

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE TOWN BOARD

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on June 21, 2018 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Geraci, Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno; Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; and several residents.

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

Supervisor Saraceni noted that two motions will be added to the agenda that were discussed at the work session. He explained to the audience that there is a work session prior to the start of the 7:00 PM meeting, where issues that are either on the agenda, or pending items will be added. He said sometimes the Board will come up with things that need to be acted on immediately because the Board only meets twice a month. He said that to make sure that everyone is aware of any additions to the agenda, he makes an announcement at the beginning of the meeting. The first item on the agenda is the proposed Farm Animal Law. **Supervisor Saraceni** referenced Item "A" relating to that proposed law, and stated that it is going to be tabled; no action will be taken on that item. The public hearing will take place, and everyone's comments will be heard, but the Board will not take action on the item.

Supervisor Saraceni said that items "I" and "J" will be added which is a motion to allow the Parks and Recreation Supervisor to purchase a walk-behind brush mower for an amount not to exceed \$3,000. He said there are many properties that need maintenance, and when people don't mow their lawns, they get cited by Code Enforcement. He said there are up to 50 properties now. He said last year the Town did not service any of them. Parks and Recreation has stepped up and offered the service, and in order for the Parks Department to do what they need to do, a piece of equipment is needed. It is in the Parks and Recreation Budget.

Supervisor Saraceni said Mr. Burkinshaw presented a business plan which shows that this piece of equipment should be purchased within the year based on what will be charged. What the Town will charge will be noted in Item "J". If the Town has to mow someone's lawn after the property is cited, it gives them 10 days to do it themselves, but it is going to cost \$250 for the Town to mow that property. Supervisor Saraceni said while it seems like a lot of money to mow a lawn, actually it is not. In the Village, it was \$75, and people would let the Village do it because it was a great deal, and the Village did it twice in the summer. Based on the Town's personnel costs and use of the mower, it is a fair price. Mr. Burkinshaw conducted research throughout Counties/Towns as far as what they do in that instance.

Supervisor Saraceni said it is rare that there are three public hearings in one night. He said sometimes public hearings can get passionate, and he asked that if someone has a comment to please come to the microphone and asked that it be kept brief if there are a lot of people the meeting can go on, but everyone will have an opportunity to speak. He asked that everyone be respectful of each other's time.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
THE ZONING LAW OF THE TOWN OF LYSANDER, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

Town Clerk Dina Falcone stated as follows: *The legal notice was published on May 29, 2018 in the Post Standard. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to consider adopting a local law whereby Section 139-51.1 (new) Farm Animals, Section 44 is hereby amended to read: Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander as follows: Article II – Terminology: Section 139-4B - definitions and word usage are amended by adding the following: Farm Animals. This term includes all farm animals (horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, livestock, geese, fowl and poultry, etc.) and wild or dangerous animals. Article XX – Supplemental Regulations. Section 320-51.1 (new) Farm Animals. No farm animals shall be kept or harbored on land zoned R-10, R-12.5 or R-20. Any person or persons harboring farm animals in all other zones shall keep such animals confined to their property. Copies of said local law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated May 17, 2018.*

RES#163/2018

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:10 PM. **The motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:

John Brunetti of South Ivy Trail: *You have taken this under consideration because you have a concern about the entire Town of Lysander and whether or not its zoning regulations are in accord with those of other towns who have taken a similar action to this. That the residents of such places, Baldwin Hill, Giddings Crest, Whispering Oaks, River Mist, a host of other developments are depending upon you to do whatever you believe to be the correct thing and right thing as elected officials. Thank you.*

Nicole Enck of South Ivy Trail: *I am the current resident with four chickens in my backyard. Three years ago my children approached me to see if we can get some chickens. I looked in the current Association guidelines as well as the town of Lysander rules. There were no such rules. I made my children approach our surrounding neighbors and ask for permission. There was no problem. During that time we dealt with very unruly neighbors. There were loud parties, drugs, violent behavior and left us unable to use our property along the river. I approached our association and was told nothing can be done legally. I approached the town and was told they are doing everything they can. Unfortunately, that situation ended with horrific tragedy.*

But we and our chickens were labeled with, "this is the worst thing to happen in our association in 25 years. This current issue with chickens in Lysander in residential communities is not about the town of Lysander but about the association of Seneca estates. We were never approach by anyone on the board other than a letter stated that we have to get rid of them. There have been private meetings, slanderous emails from the president of the Association, and accusations of deceitful behavior. I am here to tell you I am not a liar, I did nothing in a deceitful matter and my chickens are part of our family and just to teach our children about the raising of animals. They are not a nuisance, they do not smell, they do not make noise. This issue is not a town issue please do not make it one. I currently have over 32 signatures from immediate neighbors in Seneca Estates who feel the same way I do, and I can get more. These are our friends, I can get more.

Elizabeth Enck of South Ivy Trail: *We have four chickens; their names are: (inaudible) they lay one egg a day for each chicken. Chickens are very good animals and teach us about being responsible and to care for them. We need to get food, water, and get eggs for all of them. I would not call our chickens a nuisance. I would call them our responsibility.*

Carole Kline of South Ivy Trail: *I live next door to the Encks. I cannot understand why the sudden concern over chickens. A large portion of the land over 370 has been and still is agricultural. Too many children in this world have come to believe that our food comes from a grocery store, can be ordered and delivered by the grocery store or for take-out from a restaurant, or the latest have the food prepared and sent. What is so wrong with children raising a few chickens in a beautiful coup? I don't see or hear them. There is no rooster waking me up at the crack of dawn. The Encks are helping their children develop into responsible adults that understand and appreciate the hard work our farming neighbors do so that they can all enjoy the bounties of food they have. In addition, it is also known that chickens eat ticks, which cause Lyme disease. Please, we do not need to amend the Lysander Code. I have spoken to immediate neighbors who would be directly affected by these chickens. These neighbors are either here in direct support of the Encks, or have signed a petition saying they feel there is no concern with the chickens. If the neighbors who are immediately adjacent to them are not concerned, then I fail to see where the concerns are coming from. The officers of the homeowner's association have yet to publicly disclose where this concern has arisen from, therefore I don't feel it is reasonable to enact this law, as it is a personal issue with someone having their own agenda. I have known the Encks for years. They have contributed greatly to our community including the aesthetic beauty of Seneca Estates. I know they will continue to take great care of their chickens in a peaceful environment. Thank you for giving me this time.*

Matt Dalph of South Ivy Trail: *We are one of the reasons we are voting on this farm animal law. We are urging the Board to reconsider this proposal. We didn't take the decision to have chickens lightly. After consulting two of our neighbors and the Encks, and days of research, we decided a few backyard chickens would be beneficial to our family for a number of reasons and to instill values in our daughters. Some of the following areas of concern I would like to inform or dispel: disease. We thought having healthy fresh eggs on a daily basis was much more beneficial than buying eggs on a where it seems like a yearly basis as the salmonella outbreak where over 200 million eggs recalled. Noise: Again, after doing numerous days of research we also found hens average 60 decibels, while dogs average 90, so it's not a noise concern.*

If you want to ban roosters that is fine, I don't see an issue with that. It is also a reasonable request. As far as waste and odor go, a 40 pound dog produces more waste than ten chickens. At least with the chicken the waste can be composted and can turn into fertilizer for the garden. There is not a noticeable smell with the coup if it is cared for properly. From where we are there are no more problems than before the chickens arrived. The first winter I had a camera set up next to the coup, and the months of November through March I have pictures of three different house cats who meandered and no foxes, raccoons, coyotes, possums, fishers, martins, otters, river cats, sasquatches or any other predators near the coup at this time.

As far as safety goes, with two children under the age of three they are in no danger from predators or disease into my family. It was months after we got the chickens the issue arose. We have kept them inside the coup and let them out sparingly to eat bugs and ticks in our yard but they are confined to their space. I just wish that much like the current generation that I teach, I wish a lot of these things were handled more face to face than just behind faceless emails text messages, or however other communications are used now. I urge people to come and take a look at our family chicken coup it is not an eyesore and actually better looking than some sheds in our neighborhood.

We are thoughtful enough with our neighbors and when asked they said they didn't mind, when we asked their thoughts on raising chickens. In the same context, why should we have to ask our neighbors about us buying chickens when they never ask us about buying a dog, putting up a fence, or playground in their backyard? We shouldn't feel the need to ask this as it is infringing on our civil liberties. As far as real estate goes there has been a rumor that real estate agents stated property values would be negatively affected up to around \$20K in our neighborhood due to chickens being present. This is false. Just last fall in November of 2017 the neighbor who had a direct view of our chicken coup had three full price offers in less than a week. If you have a house that is well kept in a nice area; people will pay appropriately for it if it was not well kept in a bad area don't expect any offers.

We moved in approximately three years ago to our current house with updates and renovations we made over those three years our home value has gone up again approximately 40%. There is no reason why bringing in chickens to decrease our property values when we are trying to make it look as beautiful as possible. I urge you to reword the proposed law if you want to eliminate cows, pigs, horses, please go ahead but there is no reason why a well-kept chicken coup for personal consumption can't be kept in a backyard. [Many cities] all have to some degree backyard chickens. Only a short time ago the Village of Fayetteville approved backyard chickens keeping. Like a dog registration fee, Fayetteville has a chicken feed permit. There is a limit of 12 chickens. I don't see any issue with this. It keeps all parties happy and it is simple. If the chickens are posing an issue much like a dog who isn't cared for then act on it. Just like any other home domesticated animal. The chickens are not the issue it's the individuals who are against the chickens. We are not saying you have to like chickens, but allow us enough respect to allow us to live as we see fit without interfering with the way we choose to live. Allow others in our Town the same freedoms that our family has to get back to our roots in raising children the right way.

Christine Basilio of Mariner Drive: *I am here to share that I am pro-chickens. When passing or visiting I have watched families in our areas with them, and I have seen nothing but positivity with the pets. They clear or limit the area of bugs and ticks, so thank you to chickens for lowering the chance of Lyme disease being passed. They are great with children who are learning to be responsible. Our current chicken owner's children are 10, 8, 5, 3 and 1. Not only are they learning to be responsible, but they are building a bond with their pets, just like their child with a dog, cat, rabbit hamster or any other animal. I am a dog owner, and these pet chickens are no fuss as far as I can see. Chickens are quiet. Dogs tend to bark loud and sometimes obnoxiously. I have yet to see a chicken hurt another person or animal, yet I have seen children get hurt by big dogs in the neighborhood like my daughter. Chickens should be allowed in our neighborhood. If I had the time, I would be a chicken owner too.*

Joe Visconti of South Ivy Trail stated: *This should be association ordeal, and for some reason it has bypassed 90% of the people who live in this area. In the past they tried to get the neighbors together to talk about it, and without leaving it seems that the changing of the leadership of Seneca Estates has drawn us into neighbor against neighbor, which is a terrible thing for Seneca Estates. I hope the chickens can stay but more so I hope the association straightens out, and doesn't have to become disbanded.*

Carl Fiorini of South Ivy Trail spoke against the proposed law and stated: *We closed on the place 14 years ago today and we moved into a very modest home next to us. It was a cape, and today there is a home there that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more than was there before. The Encks put that home there. The same people who are being asked to get rid of their chickens. I live next door to those chickens I don't hear a sound or smell a thing. They are just chickens. This is rural America. I grew up here, I grew up on a vegetable farm 15 miles from here. I saw pigs, chickens and all of that all my life. Some are unruly but not chickens. This is rural America at its finest. I think it would be shame to take part of it away. Let's keep our chickens.*

Gail Tosh of Emerick Road spoke against the proposed law as follows: *I am a chicken owner. I live out in the country in a rural area and am not affected by this law but I came here because I am interested in what people have to say in the lawmaking process. What I am hearing here is a lot of hardworking families in the Lysander area that are playing by the rules. How do I know they are hardworking and*

playing by the rules? Because they live in Seneca Estates. It's a pricey area they have to have some money to live there and they joined a homeowners association, and I don't know anything that has more rules than one of those. They bought the house and followed the rules. Now they are being told they can't pursue their pursuit of happiness the way they'd like to. It seems like it is unnecessary legislation and overstepping. I agree that it seems like it is a homeowner's association issue and not a town issue. I don't know why anybody would ban chicken ownership across the board, and in all these other districts. How long before we start changing the agricultural districts just because we feel like it? I live in one of those agricultural districts. Who has come under attack by neighbors who want to change the law, I agree this is an agricultural town. We have agricultural history and we are doing ourselves a disservice with this and even having this conversation.

Sonja Andrews Georger of South Ivy Trail spoke against the proposed law and stated: *I am here to share why I am against the proposed law. My neighbors owns chickens I don't want to see others lose that right. I personally don't believe they would devalue the property in our neighborhood. They are a benefit to the families who take good care of them. They are education for the children and provide a highly nutritious diet as well as well as eat ticks and mosquitoes. There are many cities and communities that allow chickens and they all have rules and regulations about chickens. I encourage the board to look at some of those rules rather than take away all rights from people in Lysander.*

Ryan Price of Emerick Road spoke against the proposed law and stated: *I don't know about this family and the neighbors, but we recently moved here over a year ago we moved into a house that is 150 years old. We moved here because of the agriculture as well. I do think the connection to animals has gone away, and this family is trying to bring them together. I can say that my family personally, my nieces and nephews, have learned a lot more about the animals. They are excited to come over it's an engagement piece. I really don't have anything else to say except most modern cities right now, if there is a limitation it's no roosters, which is reasonable.*

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road spoke against the proposed law and stated: *I grew up on Mercer Street in less than quarter acre lots, and in a family of eleven kids, and a three bedroom house, so that was a challenge, we can never fathom anything like this, but recently about 12 or 15 years ago, I was thankful enough to be able to buy some properties out on Plainville Road, and one of them is three and a half acres, and I've got 12 chickens there and I got them about 10 years ago. I am not fortunate enough to have kids myself but I am an uncle of roughly seven nieces and nephews, and I can tell you when they come over to visit it is the highlight of their visit. Also I own two dogs and the dogs think that the chickens are part of the family, and they think it is their job to round them up. It's meant a lot to my dad who I take care of is elderly who I am out there with, it changes. What I am concerned about is I've been here long enough to see how things change once they get a foothold, and I would hate to see restrictions and go after properties that are less than five acres like the town has regarding solar panels windmills, outdoor boilers, and the list I can keep going on. Another thing I want to say is as far as I know you guys are all registered Republicans and can carry a Conservative banner, and I am just wondering when Republicans and Conservatives became the party of red tape because growing up and from all the knowledge I know that is the party of reducing red tape and I just don't think that this is something that should be in the town. What are we going to do with people who got chickens and have had them for a long time? Are they going to be grandfathered? If you guys decide to go ahead with this and change the law, there are things I'd like you to consider.*

RES#164/2018

Having heard all those for and against the action, a motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 7:35 pm. The motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Moore.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Supervisor Saraceni said he has no opinion regarding this issue. He said he grew up in a Village that doesn't allow chickens. He said he has never experienced chickens himself, but said he appreciates everyone who came to speak both for and against the proposed law. He said the Board is charged with considering a law, and how it impacts residents across the community, not in any one development.

Supervisor Saraceni again thanked the residents for their comments, and said they were eloquent and to the point, and respectful of each other. The Board is going to absorb everything that was said, and will make sure that there is plenty of notice if it gets to the point where the Town is either going to amend the law, or take action. He said the Board is not going to do anything behind residents' backs; they will be as open and transparent as possible. He said this is part of the process.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ROUTE 48 SIDEWALK DISTRICT

Town Clerk Dina Falcone stated as follows: *“The legal notice was published on May 29, 2018 in the Post Standard. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to hear all people for or against a local law for the proposed Route 48 Sidewalk District. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said Sidewalk District will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of the map, plan and report are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated May 17, 2018.”*

RES#165/2018

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:36 pm. **The motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Moore.**

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:

Jennifer Angeloro of Oswego Road spoke in favor of the project and stated: *I am really in favor of this for many reasons. I think it will be safety issue for our children who go back and forth to school. But more than that I think it will be really nice to connect us to the Village more. I think it will really enhance property values to be more connected to the Village. I was looking to buy a house and there was as lack of connectivity to the Village.*

Mike Gorham of Giddings Trail: spoke in favor of the project, and stated: *I left my son’s baseball banquet early to be here. On the way here I drove down 31 to Town Hall and looked at the banners, posters and candles for the fellow who was killed. When I approached the Town about this sidewalk, I had my kids in mind. I clearly understand that my kids have two or more years left until they are in college. I look out for the safety of kids in the future. The distracted driving that I see on the road every day driving with my own job, I drive 30 thousand miles a year, is unbelievable. It is unbelievable the distracted driving I see. The accidents I see, going off the road, hitting the rumble strips, it’s absolutely unbelievable. So I am very much in favor of the sidewalk for my own kids and for kids in the future. For the small amount of money it’s going to cost, I would think this is a no brainer. It’s a sidewalk for safety. It’s a sign of openness for the community.*

Rich Lotano of Coachmans Whip: *I am looking for some additional information. For this proposed sidewalk district, would cover 8 families. Are all 8 of those families in sync with having that sidewalk going in on their property? That’s question number one. Are they in favor of it? Question number two, when you talk about maintenance of property, does that mean you are going to plow that sidewalk every time it snows in the winter? Are you going to plow that sidewalk at 6:00 in the morning so that those families will be able to get out of their homes and go to work? Are we going to plow at an early time so that if anybody god forbid were to fall on that property there would be a clear line of where the liability is? Are we going to give those 8 families any type of a tax break, because they are obviously going to have to increase their insurance coverage on their property; are those the type of things that the Board has considered? Yes? No? Bottom line initially I thought this was a good idea. I think it’s a terrible idea. I don’t think we in Giddings Crest, or Country Lane, should ever be able to force sidewalks on other people. If you sit here and tell me that the 8 families support this, that’s a different matter. I don’t know the answer to that question. If they all support it. The location of a sidewalk, are you going to ensure that the power lines will not be at any point over that sidewalk because they should move closer to Country Lane, the power lines are right on the road; I don’t know where you are going to place a sidewalk unless you are really going to go in toward the homes. To me, this really comes out to be more a situation of not so much the issue of a sidewalk, but an issue that we as taxpayers, as neighbors are imposing a sidewalk, on other neighbors, and if you did a poll and bet a lot of money on this, do you think you would get sidewalks approved in Giddings Crest or on Country Lane? If people have come forward to you as you put this map out, if they were in favor of this, how many? Ten, twenty, fifty? My point is that I think if you were going to put sidewalks in Giddings Crest, Country Lane, the opposition would be monumental, but we are going to take these 8 families and put a sidewalk in front of their home. We are going to go from private property to a public thoroughfare for that reason I am against it.*

Supervisor Saraceni: *It would be in the right-of-way. That was a question that – I just wanted to answer the one question. Typically we don’t field questions, but since we don’t respond to questions, as this is as public comment time, but since a lot of your concern was about private property, the sidewalk would be located in the right-of-way of the road. I just want to make that clear.*

Rich Lotano: *You are placing a responsibility on 8 families and from my perspective, and if those 8 families are coming forward and they say ‘this is great’, all 8, not one or two, but all 8.*

Aaron Blume of Oswego Road: *I am in favor and against. It would be across from my house but the other 8 neighbors - they don't know about this - this is the first I heard about this. I got the letter on Monday it is late getting to me. 33 feet is what you have from the center line of that road, to where the right-of-way ends. Utility lines and trees there. What else do you have there? Hydrants. How are you going to fit this there it doesn't make sense. What thing would make sense to me, a multi-use lane along the side? Or on both sides; widen the shoulders out or something and DOT could plow and maintain and be of no cost to the town; something that can be done and you don't have to pay for concrete or pay for an area of three to five feet between the sidewalk and the road being maintained. This expense. Who is going to maintain that little piece? You look everywhere it gets mowed; outside of it, not a lot of people mow that little area and there are a number of spots there. My family wouldn't use it. Understood, but I don't think it would be good as a sidewalk, you can't ride a bike, and the three foot shoulders you have out there currently - yes it's dangerous but something wider would be better. I have ridden my bike on there you can't ride your bike down the sidewalk.*

Dave Hovey of Coachmans Whip: *I grew up at 8374 Oswego Road in the 70s, I walked that road every day on the way to school I am still here. Granted, there wasn't distracted driving like there is now. I ride on the road, I bike a lot, and we talk about a bike lane first, not a sidewalk, because I see it as never utilized. I think it's a waste - I know you got a grant for congestion mitigation, I don't see this as a congestion issue, we have busses in Giddings Crest, they bus everybody, so it's not like everybody walks to school. Someone mentioned widening the road. We are trying to decrease taxes, not increase them, and I don't see this \$53 as being valid, that is just going to go up and you know as well as I do with plowing, we could say 'we can't plow for \$5K a year' - you know how it is, it is a cost - we don't know what it's really going to be; it's not going to be super high but I am sure it is going to be more than \$53 and then you have maintenance and we are responsible for re-pouring.*

Supervisor Saraceni: *The money that was quoted in the letter covers maintenance and plowing. The homeowner does not have to maintain - no one homeowner maintains. If it needs to be re-poured we would go into the capital reserve fund.*

Dave Hovey: *I just don't see people on that road. You're not walking down to Stewarts to get a half gallon of ice cream it will melt on the way home. I just think it's going to be underutilized.*

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road: *I don't live in the affected area obviously, but a couple of concerns - Last fall and the spring I had gone out and knocked on doors for people that live in the area and asked them how they felt about it, and asked them if they were interested in creating a petition to present to the board one way or another, but I am not here to talk about that - what I was concerned about is the amount of people like the fellow who said that he didn't know they either didn't get the one notice or it didn't get their attention - I don't know how we can figure out - do we knock on doors and talk to people the way I do? I don't get paid for it and I don't want to get paid for it. I do it because I love my town and I have a little bit of extra time left over and I know people are unaware so I try to help out. But I know the O'Donnell's live in the area and he's a teacher and he and his kids walk that corridor forever. I lived on Mercer - I got up and walked the corridor - another thing they mentioned, I'm a roller blader, and when you take the stride, I can tell you three feet isn't going to work and you catch the grass when you kick off you are going to go down, so you won't get that type of activity out there. The last thing I want to make a point that nobody has brought attention to is the logistics of the sidewalk. It doesn't make sense from a map standpoint. You've got the sidewalk going down to the first entrance to Giddings Crest, that means those people - I'm not sure what the stirrup roads are but the next entrance down everyone that lives on that road and further down is either going to have to come up on route 48 and go 150 yards until they get on the sidewalk or they are going to have to backtrack backwards into a the neighborhood to come up to get on the sidewalk to go. Nobody's going to do that, so there is going to be half of that development - if they do use a sidewalk, they will still go up on 48 and include that section in front of the O'Donnell's - and if you just look the map it just doesn't make any sense if what we are saying or doing is affect the walking out there. Just something to consider.*

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way: *I don't live in the district but just so I'm clear, I attended the meeting back in the winter. Where will the sidewalk end? I know it's supposed to be on the east side of the road, for the proposed sidewalk, but which entrance to Country Lane does it end in? The one closest to the Village or further north?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *Further north; second entry.*

Kevin Rode: *Why wouldn't the people in Giddings Crest be included but not the people to the east on Route 48 that are pretty much equal distance to anyone else?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *We considered that. (Deferred to Al Yager)*

Town Engineer Al Yager: *You have low speed low volume residential roads in the Giddings Crest neighborhood – which are considered safe for pedestrians compared to Route 48 which is a high speed state road; lots more traffic. Yes, so those few people would have to walk through residential streets to Giddings Crest to get across Route 48, Country Lane, Hourglass Lane intersection and a crosswalk, to get on the sidewalk. The premise of the grant application was for public safety and to get off the state roads and what is a relatively narrow 3 foot shoulder on Route 48. So the thought is that pedestrian traffic on low speed residential streets is perfectly acceptable and encouraged, whereas pedestrian traffic on a 3 foot shoulder on a state road where there is noted increase of speed - is premise of what the grant is written on.*

Kevin Rode: *That's why the people on the east side of County Lane were included? But the people in Giddings will have to in essence walk backwards to get...*

Al Yager: *At this time in this development yes.*

Kevin Rode: *That to me, I would want to walk less to go south if I didn't have to - but maybe other people - if you had to you still have to cross the street, which looking at a map, to me a majority of the people that maybe will use this will have to cross that street at some point with an unlit crosswalk or are there lights on those intersections?*

Al Yager: *At this time there is not a light at the intersection of Country Lane and Hourglass.*

Kevin Rode: *So there is another safety standard and whether you have a sidewalk or not, if you have a crosswalk that is not lit, you would have to put a light there - I would imagine the state has a rule on crosswalks and lighting.*

Al Yager: Yes.

Kevin Rode: *Back in February how many properties were included in the original district?*

Al Yager: *I believe 100? I don't know off the top of my head.*

Kevin Rode: *This obviously increased because of the cost.*

Al Yager: *It did. The cost went up \$47 to \$53 and part of the reason behind that is the Public Finance Law only allows financing for ten years.*

Supervisor Saraceni: *We were originally going to go 15 but can only bond for 10.*

Kevin Rode: *So if we increase properties in the district...*

Al Yager: *There were six properties on the west side that I made an error on. I thought they were part of the Village sewer district. I thought they were Village sewers so the properties on the west side of Route 48 North of the end of the Indian Springs.*

Kevin Rode: *Have the people for the sidewalk - where it is going to cross their property - been or responded to the town if they are for or against it? I know the people on Chaucer - their backyards and fences - they are probably not going to be a big deal but a lot of people on 48, that is going to be their front yard and I didn't think of it until somebody said it. Somebody could come out with a snow thrower or what the Village uses but they can come home to a 3 foot berm in their driveway to try and cross if the Village plowed the walkway and they had to take care of theirs and vice versa.*

Hugh Kimball of Dexter Parkway: *I don't live in the area but I am very familiar with it. I do have questions. At a previous meeting, before the last one, there were supposed to be postcards sent out for anyone affected. Did that happen? Was the cost included in the letter?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *A letter went out. Yes.*

Hugh Kimball: *One thing I would like to mention is my wife, when she was well into her 50's, and passed 60, used to run up that street, she didn't even use the sidewalk where it exists that the Village put in because it was too hard on her feet – she used the shoulder. She never felt she had a problem. She was smart, she faced traffic whichever way she went so she would see the drivers, and she never felt there was a problem and as mentioned earlier, none of us kids have to walk to school from out there, they are all bussed. Pretty sure of that. The other question I had relates to the wording in the resolution. Is the resolution not only going to adopt the sidewalk district but is it also authorizing the Board to go ahead and put the bids out and construct? Is that what this is saying? Or is that a separate step that still has to be taken?*

Supervisor Saraceni: *That is the next step. What we have is an estimate of the project cost. What we are considering tonight is the establishment of the sidewalk district.*

Hugh Kimball: *So you are only doing the establishment of the district. The reason I am asking is the last sentence for the adoption of the sidewalk district has 'no significant effect on the environment'. I agree with that, but when you go ahead and authorize the building of it, that would require an EAF in my opinion. Did we do a SEQR?*

Al Yager: *We did a SEQR on this - the formation of the district is considered an action by the Board which requires SEQR with a negative declaration of the formation of the district. We already did the negative declaration resolution. This is merely for the district itself. So this is not the construction of the sidewalk.*

Hugh Kimball: *So when you go ahead with the sidewalk you do it again?*

Al Yager: *We can do it again.*

Hugh Kimball: *I guess the only other question I have is this going to be a pattern? Are we going to be looking for other areas where we ought to put sidewalks? Because frankly I think it's a bad precedent. People who have lived there for years, 15 years or more, nobody has ever had a problem before now, all of the sudden there's a problem. I just don't get it. I'm concerned you are going to keep adding to the Town infrastructure by starting in a place that hasn't needed one forever.*

RES#166/2018

Having heard all those for and against the action, a motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 7:35 pm. The motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Ellis.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER COLLINGTON POINTE SEWER DISTRICT

Town Clerk Dina Falcone stated as follows: *The legal notice was published on May 29, 2018 in the Post Standard. Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027, to hear all people for or against the proposed Collington Pointe Sewer District Extension No. 1. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of said Sewer District Extension No. 1 will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Lysander incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of the map, plan and report are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Lysander, dated May 17, 2018.*

RES#167/2018

A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 8:01 pm. **The motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

RES#168/2018

Having heard no comments for or against the action, a motion to close the Public Hearing occurred at 8:01 pm. The motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Ellis.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about the fee for mowing properties. He said he attended the work session but has questions regarding the process. He asked about the \$250 fee and asked about the fine.

Supervisor Saraceni said that is what the Town is going to start with. It is going to be the fee. \$250 to send the Town to mow. He said there was research done, and it was found that the people do it hourly would prefer to have a flat rate. That is what we are starting with and we can always amend it if we find out it is not working for us.

Attorney Rivizzigno said the fine would come if there is an action in court. He said the Town can still do that, but in the meantime they are authorized to take care of the property. He said the fine would come afterwards.

Supervisor Saraceni said the fine is not to exceed \$250.

Mr. Rode asked what happens if the mower breaks someone’s property or if property gets damaged. He said he has concerns that should be addressed before the Town sets the rule. Mr. Rode used the example of the WSEN building as regarding the question of liability. He said that item should be taken off of the agenda.

Supervisor Saraceni said it would be fixed if it broke.

Attorney Rivizzigno said the Town has insurance if something were to happen.

Discussion ensued regarding mowing and the purchase of a mower with attachments, etc.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road explained recent experiences he had in the past cutting lawns and noted a fee for the lawn, but to fix the equipment was costly. He asked if the Town would weed-eat and blow off the sidewalk and clean the debris that gets into the road. He asked about a trailer for the mower and how that would be handled.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Diamond commented that he was happy to see all of the people who attended the meeting and thanked everyone for speaking at the public hearings. He said he attended a public safety meeting and they discussed the workplace training meetings that are going to occur in Town Hall on July 11th. He said Mr. Rode brought up a good point about Item “J” and he wanted to look at the liability issue before it was voted on.

Councilor Moore mentioned the article in the Messenger about the positive Facebook page that someone created and was happy to see Vicki and Donna (inaudible as to last names) do something like this, and wanted to thank them for establishing the Positively B’Ville Facebook group. He said he loves the community and points out the great things that are going on, and likes the idea that people have put that page together. He thanked everyone who came to meeting and for their comments and participation.

Councilor Ellis thanked everyone who participated in the public hearing. He said the comments were very valuable.

Supervisor Saraceni said someone actually apologized at the microphone for ‘wasting the Board’s time’. He said he hopes that person understands that that this is not a waste of the Board’s time. He said public hearings are an opportunity for the public to voice their concerns. He said it is nice to see the seats filled.

Supervisor Saraceni said they have very passionate regular attendees, but he appreciates the time that others take to come out that are not as comfortable or don’t have the time to come to Board meetings.

Supervisor Saraceni said he attend the Seneca River Days event, they had an event called Food Trucks and Fireworks. For \$5 dollars per person they had five food trucks to choose from. There were bands playing, and front row seats to a fireworks show. He said there were about 1500 people there. It was a wonderful event and was glad to see the island used for a family friendly event.

Supervisor Saraceni said he attended a joint meeting between the Mayor’s Association and the Supervisor’s Association for Onondaga County. Ryan McMahon was in the audience; he is the Chair of the County Legislature, and the topic of the night was tax revenue. For those that remember, about 8 years ago that plan was changed, there was a time when villages, towns, and school districts also shared in the sales tax revenue. Right now, about 75% or 76% goes to the county and 24% goes to the city. There’s talk of opening that agreement up early. I thought it was an opportune time to try to persuade the legislature because they are the ones that ultimately craft the legislation that would give us access to funds. I put together a plan, but it is a plan that is zero risk for anybody. The only time the towns would ever be eligible for funding would be if there were two consecutive years of 2% growth in sales tax.

Supervisor Saraceni said the county doesn’t need much more than that in sales tax. 2% growth is a tremendous amount of money. He said years ago, towns didn’t receive money. The residents of the Town received a county tax credit. When that went away, millions of dollars poured into the county coffers. In Van Buren the county tax increase was 54%. Sales tax is generated throughout the community; and all should share it. He said his proposal will be available on the website sometime in the future. He said it doesn’t ask for a lot, it actually would probably take years for the Town of Lysander to see a penny of it, and that would be if the economy is booming. This premise is when the tide rises, so do all the ships, and when they economy tanks, there is no risk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#169/2018

Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the June 7, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor stated that On June 2nd, the Little Kids Big Trucks Event was a huge success once again. He thanked the sponsors Gypsum Express and Big Red Towing and all who participated in the event. He said Seneca River Days was a huge success 17 people participated in Paddle Fest. He noted the Tuesday night summer concert series which has begun and there were about 200 people in attendance to see the Baldwinsville Pep Band. It’s a family friendly way to celebrate the island. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said the Thursday Night Classic Car Crusin’ has been a large success and it continues to grow. He mentioned that there will be a Boater’s Safety Course on Saturday, June 30th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Town Clerk Dina Falcone gave an update as to three speed studies that were completed this past year. The DOT sent an official report to Town Officials as follows:

July 19, 2017 Traffic Study – Route 370 between Dunham Road and Emerick Road
July 19, 2017 Traffic Study – Route 370 between Emerick Road and East Mud Lake Road
September 26, 2017 – River Road between Patchett Road and West Bridge Street

“For each location, our study included an accident analysis, field review, and data driven speed study. Based on existing roadside development, test drives, accident analysis, and (when appropriate) laser analysis. Our investigation determined that for all three (3) locations the current speed limit is appropriate.

Studies conducted throughout the country have shown that drivers are influenced more by the appearance of the highway itself and prevailing traffic conditions rather than by the posted speed limit. If speed limit signs are posted for a lower limit than is needed, many drivers will simply ignore the signs. At the same time, other drivers will stay within the posted speed limit. This increases the conflicts between faster and slower drivers, reduces the gaps in traffic, and increases the difficulty for pedestrians and other vehicles to judge the speed of approaching vehicles.

With respect to your request on River Road, our analysis noted many of the accidents were related to either collisions with animals, or accidents under inclement weather conditions; neither of which could be prevented by an implementation of a lower regulatory speed limit. We encourage the town to consider pursuing other corrective measures; Centerline Audible Roadway Delineators (CARDS), shoulder repairs, pavement marking improvements, etc. We also observed an increase in development and pedestrian usage along this roadway, installation of an enhanced pedestrian crossing with curb-bump-outs or a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) may be something for the town to consider as well.”

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING LAW

TABLED

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to adopt a local law amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Lysander wherein Article II Terminology, particularly Section 320-4, definitions and word usage is amended, and Article XX Supplemental Regulations, particularly Section 320-51.1, Farm Animals, is to be added.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROUTE 48 SIDEWALK DISTRICT**

RES#170/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to approve the establishment of the Route 48 Sidewalk District as set forth in the map, plan and report, and that the performance of constructing sidewalks by the lowest responsible bidder selected by the Town be contracted by the Town of Lysander Town Board acting for and on behalf of Route 48 Sidewalk District pursuant to the provisions of Section 198(6) of Town Law. The adoption of this Sidewalk District has no significant effect on environment.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni said he is in full support of this sidewalk district. He also said that sidewalks, to answer a question that was asked earlier is this going to set a precedent? No. It's very difficult actually to construct a sidewalk in a town in New York State. Very different from a Village, where everybody pays a Village tax, and everybody benefits from the infrastructure, and it is very difficult to build a sidewalk in a town. Only in areas where there is an identifying need, a public request, and in this instance we are very lucky to get a large grant to help us.

This is a public safety issue. I can't imagine walking away from a grant to build a sidewalk, and then have something happen to a kid because we can save a little bit of money. We are not spreading sidewalks throughout the world; we are taking kids off of a state highway, in a residential area that is continuous with the Village of Baldwinsville. It is not a precedent, it is something that we have taken a lot of time on this board; we have reached out many times. We did a mailing to 140 houses. We got 90 responses, which is a huge response. It was a 2 to 1 in favor of the sidewalk, so there's interest there. I heard from the people; I understand what people are saying when they are concerned about the cost, but we made the district as large as we could and New York State you have to show that the residents in a district will benefit from the proposed asset that is constructed.

It would have been easy for us to extend that and include some of the areas that were mentioned earlier, but you just grown up and knowing how people walk to school and know that they are going to walk downhill and take the Brown track up – we included residents that we truly thought would benefit from the project. That being said, there is a pending vote. I will be voting in favor of this I think it is a public safety issue and if we get some kids off of a highway that is great.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE COLLINGTON POINTE SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION NO. 1**

RES#171/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to approve the establishment of the Collington Pointe Sewer District Extension No. 1 as set forth in the map, plan and report. The adoption of this Sewer District has no significant effect on environment.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

RES#172/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to authorize the attached budget transfers as per the Budget Modifications Request form supplied by the Town Comptroller.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO WAIVE PERMIT FEE FOR
FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR RADISSON'S 2018 FOUNDER'S DAY**

RES#173/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to waive the permit fee of \$300 for a Fireworks Display (pyro permit fee) on behalf Radisson Community Association for their August 11, 2018 Founder's Day Celebration. (Rain date is August 12). The fireworks display is to begin at dusk with an expected duration of 10 to 15 minutes, in the Kerri Hornaday Memorial Park.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

The Board typically waives this fee. This is a not-for profit organization, just as previously done.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO CLARK EQUIPMENT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN 84 INCH BROOM BRUSH BY THE HW DEPARTMENT**

RES#174/2018

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Ellis to approve payment to Clark Equipment in the amount of \$4,400 for the purchase of an 84” Bobcat broom brush purchased by the Highway Department.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH
SCANLON TRUCKING FOR THE DEMOLITION FO 938 MORGAN ROAD**

RES#175/2018

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Scanlon Trucking & Excavating for the demolition of 938 Morgan Road in the amount of \$13,895.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni thanked the Code Enforcement Officers for acting quickly. He said this is a building that’s falling in on itself. This item has been brought to the Board for the last 9 years. It will be acted on quickly. It’s not a budgeted item as money was not put aside, but the Town will be doing demolitions. He said there are a lot of properties in the Town of Lysander that are coming down. The cost is going to be assessed to the property; that owner is going to have an opportunity to pay it in his tax bill. If he doesn’t pay it, the county will reimburse the Town. There is no reason for anyone to look at these structures and be impacted by these structures anymore.

MOTION TO APPROVE PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF

RES#176/2018

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Ellis to approve the following Parks and Recreation Summer Program Staff and hourly wages as follows:

Lynn Pinard	Camp Crayola/Camp Kindergarten/Reading & Writing Camp	\$15/hr.
Rachel Pinard	Camp Crayola	\$15/hr.
Lisa D’Andreano	Camp Kindergarten/Reading & Writing Camp	\$15/hr.
Bob Figueiredo	Summer Rugby	\$13/hr.
Mike Conway	Art in the Park	\$15/hr.
Bridget Nadzen	Summer Art Camp	\$15/hr.
Charlie Kline	Archery Instructor	\$15/hr.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ALLOW PARKS AND RECREATION TO PURCHASE BRUSH MOWER

RES#177/2018

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to allow the Parks and Recreation Supervisor to purchase a walk behind brush mower in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Diamond asked to reconsider Item "J" so that he can do more research into this item. He discussed contracting out. Supervisor Saraceni said as it was proposed during the work session, and this would be a piece of equipment that would not only be available to Parks and Recreation, but also in drainage areas if the Town has to cut high grass in drainage areas. Some of the points that were brought up earlier by Mr. Rode, although good as far as concerns that a municipality would have in servicing on private property, municipalities do this every day. As Mr. Burkinshaw mentioned, the Town has insurance to cover costs and damaged property; the alternative is either to outsource it and pay someone else to do it or to take advantage of a situation - if you get a piece of equipment that can benefit the town in other areas. This is something that I am very familiar with from the past, and things can happen; that is what insurance is for; the alternative is to do what we did last year. Nothing. I am comfortable with the motions as they are proposed. I thought Mr. Burkinshaw did a good job doing the research, not only in the type of equipment to use, but what other communities do when they do the work themselves. He said 'we are not reinventing the wheel here'. This happens every year.

Councilor Moore said the next time the Board meets is July 19th and by that time the grass would be higher. He said they should act on this so that the properties get taken care of. Councilor Diamond will support one motion to purchase the mower but the other motion. (Some of the discussion is inaudible).

MOTION TO SET LAWN MAINTENANCE RATE

RES#178/2018

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to set the lawn maintenance rate at \$250 as allowed in Section 24 of the Town of Lysander Code.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Diamond is not in support of this motion (although he voted yes to the motion) for liability reasons and the cost issues if the mower gets damaged. Attorney Rivizzigno and others had a discussion wherein the Code was discussed in order to clarify Councilor Diamond's questions and answers were reiterated.

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO TOWN BUSINESS:

Jim Stirushnik of Dinglehole Road referred to the room being filled; and noted that popcorn should be served at Town Board Meetings. (*Discussion/some of the discussion inaudible*).

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way spoke regarding the sidewalk district and asked if residents of the district wanted to do something do they have the option of passing a petition and is there a 30 day limit?

Attorney Rivizzigno said it is subject to a permissive referendum.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road asked why the Town didn't have a Town of Lysander truck represented at the Little Kids Big trucks event. Supervisor Saraceni said Parks and Recreation was there. He meant a truck from the HW Department that was not there. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said Parks and Recreation had equipment there. Supervisor Saraceni said the Village of Baldwinsville also had a truck there.

Mr. Burtch said he missed a public discussion of Phase I of the spray park. He asked if there was a public discussion. Supervisor Saraceni said there have been very public discussions about the spray park. Mr. Burtch said with all that was discussed the town should have a spray park summit. He said he was one of roughly 650 people who participated in a petition. He said he was over one of the 1,000 people who participated in an online poll that said that people were 10% against this. He was one of 650 people that participated in an online survey and received a mass email saying that 10% were against it. Mr. Burtch said there was a public vote with 1,000 people with 10% against. He said he was thinking that the Board is not listening to its electorate. HE said there was no public discussion and he was alarmed to find it was back on the agenda again. Mr. Burtch said that when he first started carrying the petition he was against the funding mechanism. Now he sees the way it is being pushed and there is no time for public input or discussion.

Mr. Burtch referenced the Board and how they ran on Republican and Conservative lines, how the In Lieu of Parks funds are going to be used, (as the fund took 40 years to build) He said [the spray park] project has been underwater any way it is looked at. **Councilor Moore** addressed the Board and said the discussion was becoming political. Mr. Burtch said he didn't want the Board to think that he is always against everyone. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he didn't think that; not for a minute. Mr. Burtch then

mentioned an issue with the zoning office and **Supervisor Saraceni** said he was out of line because he was talking about a personnel matter.

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive commented that the Board did well on certain decisions they made that evening. He mentioned the codes/high grass issue was a problem. He said he is glad the Board is doing something about it. He also said that in the future to give things more thought for the long term.

Supervisor Saraceni ended with a comment because politics has been brought up regarding the spray park. He said some previous discussions were getting political in nature. He said 549 people voted against the *bond* resolution *not* the spray park. He said 449 people voted in favor of the bond which is in favor of the spray park. He said it is a 100 person difference.

Supervisor Saraceni said we are a town of 22,500 people, and “since when does building park facilities for families become non-conservative?” He said he was chastised by a conservative recently for not spending the money. He said the money has been in there for years. It is being spent on a facility that will enhance the Lysander Park. It is in an In Lieu of Parks fund that took decades to build up because the Town didn’t charge developers enough money in the first place. Now a developer is going to pay \$500 per lot; that should be replenished within a decade.

Supervisor Saraceni reiterated that the park should not be a ‘political football’. The people that didn’t want to pay for it, that didn’t want to pay \$2.10 for \$100K assessed, no longer have to worry about it. He said no cost, Phase I, the spray park is going to be built, the benches are going to be in, and the fence is going to be put up, and kids will be playing soon. He said the Town is go to build Phase II because Senator DeFrancisco just gave another grant so the items that were pulled out, the pavilion and changing rooms, are going to be built too. In the end everyone benefits. He again said, “This should not be a political football.” He said “It’s a park, it’s a spray park”, and that it was ridiculous that this discussion is even being had mentioning Republicans, Conservatives, and Democrats.

Supervisor Saraceni said it is frustrating that this is the environment that we have in the Town. It should change. This is an amenity that is going to enhance our one and only park that hasn’t seen a major improvement in decades.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL NOT BE A TOWN BOARD MEETING ON JULY 5TH

Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2018, 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Town Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2018, 7:00 PM, Work Session begins at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Town Board Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018, 7:00 PM, Work Session begins at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Ellis and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:47 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk