

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on April 21, 2022, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Ken Svitak, Highway Superintendent, and several guests and residents.

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

Citizens Comments

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive stated that he is glad the Town Board is taking steps to take the town where it needs to be.

Town Board Comments

The Town Board members chose to move on to the agenda.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Wicks regarding assessments: *People were trying to get as much information about our combined assessments as we can - so people can understand really where how we arrive at and why. But if you didn't see the Sunday paper on the front page, these are a couple of a few Lysander residents - I'm just going to read a couple of things out of this article, but if you get a chance, it's very well done. And it does give a good explanation of how the assessments are arrived at and why towns do what they do. It was a very well written article. You can get it on syracuse.com. I just highlighted a couple of things and the median home prices are up 15.9% in the year ending June 2020/21. That was for all and the town of Lysander was about a 19% increase. The average house spends just three weeks on the market and sold for 3% above market price. So that's the average house status. I'm quoting out of the paper the assessor for Lysander Van Buren sends notices early to allow several weeks for informal consultations with hundreds of homeowners she's been meeting with people and staff every 15 minutes by phone or in person and she has I've seen it I can't even really get in and talk to her. She's been here and in Van Buren who we share with and she just she's doing these informal consultations and these are something that not every town does. There are more than 12,000 residential properties in Lysander and Van Buren county assessment increases were right around 14%. In Lysander 19% was the average increase. Although some of the rural properties on typical parcels vary, the rest of it was 14%. So most people slice the tax pie and it should remain roughly the same. If you have 100% assessment and everybody goes up at the same 40% then you're still paying the same percentage. It's spread out evenly amongst everyone. Unlike in most states, New York does not insist municipalities reassess every property periodically. So other states make it mandatory to do that but New York State for whatever reason they don't.*

Supervisor Wicks mentioned that tomorrow and Saturday (22nd and 23rd) Anheuser Busch is having some of its employees and some residents of TOL, along with the Rotary, meet at the front of Anheuser Busch for a cleanup of Brundage Road. They will provide gloves and bags and at the end, there will be refreshments provided after the cleanup. The issues on Brundage Road remain and are being looked into.

Department Head Reports

Ken Svitak, HW Superintendent, stated that the milling and paving will be taking place soon, and should be completed by mid-May. All of the paving work should be done by mid-June. He delivered notices to all of the residents affected, and there is also a list of streets to be done on the website.

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION TO ESTABLISH A FENCE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75

RES#47/2022

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to establish a Fence Permit Fee in the amount of \$75.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE LYSANDER HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT FLAGGER TRAINING POLICY**

RES#48/2022

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Rode to approve the Lysander Highway Department Flagger Training Policy as presented by the Highway Superintendent, Ken Svitak.

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 CHASE CEMETERY
MOWING AND TRIMMING CONTRACT WITH AML PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT \$595
PER MOW**

RES#49/2022

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Chase Cemetery Mowing & Trimming contract with AML Property Maintenance in the amount of \$595.00 per mow.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

The cemetery was mowed 13 times last year. There were no other bids submitted.

**MOTION TO REFER THE 2846 BELGIUM ROAD T-MOBILE CELL TOWER
SPECIAL USE PERMIT VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE ZONING BOARD**

RES#50/2022

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Moore to refer the 2846 Belgium Road T-Mobile Cell Tower Special Use Permit Variance Request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review.

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 EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$266,000
OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE LYSANDER TOWN PARK
ATHLETIC FIELD EXPANSION PROJECT**

RES#51/2022

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the expenditure of up to \$266,000 of the ARPA funding for the athletic field expansion project at the Lysander Town Park.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

These funds will be used to construct the new athletic fields. They are hoping for full use of the fields by next spring.

MOTION TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RES#52/2022

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to declare the following items in the Highway Department surplus:

- Tag 00645 – table
- Tag 01244 – HP Pro 8610 printer
- Tag 01115 – Dell flat panel display monitor
- Tag 01218 – ACER Veritron desktop computer
- Multicolored couch

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Rode to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:24 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