

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on February 16, 2023, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Kevin Rode, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Theresa Golden, Assessor, Al Yager, Engineer, and several guests and residents.

Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MINUTES

RES#40/2023

Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the February 2, 2023 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
FORMATION OF THE MILLS ROAD WATER DISTRICT**

RES#41/2023

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing at 6:35 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Comments:

Supervisor Wicks: *Is there anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed Mills Road Water District and what we'll do we'll try and run through this real quick.*

Mr. Yager: *So I'll go right into it. (referring to map on the AV screen) So here's Biggs. The Mills Road Water District boundary posts will make a connection here at Riverbend, come down 370 down the west side of Mills Road where there aren't as many houses. Cross easements cross private property over into the area. They're easily on the west side of the road (which) is less traveled and has less of a disturbance. The cost estimate for the project is \$585,000. Someone asked about the cost of the pipe. The estimated first year cost is \$1,441 or \$1,441 annually. That includes your water and includes the hydrogen mentioned with the maintenance charge of \$1,200, so that is the 5% interest rate. This is the type of project that EFC will look favorably on and you should be eligible to get a reduced or 0% Bond through an environmental corporation. That's just where the numbers are right now. This district formation is subject to permissive referendum. So there is an opportunity for everybody to come in and vote on this right there. And on top of that, a second chance to vote on it. When they do a bond resolution that's also subject. So nothing that we do here tonight will make anything definite. What we'll do is once you have a debt, the district forms and then you can apply, and you do a hydraulic study. Then you could apply to the EFC for funding for grant opportunities. The town would apply. So that's the long and short of what we're doing; why we're here. And what the goals are, is you have to form the district before you can apply for the grant. Why is it necessary? You have people there that can't get good water out of a well, and are full of water directly out of the river for only 1/3 of the people. Everybody has to pay for it. So that's just the*

way New York State builds special districts, if you benefit from a water line being a part of your house, a majority doesn't.

NOTE: During this public hearing there was a lot of crosstalk. Some of the comments were inaudible. For a better understanding of the conversations, please refer to the PAC-B video on the Town of Lysander website: www.townoflysander.org

Resident: Is Bigg's Grove added in there as well?

Supervisor Wicks: Okay, hold on, hold on a sec. Hold on a second. All right. You guys been just raising up your hands. I don't want to get out of control. Folks need to come up to the mic and to name and address and speak...it's hard for me to...

...turn into a public road.

...Now. It'll be easy. According to New York State once (inaudible) they have to follow the law and take it over.

Mr. Yager: I don't believe that is true.

...Look it up on Google.

...It's not true. If the town owned the road. Yes, they would have to take it over

...while the road shouldn't be plowed by the town because I'm tired of trying to get out of my driveway. And all the snow from the outside of the road is in the middle of the road. So...

Supervisor Wicks: We've got to have people come up to the mic and state their name and address all that stuff. All right? Do one at a time and first of all, you're talking about something else. We're here to talk about - this a public hearing on the water district for...Hold on a second hold... Sir, put your hand up. We're just we're just talking about the water. So if you want to talk about the water, fine. What you're talking about arose is a whole other deal. So if you wanted if you want to continue on a second, hold on, come on up to the mic state your name and then you can you can go from there. We'll have a little decorum.

Resident: My name is Gordon and I live at 31 Mills Road. This has been tried down in there before and turned down; wasn't too long ago. Everybody wanted natural gas. They don't have any more say over that right of way than any of us. I'm told I can't put anything into right of way. We got flower gardens, telephone poles, light poles, sheds, and into right of way as well - and try to get a garbage truck or a fuel truck and air out there - there is no way around.

Supervisor Wicks: Hold on a sec. We're talking about what if you want to talk about some of these other? Hold on. If you want to talk about some of these other issues. I'll be happy to meet with you anytime we can talk about them, but tonight we're talking about the water. That's what the public is hearing. Okay, so do you have anything else about forming the water district?

Resident: Why do we need it we got good water.

Answer: Okay, well, we because

...30 Some years old that so never had a problem.

Supervisor Wicks: I don't want you to go back and forth with arguing with your neighbors. Okay, so you can address everything up here. We got a petition. There's plenty. I think there's 26 or 27 residents down there. And we got three quarters of the residents signed a petition they had that on the property that wants it. Correct me if I'm wrong, ... they know we have to move forward with this right? So once we get that petition, the town has to move forward with it, someone said to you earlier, there's that once we move through the process, and how far do we have to go before they get a chance for permissive referendum?

...Right now? There's this is some reference, okay.

Supervisor Wicks: ...So if you want to have a permissive referendum - if you want to have a referendum, which is where all your neighbors are - anybody, that's okay. Hold on. Let me explain one thing at a time. If you if you feel that there's more of you than there isn't that don't want the water district, all you need is 5% of the people. So how many we talked to, about three or four?

No. Minimum.....16 On the road, plus...

Supervisor Wicks: 5%. So five, because by that property

...owner. Yeah.

Mr. Burtch: Does that make you go out and get a petition? We can if you're interested in doing that, if anybody's interested in doing that, we'll help you do that. Then you then you have all your neighbors voting and then majority rules if my... go and deal with me.

Supervisor Wicks: Okay, but I'm only telling you what you have to do to conform to the law. And I'm trying to tell you this as your options...

Resident: Who's going to walk around and show him in the winter that these people are going to be dead in under 25 years? Well, you don't want to hear that no one showed up. Or anybody else?

Resident: ...I've cleaned the road. Does anybody know what the estimated useful life of that equipment that's put in the ground would be?

Mr. Yager: Ductile iron water meters have a life expectancy 80 years, 80 years during that time period, if there's an earthquake or a disturbance in the ground you wouldn't be responsible for the maintenance of them. We would lease this system back to the village of Baldwinsville and under our lease agreement with the village of Baldwinsville, the village Baldwinsville...

Mr. Burtch: Okay, I'm sure you've done this, but I'll ask anyways is anybody talking to the Village of Baldwinsville – so we can check the water pressure to see that people in the village who are currently getting water now are not going to have any loss of water pressure or quality when that's hooked up?

Mr. Yager: The water pressure is a function of elevation where your home is...

Supervisor Wicks: The answer is yes.

...We're also wondering on this petition you said we have to file for and against the water - how much percentage do we each have by percentage? Well, if you got 16 on the road and seven numbers say no, that's a lot more than 5%. That mean if it's shot down...

...5% is to get the referendum on that table. So once you get 5% of the people, let's say there's two people, you file a petition, then the referendum is set up for a vote and a separate day. And the day of the referendum... Everybody votes in the district and you go by majority rule, majority says they want it - one more than majority is 51%...

...Okay, well, we've already filed a petition... so when we have this referendum...

Councilor Rode: I believe your process with your answer is that if we pass it us tonight, then your clock would start on...

Crosstalk continues regarding filing a petition and permissive referendum vote.

...that doesn't come until the referendum. You'd have to vote again. Well, once we get a petition to have a referendum, we'll set up a date and time for the election for the voting and send it out to you and all the neighbors that are coming to town hall and go...

...why not have their own water district tied in with ours? It's about 1000 feet... How far is it from the last portion to the end?

Mr. Yager: If they wanted water and you wanted water, we would combine the two because if they're close water districts, that's the idea behind having a water district is your cost.

...Well here's the thing. If you got 25 people all you would need is three people. Three people for 5%...

...We only have 25 houses on the road. It's only 16 or 24...

Town Attorney: A percent of all the property owners can vote that are on the deed, so say you got 48 property owners that was a two-person household 5% of all the other owners. So if you came in with all that would take three people theoretically, as long as there's not more than 48 owners. The 5% forces the actual vote and people coming to town hall where you fill out an anonymous ballot and submit it to the town clerk. Thank you.

Councilor Geraci: *I wonder if I could say something at this point. I just want folks to understand that this is the town board is acting as a - I guess a middle ground. We're not pushing this, we got a request from some of the residents in that area to consider putting in a water district. What we're talking about tonight is if this thing gets voted on - all it does is it takes the first step. But if there's more people in that area that don't want the water district, that's what the petition will allow you to do and we'll put it up for a public vote, your vote, not our vote, your vote. And the only thing that we're doing is we're allowing that democracy to take place. We're not pushing this - it's up to the residents to vote for or against this in the majority. I don't know if that that helps.*

Mr. Burtch: *I said something up here earlier, what if you don't live on that area? Can you still write or as helped and assist them in writing the referendum petition if you want to? I don't live there. If I want to write the referendum, referendum petition for them because I have written two of the ones this town has ever had. If I want to write that form, can I do that if I don't live there, because (referring to the crowd) if you want my assistance I'll write it for you. I'll go out and get the signatures for you. You come down here you vote you can vote it down. If you want to get voted off - if you want it - should be your choice and not somebody who owns a bunch of property. Just one other thing. And it's associated with what you said to Tony about you're compelled to do this, since a certain amount of people brought you a petition from that area asking you for it. I want to let the board know I got 100% of the taxpayers in my area to sign that public safety petition. And I don't ever get any one area out we're talking ...*

Supervisor Wicks: *We are talking about the water district - and once again the water, then you can continue with that.*

Mr. Burtch: *And I get my five minutes on time. Okay, anybody else?*

...Up to you if you request it through a permissive referendum. Let's just say hypothetically, everybody was in favor of this and there was nobody against it just hypothetically, then this board would vote on it yea or nay the focus of the board would vote. But that vote is taken away from us through a permissive referendum which you have every right in the world to make...

Mr. Yager (in response to a non-Mills Road resident): *If you're in the water district, you will you will have to pay you know, the fees associated with it. If you live, you live outside of it (West Genesee Road), you're not going to pay it because you're not in the, you know, those Mills Road area. You understand, right?*

Resident: *Yes. So I'm right there in that corner. I wouldn't have to pay the same.*

Mr. Yager: *You're across the street here across the street. So I did not include your house in the district monitor.*

Resident: *Well, I got things in the mail couple of them to be down here for Well,*

Mr. Yager: *Because they were sent to everybody with five hundred square feet.*

Resident: *Okay, so you put water in there - like if you put water in there, we're going to get calculation of that difference so whenever you have a water main break that everybody just for one, well then who takes care of the water damage as the roads washed out? I don't know if it does that.*

Mr. Yager: *That would be the responsibility of the water district. All the residents would contribute towards that - if there's a water main break and there needs to be restoration of the road above and beyond what the village is doing. Well, you can do that, you have to form a drainage district and that again is the same thing as this district. It would be paid by the people that benefit from it.*

Mr. Granidetti of Mills Road: *This is a permissive referendum okay. So basically, we need that petition. Is there a timeframe that is required six weeks? Yeah.*

...You have 60 days from tonight, assuming we move forward to submit that and then within 30 days or so, you would have that vote. And am I correct in understanding that people on the deed? So if there's two people in the household on a deed, they both get a vote for it. So and you have to be a registered voter as well.

...So everybody understands, that right? 30 or 60 days afterwards, you have to have that petition file and where do they bring them to the clerk's office to bring up to go through each name and make sure that those are the names?

...If you want to. If you want to require a vote in how the district gets formed. You would carry a petition for a permissive referendum and if you're fine with it, you know the 30-day timeline expires from the date of file, I believe is how the law works. Not tonight. Whenever I file it, then you know I mean, you have that 60-day timeframe from probably... depending...

... One problem some of the people have gone to Florida for the winter. What do they do? Absentee vote?

...Could they email them or fax our petition and have a notary sign it? They don't necessarily have to sign that's right.

Supervisor Wicks: So you said there are people in Florida currently? Yes. Okay. So I'm working on the assumption that you probably have enough people because you only need 5% You have enough people for the petition itself. The votes however, we're going to need to find a way to hear their voice to people who are property owners, but are not available at the time of the poll. We are going to have to see what the law says about that. And that's what our attorneys and I believe once the petition is presented, we would have to set up a date for that – we haven't set up a date that's probably fine for April or May. Because again, as councilor Geraci said, you know, we would like the people involved in the district to make the decision for the district. But we do want to make sure that we hear from everybody.

Mr. Burtch: Another thought I had after listening to Counselor Moore who brought up a good point about if there's two people on the deed both of whom vote, let's say we have four or five houses that are owned by an individual who doesn't live in any of those houses. Say that individual lives on farmland across town. Can the people who rent those properties, they can't vote? The person who owns that property, can he vote? I don't know. I don't know. I don't think he can vote unless he lives there.

Town Attorney: If an owner of each property has six properties. He gets six votes. If it's a corporation, it's a corporation that owns it. The corporation gets to vote. They have to be on the deed.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
MILLS ROAD WATER DISTRICT

RES#42/2023

Hearing all comments, motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to close the public hearing at 6:57 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS

RES#43/2023

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Rode to open the public hearing at 6:57 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Theresa Golden: *Currently we have what I would call the old-style Firemen's exemption, and ambulance workers exemption. There are 32 of them in the town of Lysander total, and in December, the Governor signed into law a new option that is standardized across the state and it's not applicable to individual counties with different options. And so, if the town doesn't do anything for the next three years in December of 2025, the exemptions those 32 exemptions that we currently have, well, they are repealed, because of the change in that law. So this is basically updating to the new standardized version of the volunteer firefighter and ambulance worker exemption. And currently, it says 10% of assessed value, but that 10% is capped at \$3,000 of assessed value. The new exemption would be up to 10%. So it would be theoretically a much larger exemption. And there are options about years of service for lifetime members, and everything is pretty similar. You get to choose between two and five years of service before you're actually qualified to get the exemption. You also have the option for lifetime members with 20 years of service to continue. And there's also two options for honoree married spouses. The first one would be honoring a married spouse, a volunteer firefighter who had an exemption who was killed in the line of duty that they won't be able to continue that - and the second option would be a non-binary spouse, a firefighter ambulance worker that was deceased without being killed in duty clause to continue that exemption as long as they have had the exemption in the past. So that's basically what we're looking to do tonight.*

Supervisor Wicks: *Now, just we've got a couple firefighters here... what we're voting on with Yes, yes. Everything she said was that we can vote. We can adopt. we're adopting tonight and I'm going to go out on a limb here but I'm pretty sure that this isn't going be a problem to pass as well. And I believe the actions that you're considering tonight are the same options that the Town Board has looked at, and also the same options that Onondaga County has looked at and they passed it earlier in February.*

Councilor Kudarauskas: *Mr. McIntyre made me an honorary member today. So...*

Ms. Golden: *We're getting a lot of questions in here and since the public hearing... and everything last night, this is strictly for first responders. This is strictly a firefighters and ambulance worker exemption. And this very specific, exemplary members that you know, that our firefighters, they're wonderful volunteers, but according to the law, they don't qualify for this exemption.*

Mr. Perkins/Chairman of Lysander Public Safety Committee: *It will be important to give a little history on the crisis. Back in 2000, the county fire advisory board recognized there was a critical need for volunteers as they were starting to drop off at that time. Say for me like everybody does when there's a crisis. And when the board felt was that we needed to bring people in from fire districts, town boards, village boards, because the feeling at the time was fire chief was really telling the truth to their case. They were in a critical situation. And most of the problem back then was it was different areas. A lot of the departments were experiencing shortage both in and dealing Lysander at the time was only experienced daytimes. We formed what was the Lysander Public Safety Committee which encompassed every fire department that was involved with school district. We have had good success over the years with a lot of education programs. One of the critical things that came out of that was engine 91 because Lysander was experiencing problems during the daytime in response. So this engine 91 was conceived where you would have an engine staffed with four to six people every day, and if there was a fire alarm, that measure would automatically respond and the systems departments that were in trouble, and it worked well. For a while for quite a while actually. And then some of the major players started dropping off to the point where engine 91 is rarely in service today. So there is a need for some type of insight there and there's been other signs throughout the state that have been, you know, proposed and never seems to work. I think there's legislation seems to be the best that we've seen in fire service in a long time. For being a help to try to recruit new people to work, I don't know, but it's another tool in the toolbox that I think is beneficial to us to see if we can improve. I think we're in a crisis mode. 20 years ago was*

critical. And I think now for us is this crisis and anything we can get to help us in the recruitment process will be a big help. So I would urge you to pass this and we'll have to wait and see where to go. So we're all doing recruiting all the time. But people just don't even know how to volunteer like they did in the past. So maybe with this and head to the Senate? Maybe I'm going to get a break in my taxes. If I volunteer to be a firefighter or emergency service first responder. I think that's it in a nutshell. That was my time. Thank you.

Tony McIntyre District Fire Chief, Northwest Fire District: *I want to I want to say thanks - just to consider this doing this for us on a big scale. We appreciate that. One of the things I don't remember your name (to Theresa), which you brought up today that I had a question on it reference an option of having two years or five years, did I understand that correctly?*

Supervisor Wicks: *That is correct. And they are looking at the same option that we currently have in place which is five years.*

Robert Sweet: *Okay. So not to beat a dead horse with Chief Perkins was mentioning recruitment and whatnot, but there's a word that we're using that I think sometimes it's called retention. I'm asking you if you would consider the two-year option. Quite frankly, that might make a difference of whether or not maybe if you stay within the town - as you can see, it matters. That little bit really, we appreciate it. Thanks a bunch to municipalities, Van Buren, you guys, and the village was talking about it tonight. Thanks for everything.*

Councilor Rode: *So Theresa, it's a follow up question for the first two years. They don't get anything Correct?*

Ms. Golden: *Yes. The exemption that we have now. The 32 exemptions that we have currently, it's five years.*

Councilor Rode: *The county passed the five year. Part of the hurry on this I believe is March 1, correct? Right?*

Ms. Golden: *Correct. Get in for this year. That doesn't mean we can't reconsider at a later time.*

Mr. McIntyre: *That's the only thing I was asked is consider a two year...*

Councilor Rode: *...What Theresa based her numbers on... we as a board can see what it would cost the town, a five-year exemption.*

Supervisor Wicks: *How many how many more people like between three and five years. Do you think you would have?*

Mr. McIntyre: *We'll take the five; it would be nice for two, but we'll take the five.*

Supervisor Wicks: *I mean, that's something she hasn't done with the numbers but I wouldn't say to you...*

Councilor Geraci: *Are we precluded from doing it two years at this point?*

Ms. Golden: *No. It's entirely up to you. The option is between two and five years so you can do anything in between those. We have to do on this I think it's just changing the languages. On the resolution itself, it's on page two it actually says between two and five years. So it's at your discretion.*

(Crosstalk regarding changing the resolution at this point)

...Regarding the local law, where it says which is hereby established as five years is that the one that we would change to two years. So we can change it. That's what they agree on. We can change that. This local law tonight to say two year.

...Then our motion would be okay. We just have to change this that's attached to the five so we go in

Supervisor Wicks: *Well, I know the numbers. I mean, we talked about the numbers and that's why I'm asking if it's doubled. That's certainly something that's doable and I agree with you. You know, Chief Perkins mentioned retention. Recruitment is it's hard. It's hard when you're paying people I mean, cops are having a hard time recruiting. My son is a recruiter for the state police and they used to get 30,000 people. I think they got 18,000. Last time they paid \$120,000, so volunteers - anything we can do, I think we should do because realistically if you look at a Fire Department, it would be a lot more than what we're paying.*

Robert Sweet, VP GBAC: *Got to get the Ambulance in there. You are great supporters of us. You guys are great supporters of us. Although we don't have a lot of volunteers. As you know, a lot of our runs are covered with paid staff. The volunteers that are there... A lot of us have been there a long time. And we appreciate what you're doing. Because our service has been for free for in this case 39 years. And that doesn't mean we want to get paid for it. But we do appreciate what you're doing. I do have one question, though. The bill that the governor had passed, does that exclude the \$200 a year that were taken off of our taxes and this replaces it?*

Ms. Golden: *Actually, as I understand it from the attorney, the town attorney in the Town of Van Buren, you have the option to take the income tax credit for this you can't do both. So basically figure out which is going to do the best for you when you pick your best option.*

Councilor Rode: *The income tax part helps a nonprofit more that you know a person that sent a resume of their volunteer status to help them own a house. So like she said, you decide what's best for you.*

Councilor Rode: *Now, I just had a question for Theresa. What? We pass this tonight. What does a volunteer have to do to get this...?*

Ms. Golden: *The 32 that we currently have? They're going to get switched to the new exemption. Anybody that doesn't already have it would need to make an application with the Assessor's Office by March 1. We currently don't have the new applications from the state because this is all coming out as we speak, so we're going to use the old applications so that nobody misses that March 1 deadline going forward. The forms are in the Assessor's Office.*

Supervisor Wicks: *If you tell us how many you need, I'll get them to you.*

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS

RES#44/2023

Hearing all comments, motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to close the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Citizens Comments

Supervisor Wicks stated that he had several residents come to him with concerns of the meetings becoming rowdy. He prefers not to get into a 'back and forth' with people, so he amended the rules of decorum so that the meetings will not become out of control. He expressed that if someone wants to talk with him about something to please reach out to him. **Supervisor Wicks** doesn't want people coming to the meetings and being uncomfortable.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road (inaudible) Wished to grieve about items on his road. **Supervisor Wicks** reiterated that Mr. Burtch should discuss agenda items only, and if he couldn't behave at the meeting he would be asked to leave.

Ed Schmitt of Hayes Road came to the microphone to ask about Hayes Road (mostly inaudible as there was commotion in the audience). Many first responders left due to the interruption by a guest in the audience.

Cindy Clarke stated that she comes to all of the meetings and she has felt uncomfortable as well.

Town Board Comments

The Councilors thanked everyone for attending. **Councilor Moore** expressed his dismay with the first-responders leaving early, and thanked them for attending. **Councilor Geraci** expressed the same. **Councilor Kudarauskas** noted that Jim Lee was in the audience and he was given a round of applause.

Councilor Rode said that he was pleased with the local law going from five years to two years, and hopes that everyone is happy with that as well. He also stated that Richard Lesniak passed away and mentioned how he was passionate about the town.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Wicks expressed his dismay that the first responders left. He noted that Mr. Svitak was in an accident but is now doing well.

Department Head Reports

Theresa Golden: *The level of assessment and the equalization rate is projected to be 90% for 2023. The 2023 assessment roll timeline will be a little different. All changes to the assessments or inventory are going to be made by the end of March. Tentative change of assessment notices are going to be mailed the week of April 17. Informal meetings with the assessor are going to occur the week of April 24th, and May 1st. Tentative role filed as always, on or before May 1 by law and grievance day, as always by appointment on Tuesday, June 6, which is always the first Tuesday in June. You may notice that we've made a lot of changes to exemptions recently and that's due to legislation in Albany being passed. Changes to real property legislation, the major ones in 2022, senior citizen in person with disabilities with an increase of the income limits on that sliding scale to a maximum of \$50,000 – which is what the state passed. The town of Lysander raised our income limit to \$37,4000, which matches currently what the county offers. Also the town of Van Buren is at that same level, with senior citizen exemptions and the requirement for a second notice. That legislation actually said that the first notice will be on the back the tax bills. There's a little blurb on the tax bill about the senior citizens limited income exemption. That is what is considered by the Governor as the first notice. In December, she passed legislation that requires a second notice and what that legislation - and I talked with Supervisor Wicks – it actually said that we would have to send a notification about a senior citizen exemption to every property owner in the town of Lysander which I thought was ridiculously expensive, and a waste of taxpayer dollars, quite frankly. So we came up with a compromise where we mailed to everyone the enhanced star exemption for the credit check. That means those people are 65. We know they are 65 or they wouldn't have the benefit of that exemption or that credit and that they did not currently have the senior citizen exemption. That amounted to approximately 1200 in the town of Lysander that were sent out, and we included a cover letter of the current income limits when we're fielding the questions, some people who come in, their income is too high. But we are getting a number of new applications that do qualify. So basically, that's what we did is a compromise. The volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers exemption to the statewide option in which you're entertaining and having the public hearing tonight has been discussed, and the information is about exemption administration for 2022.*

Ms. Falcone thanked the first responders for coming to the meeting and thanked them for their service.

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION TO FORM THE PROPOSED MILLS ROAD WATER DISTRICT SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

RES#45/2023

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to form the proposed Mills Road Water District subject to Permissive Referendum.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO ADOPT LL NO. 3 TO AMEND TOL CODE CHAPTER 275-36/AMEND THE
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

RES#46/2023

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt Local Law No. 3 to amend Town of Lysander Code Chapter 275-36, Taxation, referring to Section 466-g, to comply with Chapter 670 of the Laws of New York, 2022: *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to providing all local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and to repeal various provisions of the Real Property Tax Law related thereto.*

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND LL NO. 2 OF 2018 NO PARKING: ADDING PARTRIDGEBERRY DRIVE**

RES#47/2023

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hold a public hearing on March 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM to consider amending Local Law Number 2 of 2018, Article III, Section 44 to add Partridgeberry Drive, where parking shall be prohibited on the Friday and Saturday immediately preceding Mother's Day each year from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the side of the street as posted. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN THE OCWA PERMIT FOR LONGVIEW PHASE 2 – RADISSON**

RES#48/2023

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Rode to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the OCWA Permit for the following hydrant installations:

- 8" Extension Longview Phase 2 – Radisson

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION FORMS
FOR 2022 SUBMITTED BY THE COMPTROLLER**

RES#49/2023

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Geraci to approve the Budget Modification Forms for 2022 submitted by the Town Comptroller. (*General Fund, Part Town and Highway*)

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION
FORM FOR 2023 SUBMITTED BY THE COMPTROLLER**

RES#50/2023

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Rode to approve the Budget Modification Form for 2023 submitted by the Town Comptroller. *(Town Clerk)*

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS ITEMS

RES#51/2023

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the following items surplus:

- Metal typing stand with casters, tag 953 (no longer needed)
- GE water dispenser/cooler, tag 1118 (stopped working)
- IBM typewriter, tag 763 (does not work properly, no longer needed)

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPROVE SPENDING FOR THE NON-FUNCTIONING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

RES#52/2023

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with a qualified vendor to replace the existing non-functioning fire alarm system with a cost not to exceed \$12,433.00.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk