

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on September 19, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Geraci, Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Gerald Hole, HW Superintendent, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several residents.

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

Additions and/or Deletions to Agenda

There are added motions to the agenda which were discussed in work session:

- “D” refers to Crown Castle/West Entry Road for the installation of fiber-optic cable in TOL’s right of way
- “E” refers to truck five to be declared surplus and sold at auction
- “F” will appoint Joe Briere as full time MEO effective September 30, 2019
- “G” will appoint Jamie Kratz as full time seasonal MEO
- “H” will appoint John Yerian and David Sitar as part time substitute wingmen
- “I” refers to the Grant Agreement for the roadwork on Mott Road, which is an infrastructure improvement grant with Onondaga County

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Andy Reeves of Reeves Road said that Bob [Geraci] is not here tonight, and he said in reviewing the minutes and past meetings, there have been quite a few absences this year and last year also. He was wondering if the Board has thought of doing something, or [implementing] some kind of policy if someone doesn’t attend a meeting, or misses so many meetings, that they don’t get paid for them. He said Councilor Diamond missed four this year. He said it has been three or four that Councilor Geraci has missed. Mr. Reeves said, “As a board, you can do something about this. Did we consider anything or not?” **Supervisor Saraceni** said they have not but they would consider something. Mr. Reeves said four times a year is too much [to miss]. It’s \$400+ per meeting.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilor Moore commented about an individual at the last Board meeting who talked about going to different meetings, and relationships that are needed to bring funds back to TOL. He said those relationships have been formed, and that this particular administration has secured over \$2.2M in grants. He said their process is working, and for those who don’t know, the Board doesn’t get up [on the bench] and brag about its accomplishments. **Councilor Moore** said he usually sits quietly, but he wants people to know what is going on, and [it’s] doing very well. He spoke about people in the community, and in particular, the Maureen’s Hope Foundation, which raises money for families who are dealing with cancer. He said his wife attended the “100 Women with 100 Dollars” fundraiser. He said there are a number of people in the community doing great things that deserve recommendation. He commended Sue Bertrand in particular for putting together the fundraiser, and all the volunteers that helped her.

Councilor Ellis mentioned the Boy Scouts of America, and how Baldwinsville is blessed to have five active Boy Scout Troops. This Saturday, they are all camping at Lysander Park, and there is a recruiting effort going on to let families come with their young sons and daughters and see what scouting is all about. There will be several troops camping and inviting Cub Scouts as well. The age Boy Scouts begins is 10 years old (to 18 years old). Cub Scouts starts in Kindergarten (until 10 years old).

Supervisor Saraceni said he received a letter from the Plainville Road Cemetery Association as a follow up to an ongoing effort [to help maintain] the cemetery. The Plainville Road Cemetery Association thanked the Board for its support in reimbursing the cemetery’s mowing expenses (although it does not cover all of it), but said that without the Board’s help it would suffer a greater negative impact.

The Association thanked the Board for its commitment to the management of the business of the town in a fiscally responsible manner. **Supervisor Saraceni** said that will be a line item in the budget this year. The other letter he received from Onondaga County Chairman Knapp letting TOL know that it has been awarded \$30K for work to be done on the reconstruction and drainage improvements of Mott Road. He said this is an example of working together with other governments and letting them know about our needs and then responding. He said they only allocated \$200K for all the towns in Onondaga County. **Supervisor Saraceni** thanked Brian May and County Legislator Knapp, for understanding the needs in that area of TOL and helping. As we move forward in our budget process we are getting there. The reconstruction of Mott Road is going to be paramount. It has been a concerted effort over the last five or six years to have work done there, as those roads are in need of work. Mercer Street, Crego Street, and some work on Dexter Parkway has been done. **Supervisor Saraceni** thanked Al Yager for looking at the drainage issues in that area. Mott Road is the next project on the list.

Attorney Tony Rivizzigno said that although it's not on the agenda, there should be a resolution allowing the Supervisor to sign the Grant Agreement for Mott Road.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#176/2019

Motion by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to adopt the September 5, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Al Yager, Town Engineer stated that the Radisson Drainage Improvement Project is scheduled to start on September 30, and homeowners will be notified by mail and he will personally notify businesses. He said that culvert replacement in Seneca Estates will begin, and he will contact those residents as they move forward. It is a significant project, but property owners will be notified.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk asked the Board if they would be willing to separate the motions for the HW Department staff for the purposes of indexing the minutes, so that the motions can be reviewed individually.

Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor said the Boy Scouts will be camping out overnight at the park and there are many different activities planned. October 5th is the Park at Dark Fundraiser event from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There are many activities planned and he encourages everyone to attend. All of the proceeds will benefit Phase II of the spray park. The window painting will occur the 26th of October. People may contact the Parks and Recreation department for more information and to register. Next Thursday is the last Classic Car Crusin' event. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said the event brings people into the local area. He said it is number 6 in programs in the Village of Baldwinsville. The Spray Park will close after this weekend, and parks staff will work with Mr. Yager to winterize it.

Mr. Burkinshaw shared a story about a family who came to the park and brought their granddaughter with them. She said they walked their dog and stopped at the butterfly garden. Later they shared that the favorite part of their day was when they sat at the butterfly garden. **Mr. Burkinshaw** said this is a great opportunity to get more people into the park and see what the Parks Department has to offer.

Supervisor Saraceni said to keep in mind all of the activities that are going on in Lysander Park with [basically] two full time people running the department. He said Tony [Burkinshaw] and Petrina [Myers] are here [TOL] year round working on programs, park improvements, and working with the engineer. From an infrastructure standpoint, he said TOL has a healthy park for people to visit. He thanked Mr. Burkinshaw for working as hard as he has over the last 3.5 years and following through on TOL's commitment to try to get [more] outdoor related activities. TOL also promised VOB that Parks would increase programming and Mr. Burkinshaw has followed through with that.

Supervisor Saraceni said he is amazed at what Tony and Petrina are able to do. He said TOL has been trying for years to have Lysander Park be home base for camping for the Boy Scouts. There is a fire pit there now, and it's a beautiful facility that lends itself to that.

Supervisor Saraceni said that when he was mayor, the Girl Scouts utilized Community Park for their overnights. To see them this weekend utilizing that facility, is “huge” and now that the park is annexed into the village and under Village Police protection, he thanked Chief Lefancheck as patrols will be asked to go through once or twice for added safety.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION TO RELEASE PUNCH LIST SECURITY FOR THE CRIMSON RIDGE
PHASE V DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 PER THE TOWN ENGINEER**

RES#177/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to release the punch list security requirement for the Crimson Ridge Phase V development in the amount of \$2,500 per the Town Engineer.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION AUTHORIZING \$60 BE EXPENDED FROM
THE SPECIAL PARKS RESERVE ACCOUNT TO SIGN
A RAMA FOR THE LAST SPRAY PARK BENCH PLAQUE**

RES#178/2019

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis authorizing the following expenditures from the Special Parks Reserve account:

- Sign-A-Rama for the last Spray Park bench plaque in the amount of \$60.00

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT
WITH AWARD WINNING LANDSCAPES IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,265 PER DAY FOR 10 DAYS OF WORK TO COMPLETE THE
2019 RADISSON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

RES#179/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with Award Winning Landscapes in the amount of \$1,265 per day for 10 days of work to complete the 2019 Radisson Drainage Improvement projects identified by the Town Engineer.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

There was a typo in the letter which was corrected by Mr. Yager.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RIGHT OF
WAY AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE**

RES#180/2019

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis to approve the Right of Way Agreement with Crown Castle for installation of fiber optic cable in the Town of Lysander’s right of way at West Entry Road. All fees have been paid. The annual fee of \$270 will be invoiced yearly by the Comptroller.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO DECLARE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK 5 SURPLUS

RES#181/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to declare Highway Department truck 5 surplus, and to be sold at auction.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Gene Dinsmore said the year of the truck is 2005.

MOTION TO APPOINT JOE BRIERE AS FULL TIME MEO IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RES#182/2019

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Ellis to appoint Joe Briere as a full time MEO effective September 30, 2019 per the union contract.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPOINT JAMIE KRATZ AS FULL TIME SEASONAL MEO IN THE HW DEPARTMENT

RES#183/2019

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint Jamie Kratz as a full time seasonal MEO effective September 30, 2019 through October 30, 2019 per the union contract.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN YERIAN AND DAVID SITAR AS PART TIME SUBSTITUTE WINGMEN IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RES#184/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint John Yerian and David Sitar and part time substitute wingmen per the union contract.

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 THE
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY**

RES#185/2019

Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Diamond to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Infrastructure Grant Agreement with Onondaga County.

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

All Ayes, motion carried and adopted

NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):

Supervisor Saraceni said TOL needs to develop a “Demolition Permit”. TOL occasionally tears down homes whether they are decrepit, or they have been burned and need to be demolished. TOL doesn’t require a demolition permit [at this time]. He said that when a town doesn’t require a demolition permit, there are people ‘left in the dark’ as far as district fees that are not turned off; and two have been identified to date. A demolition permit will do a number of things: 1) it will make sure the demolition is done by a competent agency and 2) It will notify departments that the work has been done so they can take that parcel out of whatever district services they were utilizing. **Supervisor Saraceni** said he is surprised TOL does not have that in place. TOL will look at Van Buren’s demolition process/fees. He said he expects to see a local law regarding that soon.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#186/2019

A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Diamond to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting and enter Executive Session regarding personnel matters at 7:30 PM.

Supervisor Saraceni	Aye	Councilor Ellis	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Absent
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