

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on April 11, 2016 at the Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent; Anthony Burkinshaw, Recreation Director; Elaine McMahan, Town Clerk; PAC-B TV; and several residents.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Bob Braun, Quaker Lady Circle addressed the board and asked where on the agenda was Incentive Zoning added to the Work Session because that is something of interest to him.

Supervisor Saraceni responded that if an item comes up at the last minute they will discuss it. He encourages the public to attend the work sessions.

Bob Braun suggested the board do a recap of the work session at the Regular Meeting for those that can't attend.

Councilor Diamond suggested that we add a recap Work Session to the Agenda.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that when they are doing the resolution, they will elaborate on it.

Bob Braun asked what the date is for the State of the Town Address, will it cover the Fund Balance and whether it's sufficient. He went on to say he has never seen it used for anything other than political reasons and has not seen it used for any type of catastrophe.

Supervisor Saraceni responded that Fund Balances have been utilized significantly and one of our neighboring towns had to deplete it completely. He stated that the Fund Balance allows the Town Board the flexibility to moderate the tax rate. He went on to say that ideally if you utilize the Fund Balance the way I foresee this Board utilizing it, instead of a tax rate looking like the Swiss Alps which makes it more difficult for homeowners to plan and businesses to look at expanding or contracting, you would see it steady. He added that if you utilize the Fund Balance and you have a healthy Fund Balance you can moderate a rate that is somewhat predictable.

Councilor Geraci stated that Mr. Braun makes a good point and there is no magic number but to Supervisor Saraceni's point there is a sinister thing that happens with our budget and that is the Tax Cap. And whatever you do with the Fund Balance, if you decide you have too much money in the bank and you give it back to the tax payers which was done last fall that's going to put us in a predicament in terms of not being able to stay within the state mandated tax cap which is under 0% or close to 0%.

Bob Braun stated that he was not disagreeing with the board but what happens if you go over the tax cap.

Councilor Geraci stated that you get penalized.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that in the State of the Town Address he will cover assessed values going back for a period of ten years, tax rates, and other things such as last year's budget, and where we fell, and a roads report.

Bob Braun said he would like to see what accounts were over 25% or what accounts might be under.

Hugh Kimball, Dexter Parkway, stated that the Fund Balance can be used for disasters. In 2003 we had an Ice Storm and every resident had trees down. Trees that were put out to the road were picked up by the Highway Dept. There has to be some kind of a reserve to take care of those items.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Diamond thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Saraceni stated that there are two Consensus Presentations scheduled:

1. Baldwinsville Village Hall, Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00pm
2. Degree Junior High School, Cafeteria, May 11, 2016 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm

He also announced that on April 23, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm the Belgium, Seneca River, Lakeside, Lysander and Moyers Corners Fire Districts will be holding Open Houses at their stations. This will be a Recruitment and Retention event. The public is welcome to come and walk around. It's an opportunity to see if there is an interest.

Lastly he will be adding 4 Agenda items with the permission of the board.

- B. HVAC Maintenance with Carrier Corp. and Town Mechanical
 - C. Alberici, Eldan Homes Letter of Credit
 - D. Planning Board recommendations on Solar Ordinances
 - E. Executive Session (to discuss personnel matter)
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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES. #50/2016 Motion by Councilor Geraci, Second by Councilor Ellis

RESOLVED that the minutes from the March 28, 2016 Town Board meeting be adopted.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Tony Burkinshaw, Recreation Director announced that he has been doing interviews for the Park Labor position and will continue to accept applications till Friday, April 15, 2016. This position is seasonal, starting April 26, 2016 through October 31, 2016, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

He also reported the upcoming Programs that the Lysander Parks and Recreation will be holding:

- Pitch, Hit & Run - Local Skills Competition, April 16th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Reeves Park
- Earth Day Project –Building Bird Houses, April, 23rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lysander Town Park
- Mother's Day Project- Decorating a Flower Planter, May 1st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lysander Town Park
- Annual Junk Sale, May 7th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lysander Town Hall Parking Lot

He also noted that the Lysander Day Camp Registration is now going on for Summer 2016. The program has moved from Palmer Elementary to Lysander Town Park.

Councilor Geraci asked what the time frame of employment was for the seasonal Park Laborer position and also wanted to know what was going on with the Samoraj Race. He received an email from Heidi Kortright, Director of Beaver Lake inquiring about the race and he didn't know anything about it. He went on to say that he recalls that last year the Town Board required

Mr. Samoraj to come before the Town Board and get permission to use the Town roads and he was also required to report his charitable donations for the use of the roads. He stressed that there should be some communication and that Mr. Samoraj needs to come before the board

Councilor Diamond agreed with Councilor Geraci that Mr. Samoraj needed to get permission

Tony Burkinshaw responded that the Park Laborer position starts in April and ends in October. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. The pay scale is around \$13.00 per hour. He also stated that he does not work on the races with Mike and the last time he worked with him was for the fall fest.

A conversation ensued among the Town Board, Town Attorney and Town Engineer as to whether Mr. Samoraj is closing Town roads, what roads would be used, and the responsibility of the Town in the event someone got hurt.

Tony Burkinshaw stated that he wanted him to know that he does not work on the races with Mike, he isn't doing anything this spring with him and that's it's been a quiet year with him. He went on to say that he would reach out to him.

Councilor Geraci stated that he didn't want to disparage the racing because he does some really wonderful things.

Al Yager, Town Engineer reported that the RFP for the mowing of Chase Cemetery is available in the Town Clerks Office for any Landscapers that are interested. He also received a letter from Senator DeFrancisco's office. The Town is getting \$29,586.00 from the State of New York through the Local Pave New York Program.

Jim Stirushnik asked the board if the amount from New York State would be in addition to \$775,000.00. He stated that the \$775,000.00 with the additional money would be around \$800,000.00

Supervisor Saraceni responded yes, that is our intention.

Jim Stirushnik stated that we could be using contingency funds and taking the additional bite by taking advantage of price and interest rates.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that is something that could be done beyond this and that the Town would have to put together a model.

Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent reported that the Highway Department will be participating in a Big Truck Day at the YMCA on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

WHITETAIL WOODS LIGHTING DISTRICT EXCLUSION

RES. #51/2016 Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore

RESOLVED to grant the request of Mr. Salvatore Casale, who resides at 7740 River Road Tax Map ID: 071.1-02-01.0, to be excluded from the fees associated with the Whitetail Woods Lighting District as his property does not front the internal roads of the subdivision resulting in his property not benefitting from the proposed lighting district improvements

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Diamond asked why he was put in the Lighting District originally and is it normal in this situation to ask to be excluded also is there anyone else that doesn't benefit from the lighting.

Al Yager, Town Engineer stated that the homeowner was included in the district formation; all the developer's holdings were included in all the special districts. He benefits from the sewer district and the drainage district but he does not benefit from the Lighting District due to the fact his property is not on the internal roads of the development. He went on to say that Town Law requires if the district charges a fee, the property owner must benefit. This resident won't benefit from the lighting. This is the only property that does not benefit.

**HVAC MAINTENANCE
AND MECHANICAL CONTRACT**

RES. #52/2016 Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond

RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a 1 year HVAC Maintenance Control Contract for \$1500.00 with Carrier Controls Corp. and a 1 year Mechanical Maintenance Contract with Town Mechanical, Inc. for \$1,348.00 to be effective April 16, 2016.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor stated that this was discussed in the work session. This year we need to renew our Maintenance Control Contract. We saved \$2000.00 by putting out a bid for the mechanical part of the maintenance contract. Thanks to Dan Boccardo for all his help on this.

Councilor Diamond asked Supervisor Saraceni if we went out to bid on this.

Supervisor Saraceni responded yes we got 3 quotes.

**Collington Pointe Phase III
Punch List**

RES. #53/2016 Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci

RESOLVED to reduce the Punch List securities required for the Collington Pointe Phase III subdivision be reduced from \$46,000.00 to \$2000.00 per the Town Engineer's letter of April 11, 2016 recommending this reduction as the developer has completed all of the work included in the punch list other than installing the survey monuments.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Al Yager, Town Engineer stated we are reducing it to \$2000.00. This letter of credit expires before our next board meeting. The developer put up \$2,000.00 cash for the survey monuments.

Supervisor Saraceni asked the Town Clerk for a review of the Letters of Credits.

Elaine McMahon, Town Clerk stated that it is something the Town Clerk's office is currently working on and she was waiting for information from Al Yager to ensure that everything has been included in the list.

Solar Ordinance Recommendation

RES. #54/2016 Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore

RESOLVED that the Planning Board make recommendations to the Town Board regarding Solar Ordinances.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni stated that the Town Board has had preliminary discussions with the Planning Board regarding this and the Towns Board has done a lot of research in Solar We are looking opportunities within the Town as a Municipal perspective and now we are looking at it from a private perspective. There are a number of things that need to be considered, it's been a focus in New York State as far as renewable energy. Hugh Kimball brought this to my attention and it is important to have some Ordinances in place for the Permit process.

Jim Stirushnik, Dinglehole Rd addressed the Town Board and asked them to elaborate on Motion A. He wondered if the resident would be permanently excluded from the fees, is he going to be removed from the district and what happens in the future if there are improvements in the Lighting District and his property benefits.

Al Yager responded that the District improvements that National Grid would do would be on the internal roads of the development. The parcel is 2 doors down from the development and faces River Rd. It is less expensive for the residents of the district to exclude this property from the lighting district versus doing a new Map, Plan and Report.

Al Yager replied correct

Jim Stirushnik asked if he was correct in saying that he was in the district when he purchased the property.

Tony Rivvizzno, Town Attorney explained that when a district is formed the Board must find that every lot benefits from the services of the district, this parcel does not.

Jim Stirushnik stated that he is concerned that we could be creating a problem for ourselves if the district is improved.

Tony Rivvizzigno responded that an improvement to the district could not be made without holding a Public Hearing and finding it included all the things he mentioned before.

Al Yager explained that the fees on lighting districts are based on energy usage and equipment rental.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Planning Board Meeting**, Thursday April 14, 2016 at 7:00pm Auditorium
2. **Town Board Meeting**, Monday April 25, 2016, Work Session at 5:30pm
Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00pm (both held in the Auditorium)
3. **Town Board Meeting**, Monday May 9, 2016, Work Session at 6:00pm
Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00pm (both held in the Auditorium)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES. #55/2016 Motion made by Councilor Moore, seconded by Councilor Ellis

RESOLVED that the Town Board enter into an Executive Session to discuss matters related to personnel.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the Executive Session and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 852P.M.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

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

Elaine McMahan, Town Clerk