroactive to December 13, 2017. Starting wage as per the Union Contract.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO RELEASE THE RETAINAGE FOR THE WEST GENESEE SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION NO. 2 CONTRACT TO BLUE HERON CONSTRUCTION, LLC

RES#239/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to release the retainage for the West Genesee Sewer District Extension No. 2 contract to Blue Heron Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$8,705.20, as no punch list work remains and the project closeout paperwork has been received.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO TOWN BUSINESS

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road spoke regarding the HW Superintendent and the hydro-seeding award. Mr. Burtch said the award was well deserved. Mr. Burtch thanked Mr. Dinsmore for his service and that in the last five months they have had a chance to talk and iron out their differences. He said they now have a good working relationship and thanked him again. Mr. Burtch said that they have ironed out their differences. He also commended the Town Clerk once again on the savings in her department.

Mr. Burtch asked if the Town of Lysander has a dog control officer and **Supervisor Saraceni** said yes. Mr. Burtch referred to a dog that was hit and remained on the road for 24 hours. He asked if there was an attempt to retrieve the dog, and noted that there is a Facebook page that he thought belonged to the Town of Lysander regarding lost dogs. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he is not aware of that page. Mr. Burtch asked how many dogs have been adopted. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he is not aware of any program [that was referenced to be online]. **Mr. Yager** said dogs [through the Town's contract with SPCA] are adopted through the SPCA and not through the Town. He said when Lysander brings in a dog they try and find the owner. **Supervisor Saraceni** said in this case they were able to contact the owner. The owner had reported that she let her dog out at 9:00 and he lets himself back in, and she didn't realize that the dog didn't come back; and then later realized the dog was hit. He said there was attempted correspondence between Town of Lysander's dog control and the State Troopers. He also said that recently the Town of Lysander received a clean bill of Health from Ag and Markets. Mr. Burtch said in the past other Department Heads made themselves available to answer questions [such as these and report on same]. He asked that it be something that be considered in the future.

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive mentioned that he is not speaking as a HW Superintendent, but as a resident. He spoke regarding the expenditure for Dude Solutions contract. He wanted to make sure that the people in the Town of Lysander know that there is a similar program in Dutchess County, which is sponsored and funded by New York State. He said that Dutchess County has seven Towns subscribed to the program and are beginning to use it. Mr. Dinsmore said that New York State has invited the Towns to use the program, and all they will pay for are the maintenance fees, not the program cost. He also heard that the incoming HW Superintendent is not ready to embrace any program until he is able to be in the position longer.

Supervisor Saraceni said he reached out to the Town Supervisor of Fishkill, who is one of the participants in the beta program. He said it is a work in progress and is similar to the company that Lysander will use. The difference is that it is a Highway/DPW based system, it does a lot more as far as payroll, and a lot of services that the Town is not looking to integrate into its financial management system. Dude Solutions is an integrated solution where departments can communicate to each other.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road asked about the cost of the process and how it is going to be paid for. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it was allocated by each department. He said the new HW Superintendent is waiting, but the program will be integrated into the other departments. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that regarding engineering, this program will make it easier for Mr. Yager to bill his time for certain districts, and that justifies the cost alone. He said that at any given time when the new Highway Superintendent feels comfortable, he will be able to participate in it. Discussion occurred regarding funding and the benefits of the new program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Board Meeting: (Organizational and Regular Meeting) Thursday, January 4, 2018, 7:00 PM, Work Session begins at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:41 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk