

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on July 20, 2017 at 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, Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Gene Dinsmore, Highway Superintendent, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several residents.

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

Supervisor Saraceni stated that there will be additions/changes to the Regular Agenda Items, as the Mercer Street bid will be resubmitted and there will be two new motions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked for clarification as to the cost of the proposed spray park. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated it is \$495K, and that's with a \$75K sewer line.

Mr. Rode asked about the County Highway contract and asked if it is normally a five year agreement and **Supervisor Saraceni** said yes, with a 2% bump each year, and it's the same type of contract as the last one.

Mr. Rode asked about the storage facility for the Highway Barn and asked how that gets funded. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is a "Whole Town" fund, as it is infrastructure.

Mr. Rode asked if the Town is going to stay under the \$15K allotment for the new Codes Department hires. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that the idea is that they are working every day this week to get caught up on projects, but then one individual will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the other Tuesday and Thursday, and they will rotate their schedules. Mr. Rode said that he looked at the building permits from 2015 which brought in \$55K and then last year \$91K. He asked about the value of a permit and the costs associated with same. **Councilor Ellis** said it could be more decks and pools versus other projects. Mr. Rode asked if there were benefits for the part-time Codes positions and **Supervisor Saraceni** said no. Mr. Rode suggested revising Codes fees.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road referred to the new positions in the Codes office and asked how to get a comparison regarding how busy the Codes office is during a certain period of years. **Supervisor Saraceni** said there is a monthly report of permits issued. **Town Clerk Dina Falcone** said that there is a report that comes from the Codes Department which is placed on the website. However, Codes Department permits can be looked up separately on the Town's program. The information can be pulled, but the names associated with the permits would have to be redacted. **Ms. Falcone** also stated that it is public information, and does it does not need a FOIL request. Mr. Burtch referred to a prior employee in the Codes Department and said he was capable to doing a lot of the Codes Department activities himself.

Jim Strushnik of Dinglehole Road asked for more information on Item B on the Agenda. He asked about items C, D, and E, and noted the salary being paid for both positions. He said from his point of view, a Deputy Codes Officer being away from the building is responsible for his actions, versus someone in the Parks Department getting a higher wage for being in the building under supervision. He said there is a dysfunction between both positions. **Councilor Diamond** said the Parks employee has been working in that position for a number of years.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he received a notice that National Grid has requested an increase in its rates. He said that he will place the public information about the hearing on the website.

Supervisor Saraceni said that Mr. Rode mentioned the publication from the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Town of Lysander. He said that any updates on their assessment on the Lysander project will be in the Syracuse Newspaper. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it was meant to see if there was any interest in a study that was started 20 years ago, and found that there is enough evidence and interest in the project to warrant further study in that area. He asked to be notified regarding updates and thanked Mr. Rode for pointing that out a few meetings ago.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#131/2017

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

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, stated that last week 50 cars were in attendance for the Classic Cars BBQ. He said there were new visitors to the park as well. **Mr. Burkinshaw** noted that he is trying to grow the program for next year. He said that the B'Ville Diner was a sponsor.

Mr. Burkinshaw mentioned the Community Camp Out being held on July 29th. The cost is \$5 per tent. Pre-registration is required. He suggested calling the Parks Department with any questions. Pizza Man is a sponsor of the pizza party for that event. They will be asking Dunkin' Donuts to provide breakfast again.

Highway Superintendent Gene Dinsmore stated that the rain has made it difficult to complete work and contractors are behind. The Highway Department is getting caught up at this point. They have 12 yards of concrete ready to go, but cannot get certain projects done. He asked that the snow plow contract be tabled so he will have the opportunity to review it. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he thought the County sent the contract to all highway departments months ago. Discussion between the Board and Highway Superintendent ensued. The Board agreed to table the motion. **Supervisor Saraceni** noted the Chatham culvert replacement and complemented the work the Highway Department had done as they were fast and efficient.

Theresa Golden, Assessor, presented the February through June 2017 Assessor's Report as follows:

The 2016 State budget has eliminated all new Star exemptions (Basic and Enhanced) starting with the 2016 assessment roll. Star exemptions are "grandfathered" for existing property owners with exemptions in place prior to 2016. New owners will register with DTF online or by phone for the Star Income Tax credit / check. Property owners will be required to pay their school bill in full and will receive the Star savings by check from DTF. The Assessor's office can no longer accept new Star applications. UPDATE: The legislation to revert back to the Star Exemption in 2017 was not approved. New property owners are notified by the Assessor's Office.

Reappraisal work for 2017 included 8 residential neighborhoods. Commercial properties were reviewed by property use and compared to countywide sales. Documentation of analysis and review by property class was submitted to ORPTS by the February 1st deadline. Preliminary change of assessment notices were mailed March 16th to 1808 property owners.

Informal meetings were scheduled during March and April. The assessor met with 92 property owners, prior to Grievance Day.

An additional 349 change of assessment notices were mailed when the Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1st.

Grievance Day was held on June 6th with 22 scheduled appointments and 11 paperwork only submitted to the Board of Assessment Review.

All BAR changes have been made and property owners notified by mail. The assessor has certified all changes and reviewed/ balanced the Assessor's Report. The Final Assessment Roll has been submitted to the County for printing and posting online. The County will complete next year processing on July 10th and work will begin on the 2018 Assessment roll.

Town Clerk Dina Falcone stated that hunting licenses will be for sale in the Town Clerk's Office on August 1, 2017. There is information available about hunting on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/>. In addition, she stated that there is now a free New York State Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife app for iPhone and android users. The app provides features such as a real-time calendar of events, news, advisories, weather alerts, life-saving alert features, and GPS mapping features including a built in compass.

Supervisor Saraceni stated that he went to a meeting in Onondaga County at the request of County Executive Joanie Mahoney regarding the progress of the Shared Services Agreement mandated by Governor Cuomo. He said that it was a good meeting, and he requested of her that in the future if she has an audience with the Governor, to relay the unfunded mandates that all municipalities have to deal with and the high taxes we deal with in New York State. He said that even if half of the things come to fruition, it really is pennies of savings to the taxpayers.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO WAIVE THE FIREWORKS PERMIT FEE FOR THE RADISSON FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

RES#132/2017

Motion made by Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis to waive the permit fee of \$300 for a Fireworks Display (pyro permit fee) on behalf of the Radisson Community Association for their August 12, 2017 Founder's Day Celebration. 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	Yes	Councilor Ellis	Yes	Councilor Geraci	Yes
Councilor Moore	Yes	Councilor Diamond	Yes		

Discussion:

Supervisor Saraceni said that this is the second year the fee has been on the books, and was adjusted. Councilor Diamond asked if the Town ever charges this fee. Supervisor Saraceni said yes, as Timber Banks has had a few fireworks displays. Councilor Ellis said only two have been waived, one for Phoenix and this one. Kerri Hornaday Park is owned and operated by Radisson.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE FIVE YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LYSANDER AND ONONDAGA COUNTY REGARDING PLOWING

TABLED

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to allow the Supervisor to sign the five year contract between the Town of Lysander and the Onondaga County Department of Transportation, for control of snow and ice conditions on Onondaga County roads. *The contract shall be from 10/26/2017 to 5/31/2022.*

MOTION TO APPOINT THOMAS DERBY AS DEPUTY CODE OFFICER

RES#133/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to appoint Thomas Derby as a Deputy Code Officer with a one year term expiring December 31, 2017, effective July 13, 2017, with an hourly pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPOINT WILLIAM LOGAN AS DEPUTY CODE OFFICER

RES#134/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to appoint William Logan as a Deputy Code Officer with a one year term expiring December 31, 2017, effective July 13, 2017, with an hourly pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Councilor Diamond stated that \$15,000 was budgeted for both positions together.

MOTION TO APPOINT TERRIE MASSARO AS PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE IN THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT

RES#135/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to appoint Terrie Massaro to the part-time position of Administrative Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department with a one year term expiring December 31, 2017, retroactive to June 15, 2017, with the current hourly pay rate of \$16.02 per hour.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Mr. Burkinshaw explained that she wasn't working under the correct title. She was listed as "clerk" before. Onondaga County recommended the title be changed.

MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITIES FOR TIMBER BANKS

RES#136/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to reduce the punch list securities required for the Timber Banks subdivision Section 1A, 1B & 2A to \$17,000, as the developer has completed a large portion of the remaining punch list items, as recommended by the Town Engineers Letter dated July 19, 2017.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITIES FOR TIMBER BANKS

RES#137/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to reduce the punch list securities required for the Timber Banks subdivision Section 1B Phase V to \$6,000, as the developer has completed a large portion of the remaining punch list items, as recommended by the Town Engineer’s Letter dated July 19, 2017.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO RELEASE PUNCH LIST SECURITIES FOR NORTH ENTRY ROAD

RES#138/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to release the punch list securities required for the 8706 North Entry Road Project as the developer has completed all of the remaining punch list items, as recommended by the Town Engineer’s Letter dated July 19, 2017.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITIES FOR CRIMSON RIDGE

RES#139/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to reduce the punch list securities required for the Crimson Ridge Phase V subdivision to \$6,000, as the developer has completed a large portion of the remaining punch list items, as recommended by the Town Engineer’s Letter dated June 28, 2017.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR WEST GENESEE SEWER DISTRICT
EXTENSION NO. 2 TO BLUE HERON CONSTRUCTION**

RES#140/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci to approve payment application No. 2 for the West Genesee Sewer District Extension No. 2 to Blue Heron Construction, LLC in the amount of \$30,209.06.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE LYSANDER TOWN BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF LYSANDER HIGHWAY STORAGE FACILITY**

RES#141/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore that the Town Board having followed the prescribed SEQR procedures and having received no comments to the contrary, hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for Town of Lysander Highway Storage Facility, 2730 West Entry Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO DETERMINE UNLISTED ACTION
AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION
REGARDING LYSANDER HW STORAGE FACILITY**

RES#142/2017

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond that having reviewed the SEQR regulations, determined this is an UNLISTED ACTION, and having reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment form, and finding no significant or adverse impacts resulting from the Town of Lysander Highway Storage Facility, 2730 West Entry Road, Baldwinsville, New York, the Town Board issues a NEGATIVE DECLARATION.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Mr. Yager said on Part Two of the SEQR the box should be checked "no".

**MOTION TO REJECT BIDS
REGARDING MERCER STREET BIDS**

RES#143/2017

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond to reject the bids received on July 20, 2017, regarding the opening of bids for the Mercer Street Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements Project.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO ALLOW ADVERTISEMENT
FOR MERCER STREET BIDS**

RES#144/2017

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the Mercer Street Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements Project. Bids will be opened on August 3, 2017 at 10:00 am.

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:

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road spoke about the Classic Car Show and B'Ville Diner as a sponsor. He asked if the sponsor sold food and drink. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said there was a vendor. B'Ville Diner sponsored the DJ and raffles. Mr. Burtch suggested the vendor make his books available to the Town. In that regard, he referenced Mr. Samoraj and [having] his books available regarding a 5K event [in the past] involving Town property. **Councilor Geraci** stated that Mr. Samoraj was not asked to make his books available, but was asked how much they were donating to charity. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said the vendor was Smoke Inc.

Mr. Burtch asked the Board if they would consider the potential spray park a capital investment project, and asked how that would be labeled. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it is a park improvement. Mr. Burtch said that he would label it a capital investment project. Mr. Burtch referred to Cicero's Highway Garage, which was subject to a public referendum. He said that he found information from other towns and asked if it [the spray park] would be subject to a referendum. **Attorney Tony Rivizzigno** stated that the only thing subject to a public referendum would be a bond issue, not the project itself. Same would apply in this instance. Mr. Burtch said that he had contacted Assemblyman Barclay's Office and was told it was subject to a public referendum. **Attorney Rivizzigno** said for an issuance of a bond it would be subject to a public referendum. **Supervisor Saraceni** stated that the Board does not know if it is going to issue a bond.

Mr. Burtch asked about a spray park that was proposed [in the past] by Onondaga County [when Councilor Geraci was in charge of the Onondaga County Parks Department]. **Councilor Geraci** said at that time he had looked into a "pool that had a couple of feet of water depth". He said it wasn't a spray park, as it would use filtered water at the time. He said the concept for the Town of Lysander is different, as it is a water-in water-out, no depth at all. He said the County Legislature voted against it. He said he thinks it lost by one vote, and what the background battle was, is that he had heard that the Village of Jamesville was not enamored with the idea of making Jamesville Beach Park more popular. **Councilor Geraci** said it had nothing to do with money, as the funding was in place. Mr. Burtch said that he spoke with the current Commissioner of Onondaga County Parks, and was told the reason the County didn't go through with it is because of the cost of the filtration of the water. **Councilor Geraci** said that was never a reason and that was not true. **Councilor Geraci** said that the beauty of this [proposed spray park project] and he noted - he is not for, or against it, is that filtration is not necessary in this project. Mr. Burtch said the Town is sending [the water] to the Village of Baldwinsville through their system. **Councilor Geraci** said no, it would go through a retention pond and the water dissipates. **Supervisor Saraceni** said it works its way to Tannery Creek through the Seneca River. It is not going to be chlorinated water.

Mr. Burtch said he read the article in the *Messenger* submitted by the Town Clerk, in that she was able to go through her office and find ways of saving money for the Town of Lysander, and he wanted to commend her on that. He said, "She is one year into the office, and he would be willing to bet the office is more popular and does more business than it has in the past." He said, "It shows what you can do when you love your job and show up to work and do that job and you don't have to pay other people to do it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR SARACENI

1. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 3, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
 2. **Town Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 17, 2017, 7:00 pm, Work Session begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.
 3. **Planning Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 10, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium.
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ADJOURNMENT

RES#145/2017

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 7:48 pm.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk