

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on October 20, 2022, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor  
Robert Geraci, Councilor  
Peter Moore, Councilor  
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor  
Kevin Rode, Councilor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Ken Svitak, Highway Superintendent, and several guests and residents.

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

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**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING  
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**RES#157/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to open the public hearing at 7:01 PM.**

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**Supervisor Wicks:** *I do have the tentative budget here and I think the public will be satisfied with what the Board is going to hopefully adopt in the future.*

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING  
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**RES#158/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to close the public hearing at 7:02 PM.**

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION (ENTERPRISE FIRE) AGREEMENT**

**RES#159/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Rode to open the public hearing at 7:02 PM.**

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION (ENTERPRISE FIRE) AGREEMENT**

**RES#160/2022**

*Hearing no comments, Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to close the public hearing at 7:02 PM.*

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**Adoption of Minutes**

**TABLED**

**Motion by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt the October 5, and October 6 Town Board Meeting minutes. *(Councilors Moore and Rode will abstain from October 5)*

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**Citizens Comments**

**Norma Newman of the Lysander Cemetery** stated that she is grateful that the cemeteries are in the budget again this year, as it helps the caretakers care for the remaining cemeteries, so that the town will not have to take them over. She advised that last year, Lysander Cemetery used additional funds for mowing, and they have been able to install two roads for easier access.

**Robert Markham of Lysander/Plainville Cemetery** thanked the Board for the funds for the cemeteries.

**Ruth Troy of Canton Woods** thanked the Board for their continued support of the Senior Center. She specifically thanked Councilor Geraci for his public recognition of the good work the center provides.

**Ed Schmitt** of Hayes Road asked for an update regarding the NO PARKING signs on Hayes Road.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road thanked those who came out to speak regarding cemetery funding. He thanked members of the Lysander Cemetery and mentioned that he has been digging graves there for 17 years, and receives phone calls regarding burials occasionally. He uses his own equipment, and tends to the cemetery as needed.

Mr. Burtch mentioned the speeding issue on his road, and said that 250 tickets have been issued in the past two months in the course of the time the police have been sitting there. Additionally, he spoke with the Highway Superintendent about getting millings to place in the area where the Troopers park so it will be safer, as it is well hidden. He asked the Board for \$10K for public safety in the Lamson/Plainville Church corridor.

**Sherri Woods** of the Plainville Rural Cemetery Association thanked the Board for the extra money allowed for use of expenses. So far there have been \$7,200 in mowing costs this year. She said the cemetery doesn't make money unless someone is buried there, or buys plots. She noted that the costs have risen 30% from last year, and the cemetery is also faced with an increase in liability insurance.

**Charlie LaPrease**, President of Canton Woods/Board of Directors, thanked the Board for its continued support and noted the importance of the center; and now with the potential company coming, the funding will help to accommodate more people.

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**Town Board Comments**

**Councilor Geraci** spoke about Canton Woods and thanked them for coming to speak on its behalf. He gave the background of the Center, as the Town of Van Buren, along with the Village of Baldwinsville agreed to create a senior center, where each municipality contributes \$66,950. He noted that the total amount costs residents approximately \$8. He said that Canton Woods is a jewel in our community.

**Councilor Kudarauskas** stated that he appreciates the services Canton Woods provides, and is glad to hear that Van Buren is contributing as well.

**Councilor Rode** stated that he appreciates the comments regarding the cemeteries, as he has family in those cemeteries. He asked the audience to make sure and vote, and reminded the public that the public hearing on the budget will be held on November 3.

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**Department Head Reports**

**Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director** spoke about the upcoming Halloween window painting event. He noted that registration is live on Facebook and the Town of Lysander website. He reminded residents that on October 22nd the Chamber is presenting ‘Trick or Treating’ in the Village of Baldwinsville from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, all will conclude with a Haunted House at Lysander Park sponsored by Orange and Olive.

**Mr. Merrill** said that the Spence Field lot is 100% usable. There are about 66 additional spaces; in the future will be approximately 70 additional spaces. There are boulders around the lot and field.

**HW Superintendent Ken Svitak** stated that he hasn’t had time to speak with Mr. Voss regarding signs for Hayes Road. It is on his list. HW is working on mailboxes on Exeter. They finished the road and mailboxes have been moved back into place.

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**Supervisor’s Comments**

**Supervisor Wicks** stated that he agrees with everyone regarding how important Canton Woods is to the community. He also spoke about maintaining a solid fund balance, as with the recession, TOL built the fund balance higher than normal so that this year and next year the town can use it to offset any type of tax increase.

**Supervisor Wicks** noted that he received an email regarding the fire on Mechanic Street. He said the family needs a furnished home to move into. If anyone can assist please contact him. He also mentioned the cemetery budget has increased as well.

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**Regular Agenda Items**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW  
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT IN GML 3-c**

**RES#161/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2023 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT (WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT)**

**RES#162/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2023 Fire Protection Agreement by and between the Town of Lysander and Enterprise Fire Company No. 1 (West Phoenix Fire Protection Agreement).

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SNOW AND ICE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY**

**RES#163/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Lysander and Onondaga County. The contract term is 10/1/2022 through 5/31/2024.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR WILLETT PARKWAY CULVERT REPAIR**

**RES#164/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Rode** to approve the first and final payment for the Willett Parkway Culvert Repair Project (NYSDOT PIN 375647) in the amount of \$407,416.40 as recommended in the Town Engineer's letter dated October 12, 2022 contingent upon final authorization from NYSDOT Region 3. (using part of the \$465K in grant money).

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SPENDING OF UP TO \$47K of ARPA FUNDING FOR THE WEST GENESEE WATER DISTRICT FIRESIDE INN WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT**

**RES#165/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to approve spending of up to \$47,000 of ARPA funding for the West Genesee Water District Fireside Inn Water Main Relocation Project including anticipated construction phase engineering services.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CHA PROPOSAL FOR  
CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RE THE WEST GENESEE WATER DISTRICT  
FIRESIDE INN WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT**

**RES#166/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to authorize the supervisor to sign the CHA proposal for construction phase services related to the West Genesee Water District Fireside Inn Water Main Relocation Project not to exceed \$5,000 at the rates stated in the previously authorized municipal engineering services agreement.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO TAKE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM SYRACUSE/ONON.  
COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**RES#167/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Rode** to take receipt of the funding in the amount of \$2,575.00 from Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau for the reimbursement of program expenses for Lysander Parks and Recreation.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BRANDON LITTERBRANT**

**RES#168/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Rode** to accept the resignation of Brandon Litterbrant, Building and Grounds Maintenance, effective Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Supervisor Wicks thanked Mr. Litterbrant for his help over the years.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOL TO LEVY UNPAID 2022 WATER BILLS**

**RES#169/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to authorize the Town of Lysander to levy unpaid 2022 water bills onto the 2023 County/Town tax bills.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT NATE MONICA AS WINGPERSON**

**RES#170/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Nate Monica as wing-person in the Highway Department with a salary of \$18.51 per hour.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT DAVE WATTAM AS WINGPERSON**

**RES#171/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Dave Wattam as wing-person in the Highway Department with a salary of \$18.51 per hour.

Supervisor Wicks      Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas      Aye      Councilor Geraci      Aye  
Councilor Moore      Aye    Councilor Rode      Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT ANDY RICE AS WINGPERSON**

**RES#172/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to appoint Andy Rice as wing-person in the Highway Department with a salary of \$18.51 per hour.

Supervisor Wicks      Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas      Aye      Councilor Geraci      Aye  
Councilor Moore      Aye    Councilor Rode      Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS (TOWN CLERK)**

**RES#173/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Moore** to declare the following items surplus from the Town Clerk’s Office:

- Samsung Galaxy Digital Passport Camera/Serial No. CN2FB007QAR
- Minx Router/Serial No. A01E0B005848
- iStation Passport Printer/Serial No. 5J-A270

Supervisor Wicks      Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas      Aye      Councilor Geraci      Aye  
Councilor Moore      Aye    Councilor Rode      Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*The items above stopped working. A new system would cost approximately \$3,500.*

**MOTION TO USE ARPA FUNDS TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE FOR GREATER BALDWINSVILLE AMBULANCE CORP.**

**RES#174/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Rode** to approve the amount of \$50K using ARPA funds for the Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corp for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Supervisor Wicks      Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas      Aye      Councilor Geraci      Aye  
Councilor Moore      Aye    Councilor Rode      Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*The ARPA funding will assist the GBAC since there was a loss of revenue due to COVID.*

**MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**RES#175/2022**

**Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Moore** to hold a public hearing to hear those for or against the 2023 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Lysander, at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2022. This resolution shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

Supervisor Wicks           Aye   Councilor Kudarauskas       Aye       Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore           Aye   Councilor Rode                Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RES#176/2022**

**A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to discuss the job performance of a specific employee at 7:42 PM.

Supervisor Wicks           Aye   Councilor Kudarauskas       Aye       Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore           Aye   Councilor Rode                Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RES#177/2022**

**A motion was made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

Supervisor Wicks           Aye   Councilor Kudarauskas       Aye       Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore           Aye   Councilor Rode                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