

**A Regular Town Board meeting was held on September 5, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Saraceni, Supervisor  
Peter Moore, Councilor  
Robert Geraci, Councilor  
Robert Ellis, Councilor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roman Diamond, Councilor

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

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**Supervisor Saraceni** stated that the contract for the SPCA will be tabled as the date is incorrect on the contract. The next items added will be “G”, “H” and “I”. Item “G”: Motion to close Vann Road on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the hours of 8:00 AM to NOON to accommodate the annual Earth Day 5K race.

Item “H”: Motion to release the balance of Phase II road maintenance and road construction budget not to exceed \$197,849.06. Item “I”: Motion to accept the following street, sanitary sewers and associated drainage utilizes included in Collington Pointe East, AKA Copper River Phase I subdivision/Chillingham Way - .269 miles be accepted as an official town road. This motion is contingent on the executed letters of credit being received by the Town Clerk.

Item “J”: Motion to add Mackenzie Butler to part-time substitute list for the HW Department.

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#### **DONATION TO GEMS PROGRAM BY KIWANIS**

Two instructors with the GEMS program came to receive a check provided to them through Kiwanis for the Parks and Recreation Department. They stated that GEMS’ mission is to interest young people, who might not otherwise give serious thought to becoming scientists or engineers, in STEM careers early enough that they have the time to attain the appropriate academic training. They explained that the GEMS program is based on a multi-disciplinary educational curriculum, and is focused on age and grade-appropriate hands-on activities, in areas such as science, engineering, mathematics, computational sciences, computational biology, biomedical sciences, chemistry and biology. Kiwanis donated to the GEMS program that Parks and Recreation hosts each year, and a check for \$1,500 was presented.

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#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Jim Stirushnik** of Dinglehole Road said he agrees with having zone change fees in place. He said additional fees should be added for different circumstances. Regarding driveway permits, he commented about a fee for having the driveway replaced on an existing property and problems that could be related thereon.

**Kevin Rode** of Greymoor Way asked about accepting the road in Collington Pointe/letters of credit. He believes it would be TOL property, so he expects all payments have been made by the developer to TOL. **Supervisor Saraceni** said the fees have been paid.

Regarding driveway permits, Mr. Rode said he thinks it would be difficult [to collect the fees] based on some roads have ditches and if TOL decides to put a ditch in, it shouldn’t be the property owner’s responsibility to place a ditch where there wasn’t one. He knows there’s a process, as he submitted for a permit to find out if he could put stone into a right-of-way [his family owns the property]. He said it has been a couple of years later, and he has yet to hear back from the HW Superintendent on that application. He stated that there should be a follow up and a process so that HW and Zoning knows about the application and it can be followed up on.

**Robert Wicks** of Genesee Street said that on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August there was the first meeting with the County-wide shared services panel. He said Onondaga County works every day with local municipalities to find ways to serve the community. He said every town, village mayor, and/or supervisor was there, with the exception of TOL.

Mr. Wicks said if the Town Supervisor can't make it [to a meeting], there are five people on the Board; at least one of them should have been representing TOL in the meeting where every town and village representative was in attendance [and called by] the County Executive. He said he's been to meetings like this, and a lot of things get done and a lot of good ideas are thrown out there; this is where towns and villages get funding, come up with ideas to save money, etc. and TOL wasn't represented. Mr. Wicks suggested the Board take that into consideration and make sure TOL is represented in the future.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said he met with the Village of Baldwinsville for potential shared service(s). He met with Deputy Mayor Bruce Stebbins, Steve Darcangelo, and Tony Burkinshaw, and they brainstormed on possibly collaborating on mowing services between the two municipalities. While he was not at the [county meeting] physically, he was forwarded the information and said it's an ongoing process. He said the county kick-starts the meeting as they go over what the state looks for, and it is very identical to the meeting that he attended last year based on the feedback he received from other attendees.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said TOL is looking forward to doing what it always has done and looks to engage with other municipalities. He said his absence from that meeting was not an indication of TOL not looking to share services with its neighbors.

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### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Moore** commented on the presentation regarding the GEMS program, and that there are great people in the community who are always working to improve our community. He has been a Kiwanis member for over 20 years. He also made comments and congratulated the team who worked on the spray park and all of the people who worked from the very beginning of the process to the grand opening despite the outside negativity.

**Councilor Geraci** said that he brought his grandchildren to the spray park and they had a ball. He said they had fun and noticed that others were smiling and happy as well. He said that when you do things like this in any community you know you hit a home run. He thanked everyone who participated.

**Councilor Geraci** stated that if it wasn't for the volunteers the project wouldn't have happened. The volunteers represent the pulse of the community. He said he is always pleased to participate in the Canton Woods Walk in the Woods fundraiser which is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Supervisor Saraceni** commented on the spray park grand opening. He said it was special and very successful. He enjoyed seeing the community come out and enjoy the project and that it has been a long road. He said they were curious to see what the turnout would be, so they had the gate manned with a counter, and he stopped counting at 1,000 kids at approximately 6:00 PM. He said it was very rewarding to be a part of that, and he thanked the community. The fireworks will be Friday at 8:00 PM.

**Supervisor Saraceni** thanked Steve Darcangelo and Bruce Stebbins for taking the time to explore mowing and a number of areas where TOL and VOB might be able to partner. He said he has a good relationship with the VOB and they are always discussing ways to improve the community.

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### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **RES#166/2019**

**Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to adopt the August 15, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Al Yager, Engineer** said they are nearing the end of the drainage clearing work for the year in Chatham Woods. Letters to those residents will be mailed.

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

### **2020 EXEMPTIONS**

#### **NEW PROPERTY OWNERS:**

All new property owners must register for the STAR Credit online or by phone with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. The Star Credit is a check program administered by the State. It replaces the old STAR Exemption for new property owners.

This applies to Basic Star and Enhanced Star.

Basic Star Credit has no age requirement and the income limit is 500,000.

Enhanced Star Credit age requirement is 65 and the 2018 income limit is 88,050.

To register the website is [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) and the phone # is 518-457-2036

#### **GRANDFATHERED STAR EXEMPTIONS:**

Basic STAR Exemption has no age requirement and the income limit is 250,000.

Enhanced STAR Exemption the age requirement is 65 and the 2018 income limit is 88,050.

Please Note: The Assessor's Office can no longer grant new STAR Exemptions. New owners may register for the STAR CREDIT instead.

Property owners with a grandfathered Basic STAR Exemption who meet the Enhanced STAR Exemption requirements may apply with the Assessor's Office initially and complete the MANDATORY IVP STATE FORM.

#### **ENHANCED STAR 2020 RENEWALS:**

All property owners with an Enhanced Star Exemption for 2019 were entered into the State IVP database. This was completed by the Assessor's Office based on the information included on the MANDATORY STATE IVP FORM.

NO renewal is required for 2020, as the State will verify income thru their database.

If the State requires additional information they will contact property owners by mail.

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION RENEWALS 2020:**

The SENIOR CITIZEN exemption has an age requirement of 65 and the 2018 gross income limit is 37,400.

This exemption must be renewed each year by March 1<sup>st</sup>, as the Assessor's Office is required to verify income annually. The renewals are typically sent the first week in September. This year the renewal mailing will be delayed. The Assessor's Office is waiting for the State to update the required form. We will mail renewal forms to all property owners with a Senior Citizen exemption ASAP! Please don't PANIC the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

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**David Rahrle, Comptroller** stated he is currently working on the Justice Court Hearing Examination. He has been working on it for the last few weeks, and hopefully he will have a report forthcoming. This is a yearly occurrence.

Work sessions for the budget have been set: October 16, October 22, October 24, and October 30 at 6:00 PM in the conference room. They are subject to change.

**Tony Burkinshaw**, Parks and Recreation Supervisor stated the spray park grand opening was very successful and thanked everyone for their participation. He said they have changed to fall hours and are keeping the spray park open but have shortened the times. The hours are posted on the website. He asked the Board to look at cutting staff hours during the week and increasing the weekend hours. He said people are trying to book birthday parties around the spray park.

**Mr. Burkinshaw** stated that the Pickleball tournament is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM. Parks is still taking registrations. They are hosting the Cub Scout Camp Out at Lysander Park on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said there are opportunities now that the spray park is functioning to generate revenue. This year at the annual meeting they will be talking about rate schedules for pavilion rentals and exclusive use of the spray park for birthday parties and special events.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**MOTION TO DECLARE ITEMS FROM LARGE GROUP ROOM AS SUPRLUS**

**RES#167/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to declare the following items surplus: *(These items were stored at the park for years and are not in use. They will be donated to the SPCA for dog control.)*

4 large dog crates – no tags

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO PAY LINDSAY CESARI \$43 PER HOUR AS GEMS INSTRUCTOR**

**RES#168/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to pay Lindsay Cesari the rate of \$43 per hour as a GEMS instructor.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**TABLED**

**Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract between Central New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the Town of Lysander. The contract dates are effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ALBERT MARKHAM**

**RES#169/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to accept the resignation of Albert Markham (retirement) as of September 27, 2019.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*Jerry Hole said Mr. Markham never had any issues or problems and always went about his business as asked. He provided 37 years of service with TOL.*

**MOTION TO APPOINT THERESA GOLDEN AS ASSESSOR  
WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**RES#170/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Theresa Golden as sole Assessor with a term ending September 30, 2025.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITY  
REQUIREMENT FOR THE CRIMSON RIDGE PHASE V DEVELOPMENT TO \$2,500**

**RES#171/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to reduce the punch list security requirement for the Crimson Ridge Phase V development to \$2,500 per the Town Engineer's letter dated August 28, 2019.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO CLOSE VANN ROAD FOR EARTH DAY RACE 2020**

**RES#172/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to close Vann Road for the Earth Day 5K race on April 18, 2020 from the hours of 8:00 AM to NOON.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR HW  
MAINTENANCE AND HW CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT TO 780K**

**RES#173/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to accept the Comptroller's report to restore funding for the budgeted amounts for HW maintenance and HW construction improvement to \$780,000.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT STREET/SANITARY SEWERS/ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IN  
COLLINGTON POINTE EAST/AKA COPPER RIVER PHASE I SUBDIVISION FOR  
CHILLINGHAM WAY .269 MILES BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICIAL TOWN ROAD**

**RES#174/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to accept the following street, sanitary sewers and associated drainage utilities included in Collington Pointe East, AKA Copper River Phase I subdivision for Chillingham Way (.269 miles), be accepted as an official town road subject to letters of credit to be received by the Town Clerk.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO HIRE MACKENZIE BUTLER  
TO PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE IN THE HW DEPARTMENT**

**RES#175/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to add Mackenzie Butler to the part-time substitute list for the HW Department per the Union contract.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*There was discussion as to whether or not hiring Ms. Butler would be treated as nepotism, but Attorney Rivizzigno said there is no nepotism clause. Supervisor Saraceni said it didn't have to be posted as it is a part-time position.*

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**NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):**

**None.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Moore** to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:10 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk