

A Town Board Meeting was held at Town Hall on August 5, 2021, in Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer, Kevin Merrill, Director of Parks and Recreation, and several residents and guests.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES

RES#113/2021

Motion by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the June 17, 2021 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Abstain		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Citizens Comments

Cindy Clarke of West Genesee Street mentioned that PAC-B is looking for videographers and to contact her if interested. She also reminded everyone of Seneca River Days is this coming weekend, and on the 11th is Zumba on the Island at 9:30 AM.

Gene Dinsmore of Highland Drive asked that the microphones be connected to the desks where people speak so that he can hear the meetings better.

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way asked about Motion A and regarding the intersection of Smokey Hollow Road. Discussion ensued as to exactly where the traffic/speed study should be held. **Mr. Yager** suggested it be revised. **Ms. Falcone** explained the origination of the study. The motion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Rode asked about a comment Councilor Diamond mentioned in the work session regarding there being “turmoil in the Highway Department.” He asked for clarification of that comment. **Councilor Diamond** explained that, “*The HW Department has always had issues and there has always been conflict in that department.*” He said the Board just wants to make it a smooth a transition (regarding the HW Secretary position).

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wicks stated that people are wearing masks again. He is not going to revisit that issue again, but if people attending meetings want to wear masks, they can do so. The meetings will be open unless mandated otherwise.

Town Board Comments

The Councilors thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and chose to move on to the agenda. **Councilor Geraci** mentioned events coming up at Canton Woods: Annual Car Show on August 23 at 5:00 PM and the Walk for the Woods on September 18th at 9:00 AM. The information and application is on the website.

Department Head Reports

Theresa Golden gave the Assessor's Report as follows:

The State Office of Real Property Services has certified the Final Equalization Rate at 100% for the Town of Lysander's 2021 Assessment Roll. Next year's processing was completed by the County on July 2nd. Work on the 2022 assessment roll has begun. This includes creating new parcels and entering new inventory, exceptions, etc. TOL has received five Small Claims filings for 2021. Timber Banks Apartments filed each year from 2018 to 2021. McLane filed each year for 2017 to 2021. The state has issued the Final Star Exemption Corrections report prior to the printing of school bills. Changes to the Final Roll have been made. Senior Citizens exemption renewals for 2022 have been completed. Mailing is scheduled for September. The deadline for exemption renewals or new is March 1st each year.

The State Office of Real Property Tax Services has recertified the amounts for the Basic Star and Enhanced Star Exemptions for 2021. Assessments have increased because market values have increased. This increase has resulted in the State recertification of Star Exemption amounts.

Supervisor Wicks reiterated, as Ms. Golden explained, equalization rates are important, and the reason TOL does 100% (some towns don't). If a town that hasn't re-assessed the home values for twenty years, means that all those houses being built over the last 20 years were paying an unfair portion of the taxes, as opposed to the houses that are existing that weren't assessed over 20 years. That is why TOL does 100% - so that everyone pays their fair share.

Ms. Golden says that is because if you're assessing at 5% if you have a new house, you have typically a sales price, and a construction cost or cost value. You can tell what 5% of that new home is, and then you apply that 5% assessment. But houses that are 100 years old, or 200 years old or 50 years old, what is their 5% if you haven't looked at them recently? Also it's harder to hide assessment in equity when you are at 100% because most people can look at that assessment and think they can sell their house for that, or they can't. When you are assessing at 5% they don't know what that assessment means.

Regarding the STAR program, **Ms. Golden** said new property owners no longer come into the office with applications, they have to register online with the state. The Assessor's Office has the pamphlet that is sent out to all new homeowners, and they get a check instead of the savings off of the tax bill but the savings amount is the same. The pamphlet has the website and the phone number for the state. Anyone that has Veteran's exemptions, senior renewals or new senior citizen exemptions, etc., will still come to the Assessor's Office where they can get the forms.

Kevin Merrill, Director of Parks and Recreation said there is a Pickleball Tournament on September 11th, and the registration form is on the website. There are 96 participants in the tournament thus far. Pop Warner football has begun and BYSA begins in three weeks. He and Supervisor Wicks will be going to Camillus Park to look at their workout equipment. Discussion ensued regarding the need for more parking at Lysander Park.

Sean Hlywa, Engineering Intern, presented a Pavement Management Plan which entails taking and applying principles of Cornell Local Roads (CAMP-RS), including road surveys, culvert surveys, road budget reports and suggested road maintenance on a spreadsheet based on conditions, cost, and priority. He discussed road repairs which can extend service life of roads that are still high quality, but may have formation of potholes, large cracks, etc. He suggested that cold patch repairs are temporary fixes that can hold off further deterioration until construction season where more permanent patches can be applied. Hot mix asphalt patches completed in the construction season offer a more permanent repair that prevents water penetration and further deterioration. **Mr. Hlywa** noted that in the past five years the vast majority of the rural western roads have been chip sealed. There should be a renewed focus that needs to be made for ageing subdivisions on the eastern side of town to prevent further deterioration. He mentioned that during planning, one would need to take into account rising oil costs, cost per ton of hot mix, etc.

Mr. Hlywa presented the efforts to increase funding for road maintenance and construction has had a positive effect on the average town road PCI. He suggested a renewed focus by the Highway Department on preventative maintenance such as crack sealing and permeant patching, including consideration of rising oil and stone prices and their effect on the budget by the Town Board when allocating funds for 2022 road maintenance and construction or progress made in the last few years. (A copy of the full presentation has been posted to the website).

Supervisor Wicks commended Mr. Hlywa on his time with TOL. He said he was always working hard, and appreciated the work he did. Anything he was asked to do, he did it with little to no direction. He worked well with others, and was a pleasure to work with.

Regular Agenda Items

TABLED

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to authorize the Town Clerk to request an area traffic/speed study at the four corner intersection of Smokey Hollow Road.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM DISTINGUISHED LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,000 FOR THE 2021 TOL SWALE CLEARING AND POND MOWING CONTRACT

RES#114/2021

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to accept the bid from Distinguished Landscaping in the amount of \$29,100 for the 2021 Town of Lysander Swale Clearing and Pond Mowing Contract.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ASBESTOS AIR MONITORING PROPOSAL FROM CHURCHILL ENVIRONMENTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500

RES#115/2021

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the asbestos air monitoring proposal from Churchill Environmental for air monitoring service during the asbestos abatement project at the 8431 Smokey Hollow Road property, in an amount not to exceed \$2500 with all fees to be paid from the Fee In Lieu of Parkland account.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

AJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#116/2021

A motion was made by Councilor Kudauraskas and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:39 PM to discuss contract negotiations for administrative employees.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#117/2021

A motion was made by Councilor Kudarauskas and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk