

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on December 29, 2016 at the Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Continuation of Public Hearing
Adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Lysander for the year 2016
Regarding Onsite Use Solar Energy Systems**

Town Clerk Dina Falcone read the Public Hearing Notice which was published in the Baldwinsville Messenger on November 30, 2016 as follows: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town Of Lysander for the year 2016 regarding onsite use solar energy systems. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said proposed Local Law 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 proposed Local Law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated November 17, 2016. Town of Lysander, Dina Falcone, Town Clerk.

RES #189/2016

Supervisor Saraceni moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that the hearing will remain open and that he is going to be working with the Baldwinsville Central School District in regard to how the Town is going to handle areas that are going to have solar. He said a decision will be made within 60 days. He mentioned the proposed sites, and his conversation with James Rodems at BCSD although it doesn't have to do with solar, it has to do with the topic. He stated that there are further items that the Town needs to consider, [where it is allowed and how to remove facilities at end of life].

RES #190/2016

Supervisor Saraceni moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm

No comments were made for or against the proposed solar law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARING

Resident Bob Braun of Piccadilly Circle had questions regarding the budget. He asked about the contingency and why it was high. He said he would prefer it drop to 50, as it seems to him that the Town is trying to keep expenses high (inflated). **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that on a budget of over \$4M that contingency amount is not high from his perspective. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that that is a number he is comfortable with given what can happen in the course of a year in a municipality. He said there's a range and that's where the Town is comfortable. There's a long track record of the Town being fiscally conservative, and it's a process when you go into unallocated fund balance for resources, so it's another reason he was comfortable maintaining that level. Mr. Braun asked how much the Town gets reimbursed by the county for plowing. Conversation ensued between Mr. Dinsmore, Mr. Rahrle and Mr. Yager. Mr. Dinsmore stated between \$5K and 6K from what he was told. **Mr. Rahrle** said he could get the figure the resident wanted. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that there will be an analysis done in the future.

Resident Fred Burtch of Plainville Road made comments related to the Country Max ribbon cutting, and he said he noticed [what seemed to him] to be lack of enthusiasm by Councilor Geraci. Mr. Burtch said it's wonderful that company has decided to invest in the community, but he thinks Mr. Geraci might share his opinion that the Town already has one or two or three of, [and compared it to the old Agway]. He stated his opinion that [the Town] could get firms that added to the community by bringing in something [businesses] it doesn't already have. He referred to the amount of pizza shops in this regard as well. Mr. Burtch sees a problem for Agway and Ace Hardware. He asked if Mr. Geraci felt the same way about it. He said it may hurt smaller places.

Mr. Burtch mentioned the proposed solar law, and he mentioned Jack Corey's remarks from a previous meeting, and in his vision of community he wouldn't like to see solar farms be larger than the energy that would be consumed onsite by the owner or operator. Mr. Burtch stated that there is not a single vendor or business that is consuming energy onsite, and mentioned a battery bank, and how there would have to be separate buildings set away from the solar panels.

Mr. Burtch had a complaint about the Town plows not getting to his street until hours after the first major storm he assumed mechanical failure or a white out caused the delay. He said he found out [from HW workers] that there were only 5 out of 9 town trucks [on the road]. **Mr. Dinsmore** mentioned there was no difficulty, as the Town has had five or six major snows and they have done a fantastic job. **Supervisor Saraceni** told Mr. Burtch to log his complaint with **Mr. Dinsmore**. **Supervisor Saraceni** suggested that any information Mr. Burtch [or anyone else for that matter] gets from social media, takes it with a large grain of salt. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that the Town gets a handful of complaints, but it has twenty-two thousand people in the Town and it certainly can't plow everyone's road at the same time.

Mr. Burtch made several comments about social media, and publishing certain items on a Facebook page. He said the Town should "embrace social media" as most people [in his opinion] receive news via social media. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that it takes effort to maintain a website, the Town would have to make sure it has the personnel in place and procedures to make sure information is accurate. He said it is one thing to have an anonymous editor as some sort of news source, but when news comes from a municipality, it needs to be accurate. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that the Town does have a website which is updated regularly, and anyone who is interested will find it.

Mr. Burtch asked questions about the budget, and about the amount the Highway Department spends on GPS. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there is a safety component to it as the trucks are in the furthest outreaches in the town. He said that GPS tracks routes, shows how gas is being utilized, etc. [Conversation was interrupted several times, and answers were cut short]. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that if there are concerns about the Highway Department people can contact the Highway Superintendent, and that the Highway Superintendent is given a vehicle to utilize. Mr. Burtch continued by making several comments and accusations relating to where a certain Highway vehicle was at certain times. **Supervisor Saraceni** reminded Mr. Burtch that citizens comments is a time for citizens to have the opportunity to make comments to the Board. He said he provided answers to the GPS questions, and that Mr. Burtch moved on to totally unrelated topics.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road made a pun (that was inaudible), and said he saw an item on the agenda which he approves of. He thanked the Board for delaying action on the water lease agreement with the Village. He appreciated the effort.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Saraceni had an opportunity to ride as a wingman in one of the plow trucks, and he commended the HW Department. He said that it was an honor to ride with them; it was a four hour stint, and if the roads needed more snow removal, they would do it all over again. He thanked them for all of their effort.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES #191/2016

Motion by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the December 12, 2016 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gene Dinsmore stated that thus far there have been five or six events [snow storms], they have handled them all, as no storm comes on a schedule, and the weather happens and the department responds. The plow does not come to a person’s house on a specific day. It depends on when the weather arrives, and how long it takes a driver to get to its route. When the trucks leave the garage they are going on a set route on a path that gives them the least amount of backups and turn arounds. He discussed how a routine is utilized, and how the HW handles plowing. He said it also depends on snow events, and the goal is to have roads cleared by 6:30 am for school buses. Between 3 am and 6:30 am. Occasionally there will be a storm that starts later. He said one other truck doesn’t have GPS. **Mr. Dinsmore** said the HW Department has GPS instruments on trucks that are meaningful to the public and what the HW department does.

Town Clerk Dina Falcone stated that the minutes and the work session recording will be available to the public on Tuesday through the Town’s website. She also stated that she is not responsible for posting items on the website, as that what the IT person does. She requests items to be added to the website through the IT department.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF
BALDWINSVILLE**

RES#192/2016

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Town Supervisor to sign the forty year lease agreement with the Village of Baldwinsville for the lease of its water districts.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci stated that Supervisor Saraceni should be commended regarding this contract and getting this done, and Councilor Diamond concurred. Comptroller Rahrle said he had doubts, but is glad to see it happened as the Town doesn’t belong in the water business. He is glad to see the Village take it over. Supervisor Saraceni thanked the Village, as both municipalities have large amounts of trust for each other. He said he is confident that the residents in Lysander will have outstanding water service. He invited the public to review the water agreement, which is on the Town’s website.

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE SITING OF WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

RES#193/2016

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt a local law regulating the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni stated that everyone has heard his opinion, he reiterated that it is a good law and will be good for the town long term.

***See attached Local Law at the end of this document**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE TOWN BOARD'S
DETERMINATION REGARDING INTERSTATE ROUTE 81**

RES#194/2016

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt a resolution to memorialize the Town Board's determination that the existing Interstate Route 81 alignment through Syracuse and Central New York must remain, and its function and designation as an interstate highway must not be removed or impaired.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci stated that this resolution is good for our community, but most of the outlying regions serviced by Route 81 in the sense of travelling north to south in the City of Syracuse or vice versa in the opposite direction. This is an issue other than how the Post Standard has been covering it; the viaduct comes down, and Route 81 terminates on City streets. He explained how the interstate would work to its southern point and the issue is happening under the radar and he is glad this resolution is on the table. He said other towns have put in on their agendas. Councilor Geraci said "Hats off to the Town of Salina for taking the lead on this." This road doesn't belong to the City of Syracuse; all of us have a say in it as it is funded by Federal dollars. What we are saying in the resolution is that as a thoroughfare it is one of the major purposes of a major road system. It affects other communities that will be impacted by a roadway that gets eliminated. A majority of people polled are opposed to a grid solution. He is in total favor of the resolution.

Councilor Diamond said he fully supports the resolution.

Supervisor Saraceni said this has been discussed for years. He said some people take for granted 81 running through Syracuse. Towns are trying to get an option under review which would be a sub base, such as a tunnel or trench type system. He believes the City of Syracuse (because of its location) has a huge impact on the community. If [you] turn it into a boulevard there are going to be major demands on the Syracuse City infrastructure which was not built for those demands; and on the other end of it, trucks travelling to the dump in Seneca Falls. There are representatives concerned about the flow of traffic. He said he thinks [the community] can have it both ways, but it needs to be considered along with the costs of infrastructure.

Councilor Geraci said for those who have not been following it that yes, it can go through the city on a grid, but if people want to travel through the City of Syracuse, they are going to ask travelers to stay on 690 and take it to 481 back to 81. He thinks that is a 12 mile detour in both directions, so if [you] can imagine what that would be like, he thinks that is just inappropriate.

Supervisor Saraceni said he read the polls and 65% of the public do not favor the grid system that is being proposed. He has not interviewed people. He said the fact that 65% of the general public is not in favor of the grid system says a lot.

***See attached resolution at the end of this document**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2 RE WHISPERING OAKS

RES#195/2016

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract regarding proposed Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C304411. This amendment is for the Whispering Oaks Sewer District Improvements and extends the contract end date from October 31, 2016 to April 30, 2018.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ALLOW THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE EASEMENT RELEASE FOR MELIA PARK SECTION A-2

RES#196/2016

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Geraci to allow the Supervisor to sign the easement release for Melia Park Section A-2.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Supervisor Saraceni stated that during the work session he was asked to add an item pertaining to modification of the incentive zone map west of 690. For the public who attended the meeting, the camera panned to the maps on the board; the one to the right is the district as it exists now; everything in yellow is included in the incentive zone. There's a map to the left that is the proposed modification to that area. It removes the southeast corner from whispering Oaks to Emerick Road, and it removes basically the entire northern portion above what will soon be the Cabbage Patch development and continues to Dunham Road; that northern area. There is consensus of the Board that if they are going to modify it, this is going to be a modification to the law, so this is a process. This is a proposal. The process is that the first thing we have to request [Per Mr. Yager] SOCPA to prepare a new zoning map that reflects zoning changes, then do a SEQRA and coordinated review of all agencies. Then hold a public hearing and adopt a zoning map as part of the Town Code. This will probably take a month and half to work through and during that time the public will be involved.

MOTION TO REQUEST SOCPA PREPARE DRAFT ZONING MAP RE CHANGES TO INCENTIVE ZONING OVERLAY SURROUNDING WHISPERING OAKS

RES#197/2016

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to request that Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency prepare a draft zoning map depicting the proposed changes to the incentive zoning overlay surrounding Whispering Oaks as shown.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR SARACENI

1. **Town Board Meeting:** (Organizational and Regular Meeting) Thursday, January 5, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
2. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
3. **Public Hearing:** Collington Pointe Incentive Zone Application - Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.
4. **Planning Board Meeting:** Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.
5. **Lysander Park Pavilion and Community Room Registrations** start January 9, 2017, at 9:00 am.
6. **Boater Safety Course:** January 7, 2017, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Lysander Town Hall - still accepting registrations, and will be held at Lysander Town Hall.
7. **Father/Daughter Dance:** Tickets still available for February 18, 2016 at Mohegan Manor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:07 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk