

A regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015 at 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John A. Salisbury, Supervisor
Melinda Shimer, Councilor
Andrew O. Reeves, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Lisa Dell, Town Clerk; Al Yager, Town Engineer; PAC-B and several residents

OTHER BUSINESS:

RES. #44/2015

Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Negative Declaration

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Geraci

In Accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law (“the Act”), and the statewide regulations under the Act (6NYCRR Part 617) (the “The Regulations”), the Town of Lysander has undertaken a review and possible adoption of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (the “Project”) for the Town. On December 15, 2014, the Town declared itself the Lead Agency. Between December 15, 2014 and February 9, 2015, the Town has conducted its environmental review of the Project and on February 9, 2015 determined that the Project will result in no major adverse effect on the environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project. THIS NOTICE IS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE ACT.

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:

Engineer Yager explained that before the Board can adopt the CLUP he had to complete a part two Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). He said that this act does not technically affect the environment and he is confident to say that there will be no environmental impacts as a result of adopting the comprehensive land use plan. He stated that the completion of the EAF does not forgo any EAF’s required for projects that come out of the comprehensive land use plan.

Supervisor Salisbury stated the completed EAF will be put on the website for public review and if anyone would like a hard copy from the town they can submit a freedom of information law (FOIL) request for the document.

PUBLIC HEARING
REVISED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in The Baldwinsville Messenger on January 21, 2015 and the Post Standard on January 25, 2015 with same being posted on the Town Clerk’s sign board at the Town Hall and the Town’s website on January 6, 2015 for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the adoption of the revised Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

Bill Lester, Chairman of Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee, conducted a presentation and the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mario D’Arrigo stated the following: I agree with the plan and think it is a wonderful document. It really has some foresight in it and it’s good for the town and everybody in it. The only quibble that I have is a minor one is the buffer area along 370. In addition to being on the CLUP committee as Bill (Lester) indicted, I am a lawyer and a developer and I disclosed this and that I had an interest in Melvin Farm but I am not the owner. The owner, when we looked at this, even though it looks like a really small line there (pointing to a map), it

might not be too much, it really represents 90 acres. Now the Melvin Farms is about 392 acres but only about 180 is really developable. I think what is being farmed right now is about 168 acres. So 90 acres represents pretty much half of everything that is developable. On the other hand the owner and I agree that 500 foot buffer in the same area that Bill (Lester) was talking about basically in this general area here (pointing to map) where you do have those terrific views that places any houses about 30 feet below road level, so a two story house you would be able to see right over it and it is not going to affect the views at all. So I believe it accomplished what the committee was trying to do and what Bill (Lester) worked so hard to do and at the same time it gives the developer an opportunity to develop his land in a more reasonable manner because 500 feet represents 30 acres, believe it or not, rather than 90 acres because there is some large pieces that are cut out. Like I said it is a small quibble and I have a letter from the owner which I would like made part of the record.

Mr. D'Arrigo then read the letter for the record. The letter is attached to these minutes.

After reading the letter, Mr. D'Arrigo stated the following: The attached map basically shows the areas that Bill (Lester) pointed out as having the great views. It wouldn't cover that 500 feet on the other side that gives an entrance for the development but it would cover 500 feet on the 100 acres on the other side of Hayes Road. The 500 buffer would protect the views along 370 while permitting the project to be developed in a reasonable manner.

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Kevin Rode, Greymoor Way, stated the following: My one question about the land use plan is what about the rest of the town. Is it covered? I see you covered maybe a quarter of the town. Are they having any sight on if people may develop out toward Lysander?

Supervisor Salisbury said there is one site around Whispering Oaks

Mr. Rode said he was talking about further out.

Supervisor Salisbury said there is no sewer or water out there.

Councilor Reeves said they can still do 80 and one acre or two acre lots.

Mr. Lester said nothing has changed in those parts of town.

Mr. Rode said with the comprehensive land use plan it seems like they concentrated on a very small part of the town of my means of what some people overlooked.

Engineer Yager said the plan actually recommends that the current zoning is adequate for those lands in the north western portion of the town so he feels that there are no changes necessary to the current agricultural zoning district.

Mr. Rode asked what if the Lamson Road water district gets approved.

Engineer Yager said the plan does not recommend any zone changes in the agricultural district for the simple reason they don't want to see high density development in those areas.

Mr. Lester said it is outside of the sanitary sewer district and septic systems would be required. He stated 80,000 square foot lots are more mean able to septic systems to the higher density that will occur on the peninsula with 12,500 square foot lots.

Mr. Rode asked if they thought about the possibility of sewers someday going out there with the water.

Engineer Yager stated the County has indicated that they will not consider any further...

Mr. Rode stated right, but the town is using this plan to further the sewers.

Mr. Lester said the town must review the plan every three years. He stated if it looks like sewers might get extended by the County out there than that is a part of the review. He said he does not see that happening.

Mr. Rode stated right but with this plan they are hoping that the incentive zoning will help the town get sewers to where there is septic systems now.

Mr. Lester replied where the town has failed septic systems now. He said they do not have failing septic systems in the 80,000 square foot lots.

Mr. Rode said he understand that but what he is saying with water comes the opportunity for someone to develop the land especially out in the area where it is mostly agricultural and a lot of it may even be vacant lots.

He asked if they thought about the rest of the town.

Mr. Lester stated yes and explained because they like 80,000 square foot lots for septic systems and especially if water gets provided there. He said water is now at Jacks Reef and the septic systems on those small lots are going to fail much quicker because water is there. He stated because they are small lots. He said that is why they are keeping the large lots in the agricultural districts even if water is there.

Councilor Reeves asked if someone wanted to go in and develop on the one acre lots how is that handled as far as the roads go and such.

Mr. Lester stated the following: If the developer wants to build 40,000 square foot lots then the plan talks about the roads being private roads built to town standards because it is a pretty good expense for the town to maintain roads for 40,000 square foot lots. There are fewer people to pay for the maintenance in that kind of development. The plan also talks about no new septic systems within 500 feet of the flood plain.

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Warren Abbott, Abbott Farms, Cold Springs Road, stated the following: The agricultural districts have been around for 30 years so I don't want anyone to think that this is something new that is going to happen, a massive impact. All of the Abbott land has been in that district since as far back as he can remember. The conservation easement is the big question. I had asked a few weeks ago before I went on vacation and I could not find any details of the actual legal language of the easement. I would be really curious to know that. Because when the town came to us and said hey here is this Transfer of Development Rights Program (TDR) program we will take your rights to develop away and will pay you for them, that was one thing, and now it starts to sound like the town is coming to me and saying we will take your rights to develop away and we are not going to pay you for them. So that is a big change that is important to us to wrap our heads around. That is the big one for us. Planning is always a good idea. I was on the Planning Board for years because I am invested in this town. I plan on staying invested in this town and I want to figure out how we can survive in this town and yet at the same time I may be only one generation away from extinction and it may not be because of planning, it may be that there is nobody who wants to take over the farm so then what. One of the biggest hurdles to getting me involved in the original TDR plan was forever is a very long time. So when you put an easement on a piece of property for forever you better have really thought out what that means for the area. The example I use is I am not sure he would want to be farming a 100 acres in the middle of Manhattan. If 150 years or so, I don't know how far back it would have been, if they had a TDR plan down there and carved out a 100 acres of beautiful farm land on the island, probably pretty rich stuff in the middle of the river. Yet it might not be feasible to farm it today for not farming reasons, but for security and all kinds of other reason. So those are the kinds of things that are very difficult to plan for because you can't see that far ahead and know what the new issue will be. So hence the conservation easement has me wondering.

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Vince Kearny, Merritt Drive, stated the following: I was glad Bill (Lester) brought up the private roads and they talked about this constantly and with Al (Yager). I am also the Assistant Chief with the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Department. A concern I brought up to the Commissioners and they are on board with it, the town allowing more private roads. There has been issues with maintenance and catastrophic failure to a road whose responsibility it is to fix it. If it is the homeowners association are they going to have the funds to rebuild the road? I know that they will be to town specification which is a good thing but we are just concerned that an area of roads they cannot get to during an emergency just makes it tougher.

Supervisor Salisbury asked if this has happened now. He stated that there are not that many private roads, but there are some.

Mr. Kearny said there are some, it makes it a little difficult especially at this time of the year especially if there is an emergency before the plows, before the private or town plows has been out, so it does make it difficult for them.

Supervisor Salisbury said that one of the things in the plan is that it says private roads will be built to town standards which he doesn't believe in the past it was the case.

Engineer Yager said no.

Mr. Kearny said it should be an effective road but again if there is a catastrophic failure, you get this seven inch rain in an hour or you get seven feet of snow like they got in Buffalo, it is tough to deal with. He said this is just their point of view.

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Joe Saraceni, Village of Baldwinsville, stated the following: I just want to take a second and thank Bill (Lester) and the committee's efforts on this plan. They have been working very hard for a long time having been an ex-mayor, still a Lysander resident, I appreciate the forward thought. I am a big proponent of planning looking

ahead. Things can happen fast and it seems as though this plan has taken a lot of what we value as Lysander residents into account. I particularly appreciate having been invited to speak on behalf of the Village and had the opportunity to work with this committee. So I would like to thank the Board for your efforts as well.

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Dennis Stimson, Cold Springs Road, stated the following: I have read the plan and I am very supportive of the plan. I think it was obviously a lot of work, a lot of good work. One question I do have though as I read through here, and maybe you can correct me if I am wrong, my impression is under the incentive zoning for any development, let takes the Melvin Farm development, is it not going to be true that the total number of homes built will be greater than the number that will be built in the current AR-40 zone.

Engineer Yager replied yes.

Mr. Stimson said a lot greater, probably.

Engineer Yager said it has the potential.

Mr. Stimson stated the following: The plan talks about in several places presently we are pushed for capacity our public facilities such as sewers, traffic patterns, roads and so forth. Isn't that a little bit of a problem to be pushing the density so high that the volume of homes are only going to aggravate the already stressed facilities?

Mr. Lester stated the following: The transportation, there will be constrictions, there will be restrictions. Right now the restrictions, the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is already putting restrictions on Timber banks limiting the next 195 units until a further traffic study is done. Their particular concern of NYS DOT was the left turn from the Belgium Bridge onto River Road. Further development along River Road has to be studied. That's going to be consistent as we move forward. That's why the plan needs to be updated and reviewed every three years.

Mr. Stimson said with the restrictions or constraints there today pushing the capacity in the Seneca Knolls Sewer District how much development can be supported, how much additional new development in the peninsula in particular.

Supervisor Salisbury said don't you think transportation is going to control that.

Mr. Stimson said yes and so is (unclear).

Engineer Yager said it is also stated in the plan that if capacity increases are needed to accommodate the higher density development they will look to the developer to help provide that capacity.

Mr. Stimson said in the sense of the developer going to be asked to be put in trunk lines and possible pump stations could it be said that Seneca Knolls plant itself can't handle the capacity.

Engineer Yager said the capacity of the plant itself is mentioned in the report as well. He stated if the County says the plant does not have the capacity the developer may have to fund for an increase in line capacity if they want to develop a development property.

Supervisor Salisbury said that we have restrictions placed upon them by the County in these waste treatment plants, isn't that correct. He stated we do not have carte blanche authority via highways, via sewers, to just build anyway we want to.

Mr. Stimson asked in what of restrictions, does he mean in terms of additional homes.

Supervisor Salisbury said that is what he understood, additional homes.

Engineer Yager said yes, the County has to sign off on all the extensions of the town's sewer systems.

Mr. Lester asked Mr. D'Arrigo to comment.

Mr. D'Arrigo stated the following: Basically if the capacity isn't there we just can't put more capacity in without the appropriate permits. So as Al (Yager) pointed out we would have to do something to increase that capacity or we don't develop in the kind of density that might be permitted should the capacity be there so that is one thing. In terms of transportation I remember the Chairman of the State DOT came in and basically the way they operate is, is you can increase the traffic over the state roads until you reach a tipping point and it becomes either unsafe or it needs greater capacity. And then if the development that comes next is the one that has to bear the brunt of doing the improvement. Its sounds a little bit unfair but that is the way they are operating it. For instance at the corner of 370, Hayes and Hicks (Roads), there may have to be a light there. There may have to be something worked out between the State DOT and the developer in terms of the costs of

putting it in and all of that stuff. So these are all things that have to be worked out. If the capacity isn't there, if the road system isn't there, you just don't (unclear).

Mr. Stimson stated the following: One of the things that I was concerned about is it looks like developers just like yourself, in fact you are encouraged in here to push those densities as high as you can so that the tax base will pay for the maintenance of the roads and the infrastructures. Part of the plan says those developers should be encouraged to max out those densities as high as they can. Another part of the plan says we are pushing constraints in our existing public facilities, particularly the sewers and the roads. It is kind of a contradiction here. But if we start pushing the density so high that the number of homes being built particularly on the peninsula are two, three times greater than what can be built in today's AR-40, what about the school district? The plan didn't seem to study the impact on the school district.

Mr. Lester said Jamie Rodens indicated that they need more students and the numbers that were used in the traffic study he doesn't think are significantly greater the numbers that wouldn't have been built if we had done nothing and the school district is comfortable with those numbers.

Mr. Stimson asked where do we stand today and how much more development can go forward before we max out on our public facilities in terms of number of homes.

Supervisor Salisbury said it depends on who you talk to.

(crosstalk)

Supervisor Salisbury stated the following: The DOT has already set a limit for Timber Banks before another traffic study has to be done. The traffic study to be done is going to look at traffic lights at Hicks, Hayes and 370. He said he thinks that there are restrictions already in place of how much building can be done. We don't have numbers on that.

Engineer Yager stated the following: I think you need to look at it from this perspective in that the town would like to be able to control our own destiny. We identified some needs in that we have several sewer districts that are existing on the Cold Springs peninsula that are not connected to the treatment plant and those homes are constructed on sites that don't have soil suitable for septic systems which is contributing to the pollution of the Seneca River. If we are going to have high density development that it will be beneficial to the existing residents of the town to have the developer contribute to constructing infrastructure that would connect those residents and those failing septic systems to the treatment plant. It doesn't become economically viable for developer to develop 40,000 square foot lots and provide that additional sewage treatment capacity to the other residents of the town. Therefore in the interest of the environmental concern, the town, obviously there are other constraints other than what the town does, but from a planning perspective, we have identified the areas that would benefit the existing residents of the community to have high density development through the extensions of sewers and traffic improvements.

Mr. Stimson stated the following: I am in favor of the process that is described here and putting more of the burden on the developers to shoulder the cost. As a taxpayer I subscribe to that but I also get concerned that if we don't have proper constraints how many homes get built in that area on the Cold Springs peninsula we are just getting to get too congested. Part of this plan is encouraging the density and number of homes built to be much bigger than what they were otherwise.

Engineer Yager said if you compare this to what was with the TDR there is significantly less acreage that is available for high density development compared to what was previously available under TDR so that actual number of homes that can be constructed is similar to what was already approved in the TDR.

Mr. D'Arrigo said you have to define high density in terms of Clinton Heights that is R- 12,500, Abbots Landing, R- 12, 500. C Collington Pointe, that's R-12,500.

Mr. Stimson said he is not concerned about 12,500, he is more concerned about the total number of housing units whether they are on 12,500 square foot lots or 20 or what. He said at some point we are going to get so overbuilt out there.

Mr. Lester said not until we have the traffic capacity and the sewer capacity.

(cross talk)

Mr. Stimson said that one of the potential instances that he thinks about is if they start to develop it to the point out that they max out the sewer system with new developments what are you going to do about the rest of the peninsula that really does need sewers to clean up the river and so forth.

Engineer Yager stated the following: That is what the whole incentive zoning is about. If the capacity isn't there not to serve just the developer but the rest of the community it may not happen. There are procedures put in place through the economic overview of the developer's plan and the incentive zoning process that would take that into account.

Supervisor Salisbury stated the following: That you have to look at the market and he doesn't think that the market is going to take a lot smaller than 12,500 and apartments cannot be built in the Town of Lysander except in a planned unit development (PUD). I don't know about attached homes. But I think that 12,500 what you're looking at is the smallest lot which you would be able to develop here because the market does control it. People want to live in Lysander but they don't want to live on postage size lots. They want a reasonable lot and I think 12,500 seems to be a reasonable lot as long as you have sewer.

Mr. Lester stated the following: The plan will also allow a developer to put in a 20,000 square foot lot or even a 40,000 square foot lot for the mansion (crosstalk). This is why the plan is flexible; we get the amenities that we need. One of the driving forces is the concern that we have for about two thirds of our border which is waterways and they are polluted and they are not getting any better. There will come a time when the State will issue a consent order that says that they have to be connected to a publically owned treatment works. If we can start with some of these sewers now and they pumping station that he spoke about on the southern end of the peninsula then there is a hope that the failing septic systems that are now contributing to the pollution of the river can, maybe through grinder pumps, maybe there is a hope that they can be saved when that consent order comes down. The consent order will also require the wastewater treatment plant to take the excess capacity and make improvements to that plant, I am convinced of that. That will come. My guess it will come in the next ten years.

Engineer Yager stated the following: We have already gone through the West Phoenix area that was a result of a consent order. He stated that Hayes Road is heading down the same path unfortunately. If we can lessen the financial burden that those homes owners will have to bear to connect to the sanitary sewer it is advantageous to them and the town. Ultimately I do believe we can apply for another Water Quality Improvement Grant similar to what we had in Whispering Oaks to help those residents and I think it will score very high in the grant scoring process. You have a relatively low income area, you have a river, and access is there.

Supervisor Salisbury stated the following: I think one of the biggest deterrents here is transportation to get off of the peninsula. Lysander is a peninsula. We have six bridges to go south or east. Three of the bridges are the main bridges, 370, 31 and 690. The State has already told us that there isn't enough lanes on those bridges to accommodate. For the YMCA they started saying this and that is why they restricted Timber Banks. So I believe that before sewer capacity is reached capacity is going to be reached on the bridges. Unless those bridges are widened or we get another bypass I don't think we are going to get a lot of building.

Mr. Stimson stated that is what he was kind of searching for. He said when he reads the report it indicates that the sewer capacity is almost maxed out right now due to recent industrial growth in the town and so forth. He said if you want to put a percentage on it, he asked if the town is at 95 percent.

Engineer Yager stated 85 percent. He then said the following: You have to look at that from a perspective there is a specific amount of capacity allotted to Agrana which is approximately 30 percent of the plant. Their numbers have not been as high as they forecasted. We do anticipate that they are not going to take up 30 percent of the plant. It's just a matter of time we have to have operational records and they have to complete their expansion before we can say that for sure but at this point in time there does not appear that their initial projections will be as high as they are.

Mr. Stimson said based on the studies if all of the developments are currently approved and built to completion is the plant going to be able to accommodate those developments?

Engineer Yager said it is obviously contingent on what happens in VanBuren and the Village.

Mr. Stimson said it sounds like still pretty close to being maxed out.

Engineer Yager said he thinks that is from a biological oxygen demand standpoint. Homes typically don't have a high biological oxygen demand in their wastewater. Biological oxygen demand is obviously solids in the waste. It is not as high loading as a commercial application. So that 85 percent when you consider how many homes are on the peninsula and in the Village and in the Town of VanBuren that is served by sewer you are talking 3 or 4 thousand homes to reach capacity.

Supervisor Salisbury said aren't they talking about redirecting some of the sewer in VanBuren.

Mr. Stimson said that was mentioned in the report.

Supervisor Salisbury (unclear) another treatment plant which will relieve the Seneca Knolls treatment plant.

Warren Abbott, Cold Springs Road, stated the following: It occurred to me as I was sitting here that you might want to consider the State purchase of the development rights program and any open land, of course we would be one of them, on the peninsula because that takes the development rights off the table. And then you don't have to worry about sewers and things of that nature. So I know in some areas you want the incentive because you want to build a pump station, you got to have density to support a pump station. But in other areas you might want to take them off the table.

Engineer Yager said one of things the plan does recommend that the town board undertake is a farmland protection plan for the Town of Lysander and that is one of the things he envisions being included in that would be the participation, the town encouraging farmers to participate in the State's program of purchase and development.

Mr. Abbott said there are probably ways the town can encourage that with expert...

Engineer Yager said with the farmland protection plan, exactly. He stated that is the intent of having the farmland protection plan.

Mr. Abbott said back in the 80's there was a study done in Penfield, NY and then it was over a 300,000 house was required to pay for the services that were assessed to that family so residential was a negative draw on the tax.

Engineer Yager said he thinks you have to look at the services that Penfield provides as compared to the Town of Lysander.

Mr. Abbott said he is talking about back in the 80's. He said that house today is probably about a million and a half, he doesn't know.

Engineer Yager said he thinks they have to look back in the 80's what the Town of Penfield was providing.

Mr. Abbott said that is not the big point. The point was residential was negative which has already been said tonight but farms and commercial was positive as far as contributing to the pot so we need them both or we are all going to go down.

All persons, desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was adjourned at 8:10 pm to the March 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Lysander Town Board.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Salisbury expressed his condolences to Barry Bullis on his mother passing away recently and said if anyone would like to express their sympathy to the family the obituary states where contributions can be made to.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Councilor Diamond expressed his appreciation to Bill Lester for his presentation and said he and his team has done an amazing job. He stated he plans to stay in the town for a very long time and he is sure he will be seeing the fruits of this for many years.

Councilor Reeves expressed his appreciation to Bill Lester and Engineer Yager and thanked Mr. Lester for his presentation on the plan.

Town Board
Work Sessions

Councilor Diamond advised the audience that the board had a work session this evening and informed the public of the following: They discussed the Town Supervisor's position and over the course of the next few weeks or two months they will be discussing whether the position of Town Supervisor is going to remain a full time position, move to a part time position and cut the salary and also will be looking at the option of a town manager as some towns have chosen to move in that direction. He said it is interesting that the board is looking at moving in this direction and it is great that they are exploring different opportunities and he knows many of

the public were not at the work session tonight so he wanted to include them in the discussion. He stated the board has no set agenda at this point and he is sure there will be a lot more information as the week's progress.

Councilor Diamond said that the board also discussed the ice arena and community development grants as well as the agenda items.

Councilor Shimer addressed the audience and stated that she welcomes anyone who was not able to come to the work session to come and see the work of the Board in action for themselves.

Highway Department
Snow Removal

Councilor Shimer expressed her appreciation to Highway Superintendent Gene Dinsmore and his crew for working so hard to keep up with the large amounts of snow fall in the town these last two weeks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Engineer Yager explained that the town recently got a community development grant application package from the Community Development Office. He said in 2009 the town conducted a survey to try to get community development funding for the proposed Lamson Road Water District. The results of the study in 2009 were 41 percent of the homes were below the poverty line and would have qualified for funding. He said they are going to attempt to undertake that income survey again to see if something has changed and try to get some funding. He said that they will post the income survey on the town's website at www.townoflysander.org and publish it the local newspapers and websites. He said hopefully the town will get the response they need to get the funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Salisbury announced that Mid Lakes Navigation and Tassone's Wine Garden provided notification to the Town that they have submitted applications to the NYS Liquor Authority to renew their liquor licenses for their establishment and asked if anyone had any problems to contact the town.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Wicks, W. Genesee Street, asked if comments on agenda items include agenda items that were discussed at the work session.

Supervisor Salisbury replied not normally and that he could speak at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #45/2015

Personnel Appointment-Assessor's Office

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by to appoint Katherine Kisselstein to the position of Full-Time Assessment Clerk effective February 17th, 2015. A probationary period of 90 days will begin on February 17th, 2015 and end on May 17th, 2015. The rate of pay will be \$35,290 per year pro rated to December 31, 2015

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 Ms. Kisselstein has been chosen off the Civil Service list and was in the top three.

Councilor Reeves added that Ms. Kisselstein has worked in the Assessor's office in the past.

RES. #46/2015

Appointment to Assessment Board of Review

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Diamond to appoint Dr. Robert Kline to the Lysander Board of Assessment Review effective 2/9/2015 for the term 9/30/14 thru 9/30/19.

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 is one of the positions that was advertised and that the person who previously served did not reapply.

RES. #47/2015

Appointment of Tony Burkinshaw to Recreation Program Director

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Reeves to appoint Anthony Burkinshaw to a six month provisional position to Recreation Program Director at his current salary, effective 2/26/15.

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 is a continuation of Mr. Burkinshaw's appointment.

RES. #48/2015

Hiring of Summer Engineering Intern

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Reeves to advertise for a summer engineering intern position included in the 2015 highway budget to assist the Town Engineer in the annual update of the comprehensive pavement management plan for the Town Roads, continue the drainage district infrastructure mapping and condition assessment project and continue the condition assessment of the roadway closed drainage systems.

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:

Councilor Diamond asked if the resolution should include the amount of pay for the position.

Engineer Yager explained that the advertisement will have it and the pay range is \$12.00 to \$15.00 per hour.

RES. #49/2015

Town Engineer to Request Survey Proposals

Motion made by Shimer, seconded by Reeves to authorize the Town Engineer to request survey proposals for the Crego St. drainage improvements and road reconstruction project included in the 2015 Pavement Management Plan.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RES. #50/2015

Purchase of Water CAD Program for Town Engineer

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Diamond to authorize the Town Engineer to purchase a software license for Water CAD in the amount of \$2066.00 to facilitate the preparation of the Map Plan and Report for the proposed Lamson Road Water District.

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:

Councilor Geraci asked if the expense will be borne by the district if it goes through and if not, will the town have to pay the expense.

Engineer Yager explained that if the district goes through, it will be a district expense and if not, the cost is included in the \$8000.00 the Board previously approved for him to prepare the map, plan and report for the proposed district.

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RES. #51/2015

Crimson Ridge Subdivision
Phase 1 & 2
Punch List Securities Reduction

Motion made by Diamond, seconded by Geraci to reduce the punch list securities required for the Crimson Ridge Phase 1& 2 subdivision be reduced to \$3,000, per the Town Engineers letter recommending this reduction dated February 5, 2015 as the developer has provided the required as-built drawings.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

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RES. #52/2015

Cindy Halstead Proclamation

Motion made by Salisbury, seconded by Reeves to accept the proclamation to designate February 6, 2015 as Cindy Halstead Retirement Day.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cindy Tompkins was born September 30, 1952 to William J. and Norma Tompkins in Fulton, NY. She was the youngest of three children,

WHEREAS, Cindy grew up in Hannibal, NY and graduated from Hannibal Central School in 1970. Cindy's grandfather was Roy Duger, being one of 16 children, who lived on Plainville Road in the Town of Lysander,

WHEREAS, Cindy continued her studies of business subjects at BOCES and Bryant & Stratton,

WHEREAS, Cindy got married and had five children, 3 daughters and 2 sons. They then produced 7 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Cindy was a stay at home mom, her life being filled with raising her children and volunteering at her church in the leadership and teaching service. She was active with all ages from the youth to the women's organization

WHEREAS, Cindy, with her husband David, moved back to the wonderful town of Lysander (Cindy's words) in 1986, being a fourth generation Duger to be living in Lysander, and started her working career,

WHEREAS, Cindy first worked in the assessor's office in the Town of VanBuren and in 2008 came to work in the Lysander assessor's office from which she is retiring. Cindy will continue to work on a part time basis which is a huge benefit to the Town of Lysander,

WHEREAS, Cindy has been a dedicated worker and will be sorely missed in the position she is vacating ,

WHEREAS, Cindy has been the unofficial voice of our paging system inviting us to celebrate birthdays, retirement parties and all happy events which required us all to meet in the cafeteria including her own retirement party which was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. SALISBURY, Supervisor of the Town of Lysander, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2015, to be remembered as the:

“CINDY HALSTEAD RETIREMENT DAY”

in the Town of Lysander and join with the residents, the elected and appointed officials of the Town of Lysander in recognizing the retirement day of Cindy Halstead and wish her good health, much happiness and many prosperous retirement years.

John A. Salisbury, Supervisor

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

Position of the Town Supervisor

Bob Wicks, W. Genesee Street, stated the following: Like Councilor Shimer said I would encourage people to go to these work sessions as a lot more information is discussed there than I have heard in an open meeting. Regarding the Town Supervisor’s position some of the comments were made, and I only caught part of it I thought the meeting started at 6, that we need a manager to manage the business affairs of the town because the Town Supervisor, I will use Mr. Reeves’ own words, they might get somebody like himself, I believe he meant maybe he didn’t have the skills to handle the day to day affairs, and I am only paraphrasing this.

Councilor Reeves said he would say that Mr. Wicks was paraphrasing.

Mr. Wicks continued: If there are some towns in the County, and I believe Dewitt is one of them that has a business manager and a supervisor I think the numbers are somewhere around \$65,000 for the business manager and 47, 48 thousand for the supervisor so now you are somewhere up around \$113,000 as opposed to \$55,000 for a town supervisor. I would agree that a town supervisor should have the skills to lobby for the town, should have the business accrument to be able to handle the business affairs of the town. But why not leave that to the electorate to elect somebody with those skills to come and do that at a cost savings at about half. I think there are plenty of people in this town that are willing to take these positions that certainly have those skills and abilities. And why put a mandate on the citizens where only five people get to pick who that business manager is as opposed to letting the residents of the town make that decision on who they would rather handle their business affairs.

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Plowing of Roads

Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Road, stated the following: I believe I heard tonight from the work session of the board that the town is proposing to, or has now already proposing to plow a road that is not owned by the town and has not been dedicated to the town. I see this as providing service to a developer which is not the responsibility of the highway department or the highway superintendent. But what disturbed me even more was I got the implication that pressure has been applied to town personnel to get this accomplished. If I were in that position I would pull up the reigns really quickly and have the developer do all of the requirements that he has to do before the town takes any action. I think all developers should be responsible for fulfilling their part of the bargain with the town and the town’s citizens before privileges are provided for them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RES. #53/2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Shimer to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to negotiations.

VOTE:

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:26 pm the Board adjourned to Executive Session and returned at 8:42 pm.

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

Lisa Dell, Town Clerk