

A Town Board meeting was held at Town Hall on April 15, 2021, in Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Jerry Hole, Highway Superintendent, and several residents and guests.

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

Adoption of Minutes

RES#59/2021

Motion by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the April 1, 2021 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Abstain		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL USE PERMIT – PROPOSED 20
FOOT CELL TOWER EXTENSION PROJECT AT 2866 LAMSON ROAD**

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

RES#60/2021

Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to open the public hearing at 7:02 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Supervisor Wicks: *Is there anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed cell tower extension project? No? Any comments from the Board regarding that? Ok.*

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

RES#61/2021

Having heard no comments related to the public hearing, a motion was made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing at 7:02 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Citizens Comments

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the hiring of the Parks Director, and asked if it was a full-time with benefits position. **Supervisor Wicks** said yes, just like the last Parks Supervisor was. Mr. Rode also commented regarding Brundage Road and noted that tractor trailers park on the side of the road. He mentioned the issue of littering. He said Anheuser-Busch has their trucks line up as drivers clean their trailers out there. He asked if there was any enforcement TOL can do. He said there doesn't seem to be the same problem with McLane.

Supervisor Wicks said that has been an ongoing problem which stemmed long before he was there. He mentioned the cleanup day which has been organized on April 24th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Anheuser-Busch is also organizing their employees on the 22nd, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM to clean up that area as well. **Supervisor Wicks** said he had a conversation with representatives at Anheuser-Busch, and they will be meeting to come up with a solution for the problem. He also said that law enforcement is also aware of the situation, and both organizations do patrol that area. **Supervisor Wicks** said he believes it is the private contractors who are causing the problem, not the company.

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive gave some background regarding the Brundage Road problem. He said that he had previously met with people several years ago. He noted that many of the truck drivers had to clean out their trailers, as it was required before they picked up more materials from the brewery. He said there were old policies the brewery manager had in place at the time. Discussion ensued regarding past practices on that road, what future practices could be done with discussions with Anheuser-Busch, and how the tractors for McLane and Anheuser-Bush handle private contractors.

Matt Hunt of Oswego Road (President of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce) thanked the Lysander Community and business owners for the success of the B'Ville Chowder Cookoff which was hosted by Jeff Rogers of Angry Garlic. There were over 500 participants. Many businesses were able to open their doors to people who were attending the cookoff.

Howard Thompson of Villa Ridge Court spoke about the new street signs in Radisson. His concern, is the unpleasant look of the signs. He said the signs are completely inappropriate to the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Mr. Thompson wished to voice his complaint for the residents of Radisson who are concerned. He said the president of the Homeowner's Association wasn't even made aware that the new signs were being installed.

Supervisor Wicks stated that he has received multiple emails and complaints as well, and he has responded to every single one of them. He said he met with Attorney Rivizzigno, Mr. Yager, Lynn Tanner, and some RCA members for a solution. **Supervisor Wicks** stated that there was a law change in 2008, which requires all of the towns in New York State to change their road signs. The signs that were in Radisson before didn't meet the new code (they were put up in the 1970's). There are new standards that he has, which are specific. The law was interpreted by Attorney Rivizzigno and Mr. Hole, which led them to the conclusion that the new signs needed to be put up because of the law.

Supervisor Wicks said that there are some exceptions; for example, if the Village of Baldwinsville wanted to put up different signs they can, but towns cannot. As it is Mr. Hole's responsibility, he agreed to put up the new signs. Radisson is the last neighborhood to get the signs. **Mr. Hole** noted that the signs are supposed to be reflective for emergency services, which is why they changed the standards. He also stated that the size of the signs is determined by the speed of the road. **Supervisor Wicks** said that the state does not allow discretion regarding signage. The RCA attorney and Lynn Tanner felt that there was some room for discretion with the signs. The Town disagreed with her, but Mr. Rivizzigno is working with the RCA attorney to see if in fact there is something that can be done. The Town agreed to do something if there is something other than the green signs, but they must conform with the law. **Mr. Yager** said the rules are actually rolled down from the Federal Government, and states are mandated to follow street sign specifications.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Wicks reminded the audience that there will be a cleanup day on Brundage Road on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All are welcome to volunteer. Volunteers will meet at the bus garage parking lot.

Supervisor Wicks acknowledged the new Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Merrill.

Town Board Comments

The Councilors thanked everyone for attending and looked to move on to the agenda. **Councilor Moore** thanked volunteers who will be helping with Earth Day efforts. **Councilor Kudarauskas** mentioned the use of the parks by BYSA and Lacrosse teams which will be using the fields.

Department Head Reports

Mr. Hole reiterated the cleanup days on April 23rd and 24th which the Highway Department always helps with. They will have a payloader there to use for disposal of trash, and the Boy Scouts will be there as well to help with cleanup efforts. HW will also help on Saturday the 24th with the payloader.

Mr. Hole reported that there was an auction for surplus items which brought in over \$18,000. The 2005 six-wheel dump truck went for \$14,500. **Mr. Hole** asked the public for patience as roadwork is underway. There are areas in Radisson which will be milled and filled. (Wandering Way, Hawks Watch, Blue Heron Circle, Vallingby Circle, Radburn Drive, Stevenage Drive, Harlow Lane, Brixham Circle, Letchworth Lane, Oberon Drive, Cumberstone Lane, Hadley Lane, Burwood Drive, and West Entry Road).

Regular Agenda Items

**MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE
20-FOOT CELL TOWER EXTENSION LOCATED AT 2866 LAMSON ROAD**

RES#62/2021

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to grant a special use permit for the 20-foot cell tower extension located at 2866 Lamson Road. The Board determines that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
THE SEWER DISPOSAL SYSTEM LEASE WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY**

RES#63/2021

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Sewer Disposal System Lease with Onondaga County.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK
TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL**

RES#64/2021

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Couto authorize the Town Clerk to sign the agreement with Auctions International for the sale of government assets by online auction. (*For sale of the kitchen vending machine*).

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A 2023 WESTERN STAR 4700 TANDEM AXLE TRUCK WITH HENDERSON PLOW/WING AND DUMP BOX PACKAGE NOT TO EXCEED \$235,000

RES#65/2021

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2023 Western Star 4700 Tandem axle truck with Henderson plow/wing and dump box package not to exceed \$235,000.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Mr. Hole asked is ordering this truck which already part of the five-year truck replacement plan. This will be in next year's budget but needs to be ordered now, as it could take up to a year to receive the truck.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES OF TOL AND TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES AS NEEDED

RES#66/2021

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to review the policy and procedures of the Town of Lysander, and to implement any policies needed.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Wicks stated that TOL is updating all of its policies and procedures. He said that there are additional policies needed. Some policies are time sensitive as they deal with safety, so they need to be implemented as soon as they can.

MOTION TO REVISE THE HOURLY RATES FOR MARY LATHROP

RES#67/2021

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to revise the hourly rates for Mary Lathrop as \$17.06/Laborer and \$21.24/Labor Crew Leader. *(The hourly rates were incorrect on the Organizational Agenda).*

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO HIRE KEVIN MERRILL AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$55,000

RES#68/2021

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire Kevin Merrill as Director of Parks and Recreation with an annual salary of \$55,000, with a start date of April 26, 2021.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci commended the Board and thanked Ms. Mott for helping with the interview process. He said there was a well-qualified pool of individuals. Mr. Merrill worked with Onondaga County Parks for almost 18 years, and is a Baldwinsville resident.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Kudarauskas and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:41 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk