

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on April 20, 2017 at the Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Klucsik, Esq. for Town Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno; Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; David Rahrle, Comptroller; PAC-B; and several residents.

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the vote regarding Collington Pointe and asked if the Board would be voting on 36 acres, and asked if it is currently Town property. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the developer owns it. Mr. Rode asked that be removed from the proposed plan. Mr. Rode asked about the dollar value of the lots and would the value change in reference to lot size. He also asked that since the Town Engineer would be doing the work on the road if that is why the price is lower, and asked if the developer would be paying for the Town Engineer.

Melinda Shimer of Elizabeth Street addressed the 36 acres regarding the proposed Collington Pointe revised plan, and remarked that she saw on Facebook that Councilor Diamond had posted changes to the plan regarding retention as greenspace and the construction of a pocket park. **Councilor Diamond** told her that he copied the article from the Messenger. Ms. Shimer said that Councilor Geraci stated that is not set up as a park and that it is forever wild. She asked what kind of activities would be allowed and how it would be maintained. She addressed Councilor Diamond and asked him about the pocket park. **Supervisor Saraceni** asked Ms. Shimer to direct her questions to him and he would defer the questions. **Councilor Diamond** said the Board discussed the pocket park in the work session, and it will be taken out of the proposal. He said it is his understanding that a pocket park is a small park in an individual community.

Andy Reeves of Reeves Road said he is not against the proposed Collington Pointe plan, but had issues about emails that he has not received answers from since August, and he brought up the point of using funds for Red Rock. He said he has not received an answer regarding same but has since found out the Town can use the funds for Red Rock. Mr. Reeves mentioned that he had sent another email per Supervisor Saraceni's request sometime in mid-February regarding his thoughts about the local law in relation to incentive zoning and has not gotten an answer. Mr. Reeves discussed issues with procedures regarding Collington Pointe. Mr. Reeves said he couldn't find the print for the new proposal, and had questions regarding the 8 inch sewer line for sewer connection on Patchett Road, and asked if it would hook into developments down the road. He said it should be handled like Cabbage Patch. He said it wouldn't be an amenity, and regarding the park, he asked who would maintain it. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is Town land for now. Mr. Reeves thinks it should have been renegotiated with new prints and sent to the Planning Board and to County Planning. He questioned a phone call Supervisor Saraceni made to County Planning and the procedure regarding the proposed plan. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that he reaches out to many people when considering any issue before the town.

Beth King of Hiltonwood Road commented regarding the highway tax revenue for the proposed Collington Pointe plan and the assumptions used for 2016 costs. She noted that material costs were down in 2015, and she noted the cost of materials fluctuating and asked for a true assumption with a weighted average regarding net cost of ownership.

Victoria Shires of Van Wie Drive West asked about Councilor Diamond’s statement regarding the pocket park being removed from the proposal and asked about the attachments. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that in the work session the Board removed the word “pocket park”. He said that Councilor Geraci would be reading the new motion.

Ms. Shires asked about the surplus equipment and asked where the items go. **Comptroller Rahrle** said they will go to a recycling facility. She asked if the items could be sold. **Mr. Dinsmore** said the previous administration tried to sell items and they were not sold.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road said that with regard to the forever wild or natural/park area he is against it not being left on the tax rolls and does not think the town should acquire it. He said “let the people pay for it.”

Mr. Reeves asked about the cash amenity relating to Collington Pointe, (\$1,000 per home) and if the money is to be paid up front. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is to be paid in phases. He said if it goes through on the agenda, it will go through the planning process, and Phase I will be paid up front. Mr. Reeves referenced following the law and suggested local law should be changed to reflect step payments.

Councilor Geraci said the Board received advice from its Town Attorney, and the stipulation is that the Board is following the law, as the payment needs to be sent to the Town upon a permit being issued, and permits will not be issued until payments are made. There is not going to be one generic permit. He clarified the Board was advised by its attorney.

Mr. Reeves said there is no penalty if something is done wrong because money is not changing hands. He said the problem with Town Law is that there is no penalty unless money changes hands. He suggested making a few minor changes.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he received from the Onondaga County Health Department a notice for 2017 Weed Control. Since there is 31 miles of coastline in the Town of Lysander, he thought it would be pertinent to share the information as follows: Seneca River West, Jack’s Reef area, they are using a clear cast agent south of buoy 399 to buoy 375, then Seneca River West, West of 690, 47 acres, they will be using a clear cast agent; Seneca River vicinity of Onondaga Lake/Grenadier Village, they will use a rodeo agent; buoy 269, and Seneca River Buoy 266 and the Wetzel Road treatment plant, 22 acres of treatment, and Belgium Bridge .4 miles downstream of buoy 2022. If anyone has concerns they are asked to reach Russell N. at 315-435-6600.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he had the opportunity to go the Onondaga County/Syracuse merger debate. He said it was informative and the people involved were Mayor Minor, Comptroller Antonacci, Jim Walsh, and William Byrne, arguing pros and cons regarding general consolidation. He said that when you base an argument on facts versus idealistic visionary ways to reinvent government, when reality takes place there is a clear cut winner. Not to say that we shouldn’t discuss modernizing and bringing lower cost services to the people, but he would agree that regarding the proposed merger between the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County, he is not in favor.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#97/2017

Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to adopt the April 6, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gene Dinsmore stated that he believes there will not be any more snow events, and the Highway Department has been working on ditching and drainage work on Dinglehole Road, High Road, (completed) and to be done: Dunham Road, Highland Road, and Pendergast Road.

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, stated that Saturday is the Earth Day project in Lysander Park to spread mulch. This Friday, the 28th the park will be planting trees to celebrate Arbor Day. The Little Kids Big Trucks event is going to be held at Lysander Park, and the sponsor this year is Gypsum Express. This year it will be held on June 3rd. Parks is still taking summer playground applications. The program runs from July 10th through August 18th. Camp can be paid for week by week. The Summer Concert Series is available on the Town website and the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COLLINGTON POINTE EAST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ZONING REQUEST

RES#98/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Collington Pointe East Residential Development Incentive Zoning Request updated letter as prepared by CHA Companies with a final revision date of March 31, 2017 with the maximum number of houses not to exceed 89 as referenced on map LP-04. Further, Item 3 in the developer’s March 31, 2017 letter will be modified to eliminate the pond area conversion to a pocket park, but area is to remain as green space. Further, the developer will be required to provide any necessary space to allow town equipment to access the site for maintenance of the pond area and other areas which therefore eliminates the need for the three parking spaces. In addition, the developer dollar commitment of \$44,000 remains, all of this is to be coordinated by the Planning Board of the Town of Lysander. Further, Item 2 of said letter is to be changed to allow the Town to use cash contributions as it sees fit to improve the Town of Lysander. (Roll call vote):

Supervisor Saraceni	Yes	Councilor Ellis	Yes	Councilor Geraci	Yes
Councilor Moore	Yes	Councilor Diamond	Yes		

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Ellis said he wanted to express how well this process worked. He said the developer came to the Town and met with a committee and discussed options of give and take. There were several months of public hearings, and the Board heard loud and clear the concerns about ethics and the quality of homes. He said the builders heard the concerns and modified the proposal. The committee met again and reworked the proposal. He said the Town ended up with a good proposal and he is voting yes tonight.

Councilor Geraci stated that he agreed with Mr. Ellis’ remarks, and also referenced consolidation of Onondaga County, and this discussion would not have even have taken place with what is being proposed in Onondaga County. He said the Board had an opportunity to chime in as to how it wants this community development. In regard to Collington Pointe, and incentive zoning, this process worked tremendously, as the developer came in with 122 homes and Councilor Geraci’s commendation to the community coming out every time there was a public hearing was in effect, feelings and facts and information was shared which allowed the Town to go to the developer and work with the comments of the residents. The developer reduced the proposal by 27% to 89 homes and reduced the cash contribution in total by 18%. Within the context of incentive zoning, it is doing exactly what Article 27 stipulates. Wildlife areas and natural management areas can do fine on their own but the Town is getting to protect those acres where they will not be developed again. The Board heard loud and clear that people did not want a pocket park and that will be incorporated into the green space. He said all of the community did well to work this out.

Councilor Moore thanked everyone who came with their concerns and talked to them in public. All of that feedback was good to hear and helped the Board make its decision. He thanked the negotiating committee and he said he had many of the same concerns as people in the audience. He commended them for making sure that they touched base on all of the recommendations from Onondaga County as well. He said everyone did a nice job with the negotiations.

Councilor Diamond stated that the Town of Lysander doesn't have the same traffic problems that Clay and Cicero seem to have. He said residents are concerned about over-development. His response is that he is not against development, but he "wants to make sure we don't transform our community into something it is not." Regarding incentive zoning applications, every one that he has had a chance to look at he voted "no" because he felt it didn't follow the spirit of the CLUP. He believes in the preservation of open space, and green, and the "country feel" that the Town of Lysander has. Councilor Diamond said that he had a lot of concerns and when residents came and spoke; he understood those concerns as he had the same ones. He likes that 50% of the land is forever green. The revised application of 89 homes is an improvement, but he said he wishes it was less than 89 homes. He is voting yes and thanked the committee and others involved.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he is a big proponent of adhering to a plan. The CLUP was worked on for years, so he takes very seriously the words that are written therein. He relied on this in looking at this project. It's rare that a Town Board becomes involved in a planning process, specifically when it comes to incentive zoning, specifically when there's a zone change is when the Board gets involved. Article 27 on Incentive Zoning says "Town Board has determined that it is appropriate to make adjustments to permissible density and area requirements for specific purposes of preserving farmland and open space as well as to promote the extension of roadways, sewers and other such amenities at a minimum cost to the residents and taxpayers. It is the intent of this Article to empower the Town Board to grant incentives or bonuses to advance the vision and policies articulated in the Town of Lysander's Comprehensive Plan, and its objectives." Supervisor Saraceni said the CLUP should be a guide. As far as the process, it was a daunting process which has been before the Board for years. The prior administration had looked at a couple of projects and those projects stopped, and this year the Board is looking at Cabbage Patch and now Collington. He said the Board needs to look at the amended application and the findings are that the amount of green space was increased, and homes went from 122 to 89. The traffic impact will be reduced, and improvements to Patchett Road will be done. He stated that the Town needs to look at impacts which are based on smart growth.

**MOTION TO HIRE JAMES HINMAN
FOR PART TIME SEASONAL PARK ATTENDANT**

RES#99/2017

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Geraci to hire James Hinman, for the position of Part Time Seasonal Park Attendant on an as-needed basis for the Parks Department with a rate of \$9.75 per hour, effective April 21, 2017.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO DECLARE UNREPAIRABLE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS

RES#100/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to approve the following is declared as surplus as it no longer works and is not repairable. (Surplus refers to equipment that is broken and not repairable).

VeriFone Printer 900: Tag 0894/P/N p002-121-00.h01, SHA, S/N 202-356-849
Burroughs Standard Register Check Writer: Unit 32884009, SN: 3250
HP LaserJet 2300: Tag 0788/SN: CNBFB61422
Dell Monitor: Tag 0774: SN: CN-08R339-47606-2BJ-A855
Dell Monitor: Tag 0783 SN: DS/N MX-08G152-47605-23L-AVZX
Dell Monitor: Tag 0974, SN: CN-0D5428-72872-52F-SV8S

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO HIRE MARK WILLIAMSON TO MEASURE, STAKE AND PREPARE THE FOUNDATION IN CHASE CEMETERY ON 4/27/2017

RES#101/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to hire Mark Williamson to measure, stake, and prepare the foundation in Chase Cemetery pursuant to the request of a family for a headstone to be placed on the family’s plot on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Mr. Williamson shall be paid \$14.27 per hour and reimbursed for materials needed to perform the work as necessary.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPOINT SUMMER PLAYGROUND INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

RES#102/2017

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint the following list of Summer Playground instructors and staff for the Parks and Recreation Department effective July 1, 2017, as per the list below:

New Staff

Vazquez, Yzabell	Counselor	\$9.70
Fiello, Madeline	Counselor	\$9.70
Fuzia, Julian	Counselor	\$9.70
Harper, Nick	Ext. Playground	\$10.00
Mangano, Julianna	Recreation Aid	\$9.70

Returning Staff

McArdell, Chad	Counselor	\$9.70
Rush, Jessica	Counselor	\$9.70
Talty, Colin	Counselor	\$9.70
O’Neil, Brianna	Counselor	\$9.70
Pinard, Lynn	On-Site Director	\$14.00

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING TOWN RELATED BUSINESS:

Victoria Shires of Van Wie Drive West asked for an update regarding the Spray Park.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that there were good comments and questions which came from the forums. He said the Board is going to take the concept and put it out to bid to get an idea of what the cost would be. He said they are continuing to work through the process. He has also reached out to other municipalities to see if they want to partner with Lysander (VanBuren and Village of Baldwinsville). Once the concept evolves, the Board will look for other opportunities as well.

Andy Reeves of Reeves Road suggested the Town consider hiring a Deputy HW Superintendent. He said that if the Town hires a Deputy, it would help with a transition, and keep the workers doing their jobs, and the Town Engineer and Town Board doing theirs, and make the transition easier.

Beth King of Hiltonwood Road asked about the 36 acres in Collington, and how much of it is wetlands. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is about one-third of the map. He suggested she call Mr. Yager for a more accurate figure.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road asked about the cemetery bus tour fundraiser (which was discussed last year). **Supervisor Saraceni** says that the concept is to have a cemetery tour and highlight notable town residents who are buried in those cemeteries. The cost will be \$5 and there will be a bus ride, a story about the residents who have passed, and the bus will bring people back to Seneca River Days for lunch. It will show there are cemeteries in need of support. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the goal is to create an event that gets enough revenue to help the cemeteries out. There will be more information to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR SARACENI

1. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 4, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
2. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 18, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
3. **Planning Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 11, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium.
4. **Earth Day Project:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lysander Town Park (spreading playground mulch).
5. **Arbor Day Tree Planting:** Friday, April 28, 2017 (between 5:00 and 6:00 pm).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:51 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk