

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on May 18, 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: Town Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno; Al Yager, Town Engineer, Janet Falconer, Deputy Town Clerk; David Rahrle, Comptroller; PAC-B; Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent, and several residents.

Supervisor Saraceni called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Donald James of Emerick Road was at a meeting last year and expressed his problems with chickens coming onto his property. He showed Supervisor Saraceni pictures and has had the police come to his home on one occasion. He would like to see laws made regarding chickens. He said it is an agricultural district and he just wants reasonable restrictions. Mr. James gave a handout to the Board, and he discussed the Village of Fayetteville's regulations. He said he has been living in Lysander since 1980. He said he continues to chase chickens off of his property. Mr. James has six 'posted' signs across his property. He recently saw a chicken in his garage. He would like to see something done about it. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he saw chickens on the road as well, and the issue will be addressed.

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way had questions regarding the CGI video company. **Supervisor Saraceni** said on the Town of Lysander website there will be a location related to economic development, etc. that will take users to a site by CGI. The link will take people to the videos. It links to other organizations as well.

Mr. Rode asked about the hot mix paving and how it is decided between hot mix and cold mix. Mr. Rode said the Town has an elected [Highway] official that is to manage the budget and equipment, and he is asking about the official who runs the department [in terms of making decisions based on same]. He referred to town law. **Supervisor Saraceni** said one of the most important things the Board is charged with is to make sure that that the funds received in tax revenue is spent wisely, and the Town benefits from having a Town Engineer, and a Highway Superintendent who has experience as well, who is utilized and depends on the Engineer's advice. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there is just a difference of opinion. He said what the Board has to do is maximize those funds, and it is important to maintain the roads. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it so happens that the Board is hearing one thing from the Town Engineer, and one thing from the Highway Superintendent. The Board has an overriding responsibility to make sure funds are spent wisely. He said that what Mr. Rode heard in the work session was a plea from the Board that it wants its Engineer and Highway Superintendent to work together like they have in the past. He said there was a strong difference of opinion at this point.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he doesn't want to get involved in Highway operations. He does recognize there is an independently elected Highway Superintendent. He said that is what is difficult for him as a Supervisor is to make sure the tax dollars are spent wisely. He said that is why there is a motion where the Board is getting involved. He referenced town law. Mr. Rode said costs can change depending on a lot of factors. He said the Town Board should stick to Town projects. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Board decides at budget time what they are going to spend, and what it will cost and what needs to be done.

Councilor Geraci stated that it is one thing to have an opinion as to when to defer to the Highway Superintendent on a position to take, and it is not contradictory to town law. **Attorney Rivizzigno** said he didn't know what Mr. Rode was basing his comment on. **Councilor Geraci** said it is one thing to say the Board sets a budget, and whether it 'backs off' and lets the Highway Superintendent [decide] that's one thing. He reiterated it is not contrary to town law. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is rare. Mr. Rode said it is rare as to what is being used on the road.

Supervisor Saraceni said the Board's decision doesn't end with the budget. He said the Town has a fiduciary responsibility to make sure that tax dollars are spent wisely. [Discussion ensued between parties]. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there needs to be an understanding for the public that the Board can take action, and there is no personality conflict, there is an issue of hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been allocated to maintain the Town's roads which is a core responsibility in Lysander. He reiterated that there is a difference of opinion between a good Town Engineer and a good Highway Superintendent; it just so happens they don't agree, and as such the Board is hearing both sides, and he recommend the Board take action because a decision needs to be made so they can move forward with the plan.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road wanted clarification as to the use of the word "Board", in reference to when Councilor Geraci mentions "the previous Board" or something in that regard. Mr. Burtch asked how "Board" is being used. He said he appreciates the Board looking into using funds for the roads. He mentioned public input.

John Maher of Shalako Circle spoke regarding paving, as he is a retired Highway Superintendent with 40 years in public works; from California and the Village of Manlius. He said his road is unraveling; it looks terrible, and needs to be paved. He came to the meeting to find out what the paving schedule is, and what type of materials will be used. He mentioned the trash hauler situation, as he was involved in a few trash consolidation projects, and there are three different haulers running up and down the street with 30 ton trucks empty, and that is part of the reason the roads are eroding so quickly. He mentioned trash trucks, school buses and other heavy equipment which wears out the road. He said the Town isn't going to get anything done for \$65,000. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he just threw that number out there as an example. He said that trash consolidation is a huge deal, but if you want to get longevity out of the roads, you have to maintain them properly and minimize truck traffic. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that it is a big undertaking. He said one of the things the village did at one point when there was trash hauling every day, so the Village reduced the number of days of hauling to Mondays and Thursdays. There were the same number of trucks, but reduced to two days.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road suggested banning automobiles and use horses instead, as the roads would last longer. He also referred to paving materials and allowing departments to make decisions. He commented on Item "E" on the agenda, (which was an added item in the work session per Supervisor Saraceni) CGI, and said he heard it will not cost anything, and asked about possible future costs. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that in the future if something is added to the agenda in the work session [to be acted upon] he will put it before Citizens Comments [to avoid confusion]. Mr. Stirushnik asked if CGI would pay the Town for each 'click'. **Supervisor Saraceni** said no.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road asked about CGI and how much fees or services would normally cost. **Supervisor Saraceni** said CGI is already in 3,000 municipalities. He said CGI makes money on videos and businesses regarding the video. The videos will be played on the website. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town determines the content, and the Village of Baldwinsville already uses it. He said this is an opportunity that this Board is considering.

Victoria Shires of Van Wie Drive West asked if the Board has a say over the advertisers on the videos. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that he doesn't know if they have discretion. Ms. Shires suggested that any business the Town does not want with regard to advertising, or be associated with, if it doesn't have a say, seems as though that is something that should be written into a contract [that Town of Lysander have a say of who is advertising on the website]. She said there should be something in writing for the Board, and they should come back and put it on as an agenda item for another date.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Diamond is supportive of the CGI program. He said it is a great way to get positive perceptions out to the public and highlight characteristics of the town. He said that based on the concerns of residents, he requested that "Item E" be tabled until the next meeting. **Councilor Moore** agreed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#109/2017

Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the May 4, 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 they are working on culverts and ditching. He mentioned replacing pipes regarding Running Meade and replacing drainage before paving Chatham Woods. HW is getting ready for the Little Kids Big Trucks event.

Supervisor Saraceni gave the State of the Town Address at this point in the meeting. He thanked **David Rahrle** and **Nancy Mott** for putting together the presentation. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, as it is a comprehensive look at the Town’s budget. The State of the Town is available on the Town of Lysander’s website www.townoflysander.org in PDF format.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN ENGINEER’S
2017 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT WORK PLAN**

RES#110/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to approve the Town Engineer’s 2017 Pavement Management Work Plan with hot mix paving projects to be awarded to the lowest quote paving contractor with Town trucks hauling as much material as possible.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Geraci said it would have been nice if the Highway Superintendent could advise the Board exactly how to do this and they wouldn’t be debating on how to do this project [regarding hot mix and cold mix]. The reason the Board is in this position is because they expect, as a Town Board, to have dollars and cents on a piece of paper, as to how things stack up; they asked for that information for weeks and weeks, and it has been a year now, as the same conversation was had a year ago. Councilor Geraci said the reason he supports this motion is because the Town Engineer gave the Board those facts and figures. He said what the Board is looking for are figures on a piece of paper to make a decision.

MOTION TO HIRE MARK WILLIAMSON AS CEMETERY SEXTON

RES#111/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to hire Mark Williamson as Sexton for Chase Cemetery at an hourly rate of \$14.27 per hour. Mr. Williamson will also act as Sexton for Myrtle Grove Cemetery on an as-needed basis, with the same hourly rate. The Town shall pay reasonable authorized expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties, provided such expenses are approved.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER WALL, DEPUTY SHERIFF AMY BOLLINGER, AND DEPUTY SHERIFF JOHN CLOCHESSY SECURITY FOR DA COURT NIGHTS

RES#112/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize Deputy Sheriff Christopher Wall, Deputy Sheriff Amy Bollinger, and Deputy Sheriff John Clochessy to provide security for District Attorney court night, at a rate of \$40 an hour with a three hour minimum effective for each DA night.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni noted that Judge Bryant sent him an email on May 10 requesting security. Judge Bryant said there were over 70 people attending court that evening and with that many people in the courtroom he cannot effectively be the Judge and a security officer. Councilor Geraci said it is an entirely appropriate request.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST

RES#113/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to approve the Budget Modification Request items attached to these minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni said there was an item removed from the request on the last page, "Account 0801-406, which is our attorney code, for the amount of \$475.00."

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH CGI**

TABLED

Motion made by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a three year agreement with CGI for promotional videos at no cost to the Town of Lysander.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING TOWN RELATED BUSINESS:

Gail Tosh of Emerick Road brought up issues regarding a letter in the Messenger which Councilor Geraci wrote about development as an “American value” regarding the Collington Pointe East development. Ms. Tosh disagrees with the article he wrote. She said that in terms of development, it is not an American’s right. Ms. Tosh said people want to change the zoning laws. She said ‘we’ can’t do what we want with our land. Ms. Tosh said that Dr. Bodenlos’ article had specific things to say about Collington Pointe. Ms. Tosh said she felt she and others were being called ‘un-American’. She said it seems that the original article was only disagreeing with how the Board discussed the project. Ms. Tosh said people who come to the microphone express their rights to be involved in their government. She seeks better answers, as people want the truth and the whole story. Ms. Tosh says otherwise the questions and accusations will continue.

Victoria Shires of Van Wie Drive West discussed the spray park advisory/committee meeting. She said she is in favor of the spray park as a mother of two kids. She said that there are some things that need to be addressed on an engineering level. She questioned the current site plan regarding codes, capacity, plumbing facilities, and parking. She said that building extra bathrooms will help with a potential long term issue, but that will add to the cost. Ms. Shires is concerned about the “tone” [of the Board] that perhaps the project is going to be pushed through to Fall [2017]. In that regard, she remarked that Camillus took five years to [plan and build] its spray park, as they took the time to secure funding and grant opportunities. Ms. Shires said more thought needs to go into the plan before Lysander breaks ground.

Ms. Shires said she was “laughing silently” at the presentation the Supervisor gave because in reference to his comments during the presentation, she said he said he “found it wise to tout the Board’s interest and passion for solar development.” **Supervisor Saraceni** told her he did not say that. She said “promotion”, and **Supervisor Saraceni** said it was through the law the Board passed. Ms. Shires said at that same meeting the Board took away the local property tax incentive. She wanted it put on the record that at the same meeting that solar use was promoted, the Board took away the incentive. Regarding CGI, Ms. Shires said she would like to see if this moves forward, why not do it locally. She referred to PAC-B bringing money back into their not-for-profit. **Supervisor Saraceni** said [PAC-B] can do what they want as it is their channel. He said they own the channel and the Board negotiated that the franchise agreement. He said they have every right to go out and do other videos that they choose. Ms. Shires questioned why fund a private entity. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town is not funding a private entity. She said the Town should keep funds local. **Supervisor Saraceni** said this doesn’t limit anybody’s opportunity.

John Maher of Shalako Circle stated that the [State of the Town] presentation was terrific, and he commended David Rahrle and Nancy Mott. Mr. Maher said the people that are overseeing the funds are the most important people in government. He said with regard to a six year look back [at the books], the [public and the Town] need to know what is being spent in the past so it can save money in the future. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Town is benefiting from Mr. Rahrle’s years of experience.

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road said Comptroller Rahrle has done a marvelous job for the Town. He agreed with going slow regarding the spray park, and questioned funding. He mentioned the Collington Pointe East proposal, and wondered how the Town is getting the information to the Planning Board. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the Board is forwarding the incentive application that was submitted, and he and Councilor Moore have committed to attend

the Planning Board meetings. He said there is ample information in the minutes and on video regarding discussions and the thoughts of the residents. Mr. Stirushnik asked how the Collington Pointe process is going to the Planning Board. **Supervisor Saraceni** said Incentive Zoning is a bit strange in that the Board gets involved in determining density in certain areas of the town, specifically relating to Incentive Zoning, and what the Board was considering was a Letter of Intent from the builder to build higher density because of Incentive Zone overlay, and just a density map. The real analysis and one of the things the Board emphasized to the public, there were a lot of questions and concerns are being addressed by the Planning Board and site planning review. The Incentive Zoning is part of the CLUP and that was what was considered by the Board. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there was a density map, a plan of the layout as for density purposes, and for the Board to consider any number of things relative to community benefits, there is a Letter of Intent where the developer agrees to provide benefits for density. Once the Board agreed, the law that was imposed allows for the density. It is now with the Planning Board with regard to site planning and details, and fitting 89 homes on the parcel. That needs to adhere to state law in the code.

Councilor Geraci said two members of the Planning Board and the Planning Board Chair are on the negotiating committee [who have been in attendance during the Town Board meetings], so they are privy to that information.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road mentioned the Lysander logo on the table cloths, and asked about unauthorized use of intellectual property of the town, as was mentioned months ago [in reference to repugnant Facebook pages using the Town's logo]. He asked for an update regarding the use of the logo. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there is no patent on it. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that he discussed it with the Town Attorney, and said for the Town to go through the legal patent process; it would have to pay for the process, patrol it, and enforce it. **Supervisor Saraceni** said if there are people willing to highjack a town logo to promote a Facebook page that is their right.

Mr. Burtch mentioned what had been said previously in the meeting with regard to tax dollars being spent wisely, and asked about the HR issue. He asked if the Board felt that the \$4,800 was an efficient use of tax dollars. He asked if it addressed the issues that [the Board] was concerned with. **Supervisor Saraceni** said yes. Mr. Burtch asked if the Board would use the HR firm again, and **Supervisor Saraceni** said yes.

Mr. Burtch mentioned three communications towers in [Aspen Springs], and noted how they did not stop development in that area. **Supervisor Saraceni** said they benefit from \$35,000 in revenue from those towers which was negotiated. Mr. Burtch said he is not in favor of the spray park, as he said it is going to be a 'dud', as it will be there for a year or two and people won't go there, and it won't be maintained. Discussion regarding ideas for the spray park, such as an outdoor ice rink in the winter, ensued regarding the concept of an ice rink. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he would take all of it into consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR SARACENI

1. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 1, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
2. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 15, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
3. **Planning Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 8, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

RES#114/2017

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters at 9:22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:52 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk