

**A Regular Town Board meeting was held on April 4, 2019 at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Falconer, Deputy Town Clerk; Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer; David Rahrle, Comptroller; Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; Jerald Hole, Highway Superintendent, and several residents.

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

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**Public Hearing**  
**5G Telecommunications Local Law**

**Deputy Town Clerk Janet Falconer** read the proof of publication of the legal notice as follows: *“that a public hearing will be held on April 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Lysander for the proposed 5G Telecommunications Local Law. Please take further notice that the environmental significance of the proposed local law 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 proposed 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 March 21, 2019. Town of Lysander, Dina Falcone, Lysander Town Clerk.”*

**RES#74/2019**

**A motion to open the Public Hearing occurred at 7:05 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Before I close the public hearing you're probably curious about what this is. This is the next generation of telecommunications in the United States. Right now we are operating under 4G, 5G is a more intense data able network, which is going to require additional infrastructure throughout our community. The FCC has rolled out some pretty strict laws restricting local municipalities ability to have input things that we can focus on are fees that we charge for it, use of our right of ways, aesthetic issues those types of things can be considered but it is very narrow in some of the language that we can propose, shaping this new technology that is coming out. We have put together a law that allows us as much voice in that process as possible, and that is what we are considering tonight to address.*

**CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:**

None.

**RES#75/2019**

**Hearing all comments, a motion to close the public hearing occurred at 7:07 PM. The motion was made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Diamond.**

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**Supervisor Saraceni** noted that since the Board meetings are held only twice a month, sometimes things are added to the agenda because business continues throughout the week and sometimes they don't get information until the last minute, and rather than hold off on an action for two weeks until the next meeting, items are added to the agendas. Sometimes they don't get the information that they are anticipating to act on a motion, and they may have to remove items off of the agenda. **Supervisor Saraceni** said The Board made a commitment to make sure to let the public know prior to acting on motions, and what additions or deletions might be. He noted that during the work sessions, many items on the agenda are discussed and sometimes they come up with those additions and deletions. Tonight they are proposing item "O" which is allowing the DEC a variance on-site plan approval for a boat launch they plan to install on Hayes Road. Because of the timing, and because they want the public to be able to access the facility this summer, (eventually it will be a state owned DEC launch and will benefit the community) the Board is proposing to move forward on that motion.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said Item "P" is a motion to authorize the town engineer to issue an RFP for town-wide street light LED conversion process. TOL is looking at upgrading its lighting districts to save constituents money. He said this is not going to be a revenue stream for government, it is going to be a cost savings for residents; there are a bunch of different options TOL will be looking at down the road and the Village of Baldwinsville did the conversation a couple of years ago.

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### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Kevin Rode** of Greymoor Way referred to the building of the spray park. He said the total bids are \$252K, and when he spoke with the town engineer, he said his quote for the rest of the work is \$327K, figuring about a 10% cost if possible either way. He said hopefully it will be a lot cheaper. He asked, "*With \$240 in the In Lieu of Parks fund, and \$100K as a grant, that is \$340K, that gets Phase I built, but you get Phase I done, are people going to want changing rooms, etc., is that going to overstress us with what we have there with facilities when it is built?*"

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I am going to try and get back to public comments to be **comments** and not **questions**, but it is a good question that pertains to a number of issues that we are going to be addressing tonight; and what has really turned into a contentious issue. So to answer your question directly: Phase I - that covers all of the costs for Phase I. Phase II is covered by another \$100K grant that was secured by Senator DeFrancisco, and another grant that has allowed us to loosen up some funding from another project we are going to do next year. Phase II is not going to be this year. We just got word back from New York State that the \$100K grant is through the first phase, and now we have to do some final tweaking on the second part of the process, and the Senate votes on it and it will probably be ready for next year. There's an additional \$30K that Representative Barclay provided TOL for a roof repair, and that frees up \$25K. That is more than enough to make up for the match for Phase II, so we should be fine.*

Mr. Rode: *Okay and budget-wise, if we budget for the water usage, and those items, if this will be coming online this year?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yes. Like I say, in anticipation of this anticipation of the project this year, we don't know how much water we are going to use; it is a best guess for the park. But, in anticipation of this splash pad going in this year, the parks budget dropped \$2K because of some moves that we made and we cut out cameras and some other things to accommodate that.*

Mr. Rode: *Right. And I was looking over the parks budget and parks budget did decrease budget-wise by \$4K, and eventually we will have the 2018 numbers, we have a pay increase of our employees considerably, and salary-wise overall we have added \$20K to 30K for employees, so are those employees in anticipation of doing more at the park or is it specifically for the spray park?*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Yeah, and this will be the last question I answer regarding the staffing of the park because we have addressed this before. If you remember two years ago we took \$25K out of the budget when we did away with the summer day camp program.*

Mr. Rode: *Right. I didn't even count those numbers because that pays for itself for what people pay for the...*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *No it doesn't. No it didn't; we were spending \$25K on 15 kids. We felt that that was not a good investment for the community. So we took \$25K out of the park budget and put it aside and in the event that another program came along that we wanted to reinvest in, and that is what we are doing here.*

**Norman Ashbarry** of Hidden Lake Drive: *I haven't attended too many meetings lately. I've been watching on PAC-B I'm here today just to mention, just to tell you people that I am not in favor of the spray park. I don't, it's been a contentious issue, there have been pros and cons, among so many people, we had a vote last year, and we voted it down, I won't articulate the many reasons I am against it but they have all been articulated before me by others. I will say that this reminds me of the way the JAM team used to behave before you guys were there. They jammed things down our throats against our wishes and that is not just my opinion but the opinion of many of my friends, associates and neighbors. The long short is whoever votes on this spray park tonight are not getting my vote in the future and that's the belief, that's the opinion of many of my friends and neighbors, like I just said, just I think this is a wrong course of action for you guys to take, and I know it's probably too late for the vote to change, but that's the way I feel about it.*

**Hugh Kimball** of Connell Terrace: *I'd like to talk about 5G for a little bit. I didn't talk at the hearing because I think you had to do what you had to do, and want to talk a little about some of the readying I've been doing, and I think it's smart to put the law into effect now, whatever the FCC guideline is, there's an article in the Wall Street Journal today that the network will not actually be functional; probably even in the cities until about a year from now, there's going to be a lot of issues that are going to come up next year; maybe the Federal Government and the FCC will have reached states and cities who have overall may sue, or have some problems; a lot goes on Verizon and the other companies get fighting with each other, environmentalists about health impacts, and there are security concerns, in terms of whose is getting whose data, so I guess what I'm saying is I hope you will continue to pay attention to the news what's going on, United States, in the world, in relation to 5G, and recognize that while you have passed a law, that law can be modified if things can move forward on 5G.*

**Mr. Kimball:** *I wanted to switch my gears quickly here. I want to congratulate Roman Diamond for his statement and steadfast comments, two weeks ago work session, I think he was the only one of you that initially at least realized the vote on the spray park was a controversial issue, and that you should have been more open and more transparent; that you were going to put the vote up last week, and I want to thank Roman for bringing that up, and swaying the rest of the Board, and I appreciate that, I'm not going to speak about the spray park, you know what I think about it. Thank you.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I will say one thing Hugh. The question was asked about the splash pad prior to last week's meeting and I believe it was Kevin Rode that asked the question and I did respond that there would be items on the next meeting's agenda regarding the splash pad. You know, I need to reiterate over and over again this has been the most open, transparent process that, I mean there is nothing else we could have done, so that was mentioned. We all agreed there was a passion that we needed to move forward on that issue last week, by any of the Board, we were open to that; even in that it put in jeopardy the use of the park for this summer. But the Board; there wasn't any passion that we vote on this, this Board works well together and respectful of everyone's wishes.*

**Hugh Kimball:** *I'm glad you were because it was a controversial issue and it was not on the agenda, at least not the day before.*

**Michele Kavisto** of Brisbane Trail: *I wanted to say on behalf my daughters, myself, my husband, all the children we play with in our neighborhoods and our schools, and everywhere else. I think the investment and all the work you have done to put the spray park in order, and trying to get it built is a really great investment for your town, and any investment that you make for the future, the children, and to create for the future community because they see it as a great place to stay, to grow, to raise their families, and everything else, so that's the way I feel about it, and I can't wait to go - and the kids, and also shop at the places that are around Baldwinsville, there's a great deli there at West Genesee Street, get sandwiches, bring them back, play with the kids, and I mean it's just great for building the community not tearing it down. I'm sorry to hear it's so controversial, but I think it's really great when they can do something to bring people together for a good reason.*

**Mrs. Ortlieb** of Connell Terrace: *Resident for 40 years. I think it goes without saying that your constituents had already voted on how they felt. The same people that put you on the Board, and unfortunately, as it was well expressed, we went through an administration that was greatly controversial because it was jammed down our throat. This is not transparency, I am happy for kids, I have grandchildren, I even bought at home depot a little spray thing one year when they were young it was \$9.98. They outgrew it real fast, unfortunately, the skills, the lifesaving skills that we need for our children today are not available. They are easily accessible in other towns, one teen that has to swim in the high school for competition, in other schools, which is the Board of Education's problem. But we still feel it as our kids are growing, I would like to see a combo thing with the towns to combine for that for safely feel like this non transparency is Mr. Kimball so bravely put in his expertise, is not just off the street, he has given a lot of time, and energy, and obviously a lot of discretion being done in the past*

*being on the boards and the time that was involved you all know that. So I think we should all just really think about what the people said before when the vote was put down. So thank you for your attention.*

**Joanne Otts** of the Deli at West Genesee Street: *I am definitely for the park many reasons being I have grandchildren who would love it I've been many years with pop Warner at the Park, and afterwards, those kids will really appreciate it. Prior to owning the deli, I had a cake business, which I did many many birthday parties in Camillus, many were B'Ville residents who have had their parties there and I delivered cakes and stuff there, and even when I take my grandchildren out there, I stop and eat out there. I am hungry, when I can't drive all the way home to get something to eat we stop at fast food restaurants out there, people coming to Lysander Park, maybe they will stop and eat in our area, as opposed to going to Camillus to go enjoy the spray park. My grandchildren are graduating high school and they will be the next generation to be married and have kids, and this and would be great for them to stay here instead of finding other places to go; we just need more things for the young ones and that's it.*

**Gene Dinsmore** of Highland Drive: *I've already said you know that I didn't like the idea and know that we had a vote, ok, I did see two things new in the last day and a half. This is the first time I saw the picture, and I don't know if I am going cross eyed or what but that looks a lot smaller and less complicated than the one that's at Camillus. Just an observation, ok, so I don't know if we downsized this or if it was always that size, I don't know. The other thing you said mentioned that councilor Moore mentioned to me last night, that he didn't think that I thought that anybody would come to this thing, and I am thinking that's not the point I made, when you first open anything, you get crowds, I'm sure you'll get plenty of people when it first opens, but I am saying to you, my bottom line thing is that I don't think you are going to get the bang for your buck that we would expect from half a million dollars; I think that as the season goes on, that the participation will be fine, and knowing that the weather that we are in our part of the country we just don't get all that many hot days that would make that thing successful. So, I have already said most of this stuff, so this I haven't gone away, I'm still here and I still think you are making a big mistake, and I also want to thank Councilor Diamond for at least giving us two more weeks of freedom.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I received a letter last week from Dee Duger (Mr. Burkinshaw received this and passed it along): Thank you for the information regarding last night's meeting. I was able to attend a portion of the Board meeting along with the follow up and open mic. Although I was unable to stand up and to voice my opinion because of hoarse voice, I was pleasantly surprised by the kindness and support from other area residents. I certainly wish there had been many more to support this project. I have been a resident of the B'Ville community for 55 years and a Lysander resident for 16 years. I have two sons ages 19 and 14. We were able to enjoy Lysander Park for so many years as the kids were growing up, I remember when the digger was added to the sand area. That was such a welcoming addition way back them. Hosting our boys' school parties and baseball parties at the park was always fun. We did miss having some sort of water fun to cool everyone off though. We made simple use of water toys but we all know what a pain that was to refill every two minutes. My boys would have loved to take the opportunity to use the splash area. We were at the park at least four days a week and sometimes more. The park is one of our fondest memories as we always met other friends there for weekly play dates. Moms also took advantage of mom time while the kids played. I am so supportive of this project for all of the wonderful families we have in this community. B'Ville could use something like this as there are not a lot of fun things in our area. I hope to attend the next meeting in hopes to hear the big "yes" on this project. As always thank you for your amazing efforts and amazing programs you have brought to our community and thank you for being so supportive of Carol Baldwin Cancer Research.*

**Gail Tosh** of Emerick Road: *I have some important for our government to bring projects to the towns. And as a project as an idea, I don't think the spray park is a bad idea. I think you could have some positive things. The problem I have with the spray park is the funding. We are (inaudible) the taxpayers three times before we are asking for outside money. I think we need to look for outside money first. I don't think the Board is being responsible for tax dollars, and I think you should take a look at how you are paying for these things.*

**Jim Stirushnik** of Dinglehole Road: *I am not against the spray pray park in the area but I don't think it is the appropriate thing for the town and to be spending so much money on this project. This project belongs in the hands of private industry, corporate activity, businesses, or something like the YMCA, or at the County area, for what we are spending on this we are spending four times on the ice arena which we no longer own no longer have, and I predict at some point in the future we will dismantle this, discontinue it. I have not seen the list of people who have contributed ten dollars toward this project, I have not seen a list of people who have contributed 50 dollars toward this project. I have not seen anyone who has contributed 1,000. I mean business people who presume they are gaining something from this. I just know that there are several hundred people who turned out and spent their time to vote and say we did not want to put our money up for such a project. It is a great project but too large a project for the Town of Lysander.*

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**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *Sincerely, everyone who came tonight. Both sides of the issue, it's not easy to come up to the mic, in front of a camera, and state your position. We appreciate everyone's comments. They are all noted.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *Because there are six items that are pertaining to the spray park, so rather than make a statement six times, I figured this would be the best opportunity. I have been on record supporting this project, and I have advocated for this project to our community. After I did that I listened. Sadly, I did not hear our community say 'pass it'. I heard them caution me, and express serious doubts about whether this was necessary. Or if there were other uses for In Lieu of Parks funds to help to enhance our parks rather than spend \$200K. As a Town Councilor it is my job to make decisions based on the facts, and when the facts change, policy makers should reconsider their positions. While I believe the spray park can be a huge benefit, I don't believe in passing something that I feel most of my community is strongly against. This board is in the unfortunate position of raising taxes to rebuild our fund balance. It is hard to tell our residents that this park is not going to cause your taxes to go up. When we have to raise taxes anyways. What the public is going to see is they are building the park and they are raising our taxes. Now those are two separate issues, for this Board. But for the community as a whole they are going to see it as one. Taxes are going up, and they are going to build a park. I have been listening to the community. I have been listening to people when I am on the streets, when I'm shopping, when I'm at the grocery store, I've been talking to family members and friends, I have been listening to this community. With respect to the Board and the community, I will be voting 'no' on items B through G tonight. Thank you very much for attending tonight's meeting.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I'd like to thank everyone for coming out tonight and those who are watching and I will reserve my comments for the vote.*

**Councilor Geraci:** *I appreciate the comments not just tonight but over the last two years, it's been an interesting and thoughtful process and I have to echo what Joe said, I don't think we have done, I know we have not done anything behind the scenes and everything out in the open, it doesn't mean everyone likes what's been said, but it's been out in the open.*

**Councilor Ellis:** *I too want to thank you all for your comments and everything I was going to say has been said.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I will reserve my comments on the splash pad when those motions come up.*

**Supervisor Saraceni** announced that he is working with SUNY Upstate in trying to coordinate this coming September, a mobile mammography unit to come to TOL for the benefit of the community. For those who have insurance, typically insurance pays for this type of scan, and if you do not have insurance, SUNY has a grant that they will do the scan anyways. The unit will be in the TOL parking lot and the waiting room will be the conference room. Information will be on the website.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said that County Executive Ryan McMahon passed a law providing free burials for veterans. He also mentioned the Town Hall Meeting with the County Executive on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**RES#76/2019**

**Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Diamond** to adopt the March 21, 2019 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:**

**Jerald Hole, Highway Superintendent** said that 102 passes [were made regarding snow plowing] through TOL versus 104 passes last year. He said TOL didn't get the snowfall totals this year that they did last year, but had a lot more of the minor snow ice conditions. He stated that they made almost the same amount of trips through the town, using more salt this year than last year. He mentioned that construction season is here, and HW will be out on the roadways prepping for paving work, and hopes the residents keep an eye out for the HW department men as they will be digging ditches, sweeping, mowing, preparing for milling and paving, and making repairs.

**Mr. Hole** asked the Board a question regarding the highway storage facility. He said he researched the issue and the process began on June 27, 2016, where a resolution was made and then another comment was made in February of 2017, that [the storage facility] was moving along, and the Town Engineer was praised for his securing a grant for the town, and a \$100K grant was on its way to help TOL put up a cold storage building.

**Mr. Hole** then mentioned July 20, 2017, when more resolutions were made regarding the SEQR and Unlisted Action, and the Negative Declaration. He said that February 1st, after he began the job as HW Superintendent, under the Supervisor's initiatives, he said the TOL received a grant to build a cold storage facility at a site off of West Entry Road which will help us get out of the old site on Elizabeth Street. There is a \$100K grant from Senator DeFrancisco. **Mr. Hole** said TOL was hoping to have the facility done by fall, which was last year. In addition, he said the last time anything has been said about it was in April of last year, and the final phases of the approval for the \$100K grant. He asked "*Where is the grant, where are we at with this building, as he hasn't heard anything about it?*"

**Supervisor Saraceni** said that the HW Superintendent summed up what TOL faces at the state level on a daily basis. Regarding the grants that roll through at \$100K, he is in regular contact with Rebecca Lee of NYS in Albany, and he and the Engineer talked about it two weeks ago. He said there is 'no rhyme or reason' why one grant takes less time than another, and it can be frustrating.

**Mr. Hole** said he wants to get the equipment ready and maintain the HW plow rigs. There is a limit on the room in the [current] facility and he was hoping HW would get [the cold storage unit] going so that the space could be used as connected space, which would save on utilities and everything else that is already in the budget (\$20K for the utility trench and utilities). He said HW would like to get it going because it would give HW a 40 by 60 space where the sweeper can be kept, taken apart and having it ready well ahead of time when needed. **Mr. Hole** said he knows it is listed this as a 'cold storage facility' but they have talked about TOL [finishing the project] to give HW a warm space to be able to build long terms projects.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said the grant is still outstanding and they are waiting final Senate approval. He said they are as frustrated as [Mr. Hole is]. He said he will make him aware of any changes if there are any.

**Mr. Hole** said the Board discussed the 'rapid replacement' for trucks and equipment, and he said he knows there is another truck that should be ordered ASAP. He said, "*I'd like to go on record as saying that if it was ordered tomorrow, I'd be lucky to see it at the end of the year*". He said there is one truck on order that he won't see until July or August at the earliest, and the prices aren't going down.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said they are going to look at that, but part of that vehicle replacement plan anticipated \$85K in revenue from a trade-in truck, and they are not seeing that revenue come in, so it is going to be very difficult to find the funding for that. He said they might be able to get it ordered if they can work something out with David, so that it is paid for in next year's budget. They are going to have some additional revenue fall off because they are going to pay off a bond, and that is going to allow an additional \$35K to put towards spending on trucks, but because there is that \$85K gap.

**Mr. Hole** mentioned the severity, because [trucks] are going up in price and it is taking longer to get them, and while that happens HW still has fleet vehicles in the 2002's for hauling ditch dirt, which is the only things HW has available.

**Supervisor Saraceni** said that the worst case scenario is that they will replace one truck a year in the foreseeable future and not have to borrow a dime to do that.

**Tony Burkinshaw, Parks and Recreation Supervisor** thanked the spray park Committee for coming to the meeting and showing support on what possibly could be a project going through, and all of their commitment and efforts toward it. He said there is an Easter Brunch at the Fireside Inn on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-Noon and tickets will be sold at the door at the Fireside Inn that day.

**Mr. Burkinshaw** mentioned to the Board that he will be at the NYS Parks and Recreation Conference and returning on Wednesday. He will have a small report when he returns. The park opens on April 20, as the official opening day. April 27<sup>th</sup> is the Earth Day project where they will plant a tree for Arbor Day and put new mulch on the playground and around flower beds.

**Comptroller David Rahrle** said he is close to finalizing the annual update documents for 2019 and hopefully he will be able to report that it has been filed next week. He also mentioned that after months of work by the Employee Handbook Committee, they emailed the final draft to Public Sector HR, which is the firm that TOL hired to help bring the handbook up to date and get it more legalized.

**Councilor Geraci** said he was on the Employee Handbook Committee and said it was fun to achieve consensus and throw out different ideas regarding the handbook. He said it was a group effort and there were good results.

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### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

#### MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2019 REGARDING 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS

##### RES#77/2019

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to adopt Local Law Number 2 for 2019, regarding 5G Telecommunications.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

#### MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL FROM LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES

##### RES#78/2019

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize the supervisor to sign the proposal from Landscape Structures for the equipment included in the Town of Lysander Splash Pad in the amount of \$110,364.80 under NYS OGS Contract #PC67833.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**Councilor Geraci:** *I would like to take this opportunity, there are several resolutions in front of us, and instead of speaking for each one, I'll use this first one to provide my advantage or perspective and why I have been an advocate of this spray park and an avid advocate from day one. Maybe I run in full circle, I have to comment on the hard work that Al has put into this to make this project affordable. When I say affordable, we are spending tax dollars, no doubt about it, but we are spending tax dollars that would have been available to other communities had we not applied for those grants and gotten them. I actually think we should be spending local tax dollars to provide the capital and building the project but we are not even doing that. We have a project that is well within the budget and the budget dollars that we have. So why are we doing this? Most of you know I was the Commissioner of Onondaga County Parks for a long time and I worked with the County Parks Department starting in my career as Director of Beaver Lake Nature Center and Director of the Public Relations Program and finally ending up as Commissioner in 1994, and I had the privilege of overseeing a department that was absolutely adored and loved by this community because we did good things. And every time I went to the County Legislature every single time except for once, and Gene remembers that time - it was a water park not a splash park, it was one of those Darien Lake multi-million dollar projects that was voted down and in fact*

*it was voted down because it was in a tight knit community. It has nothing to do with a water park you push a button - you get wet.*

*One of the things about the world of parks and recreation is that we all kind of take it for granted, but it's integral to the quality of life of any community. Lots of folks in fact, especially County Legislators who are paying the bills, look at, "Wow we have to have a police department we have to have a Health Department this and that – we really don't need parks." They are kind of ancillary, they are unnecessary of course. They are nice to have but if you don't have the money to pay for them you don't need them right? There's probably nothing you can say that's further from the truth. Without a healthy parks system without a vibrant parks system - you don't have a community. One of the things the National Recreation and Park Association NRPA – the National Association that most parks departments belong to and even if they don't belong to it they adhere to the policy and principals they put out, and it asked a question about a why are we doing what we are doing.*

*We think when we say the words "parks and recreation" we often think of things like playgrounds, like the grand canyon, like waterfalls, we think of the things, but we never step back and say, "What are those things doing for you? What are the benefits?" And that's what is key about the splash pad. There are four benefits that parks and recreation facilities give you: the first one is pretty obvious, provides individual benefits. You are out there getting healthy you are breathing the fresh air you are birdwatching getting healthy. Those are all individual benefits. There's environmental benefits like Beaver Lake, parks are places for greenspace for wildlife for vegetation, and it's really where the environment thrives. There's economic benefits for parks and recreation. Communities that have vibrant parks systems. Fortune Magazine asked high level executives what factors got them to decide to either move or stay in a community and the resounding answer - the overwhelming answer was not tax levels, whose quality of life is defined by what their employees and their families would do after work.*

*The fourth benefit of parks and recreation, and this one I think is key about the splash pad, it provides a sense of community; when you are walking down the aisle ways in Destiny or a shopping center do you ever catch the eye of someone else walking the other way? I know you walk straight ahead as if you have blinders on. We don't have a sense of community when we are in our modern world. You might know your neighbor or you might know lots of people; different people, do you meet people all the time? I can tell you where my office was in Onondaga Lake Park, I would look out the window and go out there and watch and about 4:00 every afternoon people would pull into the parking lot and put on their running shoes, their kids would be off from school, and they would come as individuals or close families, but I watched something happen. They said hello to one another, strangers began to say hello to one another then every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00, a new friendship had developed. "How fast did you run that mile yesterday? What school do your kids go to?" That is what will happen at this spray park. I'm going to bring my grandkids for sure, but guess what? My grandkids are going to interact with other kids that they never knew and never met. If I wasn't so shy, I might interact with some of the other grandparents there. You know that is what is going to happen, moms are going to be there and dads and kids are getting to know one another. Those parents and adults are going to get to know one another. That's what community is all about. That's what it's all about. The thought was, "Well we have a short summer season, why would you have something with water, its cold someday?" Yeah I know, I can't believe its still cold and its April that means what? We should close Green Lakes, Jamesville Beach, and Oneida Shores? Beaches and water is what summer is all about and I don't care what part of the country you're in. that's what the spray park will do, and unlike a very sophisticated expensive water park and lifeguards and all that, this is a zero depth facility - you push a button and you get wet, the water turns off after a couple of minutes and if you want to keep it on you keep it going. A sense of community, I defy you to think or tell me where else you can get that type of thing – it happens in parks. Nowhere else is it happening - it doesn't happen in supermarkets or shopping centers. It happens in parks. For the cost of operations here, \$15K a year in water and maybe Tony's going to have to take care of that concrete in 15 years, I don't know, but it's an incredibly affordable facility. I'll tell you one more thing.*

*When I brought a project like the boundless program to the County Legislature in Onondaga Lake Park, the revamping of Jamesville Beach or Oneida Shores, going back, I got unanimous consent, Democrats and Republicans said "Bob, way to go this is part of our community!" I use the boundless playground as an example because it's a playground right? But it's 65% handicap accessible, most ADA requirements only require somewhere between 20 and 25%. Guess what? This spray park is completely accessible. Now imagine the kid that doesn't get to play soccer, doesn't get to climb or go on the swing sets; he's in a wheelchair. Gets to go to this park and gets to mingle with other kids his or her age; that is what we are*

doing here, and for the pennies we are talking about spending over the course of 30 years, which is the life span of this facility – we are talking pennies.

Those kids are going to grow up thinking “thanks Mom, thanks Dad” you did something good for me in this community. That’s why I’m voting for this and I’m voting absolutely and positively because it’s the right thing to do.

**Councilor Ellis:** *I agree wholeheartedly the Town of Lysander owns a park and we are investing in our infrastructure. We are improving and investing and adding to our community. I too will be voting a big fat wet yes.*

**Councilor Moore:** *I have never been as passionate about this as these two gentlemen, or these three gentlemen. I’ve always been a little bit on the fence. I’ve sat back and listened to people say they want it and people say they don’t want it. I was the first one to say that I was uncomfortable with the bond, and these guys accepted that, that I was uncomfortable with the bond. And the funding has been taken care of. That has all changed. But, I’ve still been on the fence, right to the end. You know, what do I do? And Norm, I haven’t seen you in a long time and I’m very glad that you came. I wouldn’t, it doesn’t matter to me, and it’s not about votes. This community is split on this, someone is going to lose votes one way or another so it isn’t about votes, and it is about community though. And even right up until five minutes ago I didn’t know what I was going to do. But, and I actually don’t even have to, we already know how all this is going to go. But I will say, I have spent the past 30 years working in this community, volunteering in this community, I don’t do this particular job for the paycheck or the votes, I do it because I care about my community and in this case, I gotta tell you this has been turned into such a political football - a park improvement - but it has and there are people who are happy about that and that’s wonderful, but to me, it’s about improving our community, and I’m in support of it. And one other thing, Norm, I am truly glad that you came, and I’m sorry that we disagree on this particular issue but the other team wouldn’t have thanked you for coming I don’t think. And meant it. You know - I mean - so.*

**Councilor Diamond:** *I will stand by my statement.*

**Supervisor Saraceni:** *I am pretty sure you know where I stand on this issue. I will be voting yes on this, and I am going to be voting yes and it is important you understand why. There are a number of reasons. Our Town Engineer has indicated we have hit the sweet spot of what we budgeted for. It was an enormous effort, we rejected two bids to try to get here. We are on the verge of possibly losing another building season to see this project through. Al, thank you for your efforts. I think it is important to point out again, that this will not be funded with our local tax dollars. These are grants, these are state grants that if they didn’t end up in Lysander would have ended up in Poughkeepsie or Albany or Buffalo, or New York City. And that it’s not just \$100K, its \$200K in grant money, thanks in part to Senator DeFrancisco also believing in this project.*

*It’s going to be funded not with tax dollars, but primarily through developer fees that we generate when developments, new developments - come into our community, developments like Collington Pointe, Indian Springs. As a community, we have a choice, we can either take parkland in, and in consideration of those residents will have on our community, we can take funds per lot, and because we don’t want one million parks spread all over the town where we have to drive around and maintain, we have to focus on one park facility; it’s efficient, you know over the years, that’s where that \$240K that we have referenced, that is where that money came from. It is Town Money it belongs to the people of this town but generated by developer fees, not taxes.*

*Because the water is provided in the splash pad, there is a rumor floating around that kids were going to get sick from recirculated water; it is important to point out that is not the case. This water is coming out of our OCWA water mains, so if kids are getting sick in our water park, we will have a lot of sick residents because they are drinking that water. There was also rumor that the drainage was going to negatively impact the high water levels of Tannery Creek that flow through the Village of Baldwinsville. We did extensive research on this and found that the drainage basis that flows in Tannery Creek is enormous, and this will have no affect and negligible effect on the amount of water that flows to Tannery Creek through the Village. It’s the first major recreational investment we have made in this park in over a decade.*

*This year the park celebrates 40 years. Our only park. This is huge. We will be celebrating this. This is going as Bob said eloquently, it is going to enhance the quality of life for decades to come providing a clean, safe place for our residents of all ages and abilities who are going to be able to meet and greet each other. Memories are going to be made there. This park improvement evolved from public outreach, including two forums, articles in our two papers, and countless personal interactions. This park improvement is in line with our stated goals of a pivot that focuses on outdoor related activities for kids. This with programs based on social activities that are vital to our community.*

*All this said, and Pete nailed it. They are going to get us on something, and they focused on a park improvement. If I lose votes because I improved our one and only park, and that kids for the next three decades are going to have a fun safe place to meet their lifelong friends, I'll lay on that sword. I'm proudly going to support these initiatives tonight. So, any other comments?*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE D.E. TAROLLI TO COMPLETE UP TO 20 DAYS OF WORK FOR THE TOL SPLASH PAD PROJECT**

**RES#79/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize D.E. Tarolli to complete up to 20 days of work for the Town of Lysander splash pad project excavation, backfill, drainage improvements, and sanitary sewer force main installation under Onondaga County Contract #2857 at a rate of \$4,500 per day not to exceed a total expense of \$90,000 without prior authorization.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AWARD THE TOL SPLASH PAD MASONRY RFP TO CONCRETE SLIP FORM, INC.**

**RES#80/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to award the Town of Lysander Splash Pad Masonry RFP to Concrete Slip Form Inc. in the amount of \$27,500.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AWARD THE TOWN OF LYSANDER SPLASH PAD PLUMBING RFP TO TOWN MECHANICAL, INC.**

**RES#81/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to award the Town of Lysander Splash Pad Plumbing RFP to Town Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$14,650.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AWARD THE TOWN OF LYSANDER SPLASH PAD ELECTRICAL RFP TO QUINN CONSTRUCTION**

**RES#82/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to award the Town of Lysander Splash Pad Electrical RFP to Quinn Construction in the amount of \$3,500.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AWARD THE  
TOWN OF LYSANDER SPLASH PAD FENCE RFP TO ARROW FENCE**

**RES#83/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Geraci** to award the Town of Lysander Splash Pad Fence RFP to Arrow Fence in the amount of \$6,670.

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

**Four Ayes, one Nay, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AWARD THE CHASE CEMETERY MOWING AND TRIMMING RFP TO  
KIMBALL & KIMBALL COMPANIES DBA ELITE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

**RES#84/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore** to award the Chase Cemetery Mowing and Trimming RFP to Kimball & Kimball Companies DBA Elite Property Management and Restoration in the amount of \$470.25 per mow.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*Councilor Diamond asked how many times the cemetery is mowed. Mr. Yager said two a month May through September.*

**MOTION TO REDUCE THE PUNCH LIST SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR SECTION 3  
PHASE 2 OF THE TIMBER BANKS SUBDIVISION TO \$29K**

**RES#85/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond** to reduce the punch list security requirement for Section 3 Phase 2 of the Timber Banks subdivision to \$29,000 as recommended in the Town Engineer's letter dated April 2, 2019.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO CALL ON THE PUNCH LIST  
SECURITY BOND FOR SECTION 3 PHASE 2 OF THE TIMBER BANKS SUBDIVISION**

**RES#86/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond** to authorize the Town attorney to call on the Punch List Security bond for Section 3 Phase 2 of the Timber Banks subdivision on 4/12/2019 if a new form of security is not on file in the Town Clerk's Office prior to the close of business.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Mr. Yager said they have provided a scan of a new bond we just haven't received it yet.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE  
INTERMUNICIPAL WASTEWATER AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY  
SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE**

**RES#87/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize the supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Wastewater Agreement with Onondaga County for sanitary sewer maintenance in the Town.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*TOL subcontracts to WEP to maintain facilities for us on a year by year basis with a contract. It's in the contract we have currently.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE  
INTERMUNICIPAL MS4 AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY  
FOR OUTFALL INSPECTIONS AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE SERVICE**

**RES#88/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Ellis seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal MS4 Agreement with Onondaga County for outfall inspections and illicit discharge services.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Discussion:*

*This is a four year agreement (outfalls that go through the river).*

**MOTION TO RE-APPOINT PART TIME SEASONAL  
SUMMER PARK ATTENDANTS AT A RATE OF \$11.10 PER HOUR**

**RES#89/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to re-appoint Part-time Seasonal Summer Park Attendants (George Fields, John Dunham, Walter Virginia, William Brotherton) at a rate of \$11.10 per hour. Start date of April 20 until October 31, 2019.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO HIRE KATHLEEN THOMPSON TO THE POSITION  
OF PART-TIME CLERK IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

**RES#90/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to hire Kathleen Thompson to the position of Part-time Clerk in the Assessor's Office effective April 1, 2019, maximum 20 hours per week, at \$14.00 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 ACKNOWLEDGE CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT  
LAUNCH BY DEC IS A GOVERNMENT FUNCTION**

**RES#91/2019**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to acknowledge that the boat launch being constructed at 3653 Hayes Road in the Town of Lysander by the DEC is considered a government function of the DEC and that a permit is not required by the Town of Lysander.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN ENGINEER TO ISSUE AN RFP  
FOR TOWNWIDE STREETLIGHT LED CONVERSION**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Ellis** to authorize the Town Engineer to issue an RFP for a town wide streetlight LED conversion and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

**All Ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**NEW BUSINESS (TOWN BOARD):**

**Supervisor Saraceni** mentioned that TOL is dedicating the HW Facility to Robert Cook, who served in the TOL Highway Department for 16 years as the elected Highway Superintendent. The dedication ceremony is Friday at 5:00 PM.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Ellis** to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:17 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk