

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on June 6, 2024, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, Al Yager, Town Engineer, Theresa Golden, Assessor, Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney and several guests and residents.

Supervisor Rode called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Adoption of Minutes

RES#97/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to adopt the May 16, 2024 Town Board Meeting Minutes.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

Citizens Comments

Kit Thompson of Patchett Road discussed the new proposed OSHA requirements for fire departments. Some of the changes that are being proposed are meant to enhance the safety and health of firefighters by introducing new regulations that address the unique hazards and operational challenges they face, including PPE Standards, training requirements, health monitoring and medical evaluations. The concerns are that many fire departments will comply, some will struggle to comply and increase their budgets, and others will have to choose to consolidate. Eventually all volunteers will disappear. Ms. Thompson recommended that those who are opposed to the proposed mandates contact the Association of Fire Districts and make a comment via the website: afdsny.org.

Joe Briere of Dinglehole Road asked who is in control of maintenance at the Highway Department. **Supervisor Rode** said that normally the Parks and Recreation Director has helped with those duties. He stated that there is no formal paperwork or information that describes those duties.

Mr. Briere asked if Town Board members had to sign the Employee Handbook. **Supervisor Rode** suggested that people were told not to sign the book. Mr. Briere asked about a Board member threatening someone, and discussion ensued regarding those various issues with relation to the handbook. **Councilor Kudarauskas** stated that the Town Board Members do not abide by the handbook.

Rob Helfrich of Hourglass Lane discussed the upcoming Life Worth Living 5K on August 17, 2024. Including the 5K there will be a golf tournament at Radisson Greens on July 12th, and an event known as Foxfest on August 3rd, for more information visit <https://zachmemorial.com/>.

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road continued to complain about the Parks and Recreation position, parks programs, advertising for programs, and money spent on a field. He also said that when he asks a question, he already knows the answer. Additionally, he expressed his dismay with Town Board members on various issues and mentioned Code Enforcement office communications regarding his property.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Kudarauskas asked the residents to keep their landscaping materials in their driveway and not the road. He also asked that grass clippings are not blown into the road. **Councilor Moore** mentioned that today is D-Day and thanked those who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Rode mentioned that there will be a change in the format of future agendas. Executive Session will be held before the meetings beginning at 4:30 PM. He noted that the doors will unlock at 5:30 PM for the public to attend the work sessions.

Supervisor Rode stated that he attended the ceremony at the cemetery after the Memorial Day Parade. He said people should try and attend that wonderful ceremony next year, as it will be held on a Friday. He thanked the Memorial Day parade committee, in particular Linda and Tom Ross.

Supervisor Rode stated that he also attended the 174th Attack Wing ceremony, and he said it was the first time they reached out to Elected Officials. They are looking for more Elected Officials to attend. He explained that the 174th use their aircraft for more than war, such as fires, etc.

Supervisor Rode said that Baldwinsville Central School District has reconstructed the Hall of Fame, and there are inductions tonight. He mentioned Jason Grilli, Brian Corcoran and Kathy Arcaro (Morse) and others who were honored. He also stated that at the meeting on June 20th the Comptroller will discuss final budget modifications and at the meeting on July 18th there will be a presentation about the 2023 budget.

Department Head Reports

Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that many summer programs are underway and all of them were advertised on Peachjar – throughout each school in the Baldwinsville Central School District.

Theresa Golden, Assessor, stated that Grievance Day was Tuesday. She said that there were nine appointments scheduled and five were paperwork only. Of those there were three Supreme Court filings or cases, and one is McLane, who had a special franchise complaint but did not realize they have to complain to the state for that value. For two years they have complained to the Board of Assessment Review, which gives them nothing.

Ms. Golden advised that there is a solar farm that is arguing that they want the exemption on the solar farm that the Baldwinsville School District has opted out of, so a couple of them are a little questionable. She stated that the final roll will be done on July 1st with the Assessor’s annual report, and then mentioned the equalization rate this year as assessments are not changing to reflect the market value at 80%.

Ms. Golden mentioned that upon her retirement they are looking to replace her with the new Data Collector who will be taking training courses to fill her position.

Agenda Items

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
FOR THE LIFE WORTH LIVING 5K AND WALK**

RES#98/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to approve the Special Event License for the Life Worth Living 5K and Walk on August 17, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL
EVENT LICENSE FOR ANNAL'S ANGELS 5K**

RES#99/2024

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Special Event License for Annal's Angels 5K on August 31, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT
CHANGE ORDER FOR THE LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSION**

RES#100/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign Contract Change Order No. 1 for the LED Street Light Conversion Energy Performance Contract in the amount of \$9,572.13 with John W. Danforth Company.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

**MOTION TO REDUCE THE PUNCH LIST SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR
HIGHLAND MEADOWS PHASES 3 AND 4 TO \$27,000**

RES#101/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to reduce the Punch List Security requirement for Highland Meadows (A/K/A Lysander Preserve) Phases 3 and 4 to \$27,000 as recommended in the Town Engineer's letter dated June 5, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO APPOINT NATHAN PALMER AS RECREATION LEADER

RES#102/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Nathan Palmer as Recreation Leader in the Parks and Recreation Department at an hourly rate of \$16.94 with a starting date of 6/1/2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO RAISE THE HOURLY WAGE OF ANTHONY CAPUTA, SUMMER AIDE

RES#103/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Geraci to raise the hourly wage of Anthony Caputa, Summer Aide, to \$16.00 per hour.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO HIRE CHELSEA HENDRICKS AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#104/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire Chelsea Hendricks as Summer Aide at a rate of \$15.50 effective Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO HIRE ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#105/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire Elizabeth Fernandez as Summer Aide at a rate of \$15.50 effective Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO HIRE RANI DOTTERER AS GEMS INSTRUCTOR

RES#106/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire Rani Dotterer as GEMS+ Instructor at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, effective Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO HIRE LESLIE CARTIER AS GEMS INSTRUCTOR

RES#107/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire Leslie Cartier as GEMS+ Instructor at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, effective Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

MOTION TO DECLARE PC SURPLUS

RES#108/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to declare the following item surplus:

- Lenovo Think Centre PC - Tag No. 1209 (*Assessor's Office*)

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#109/2024

Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:39 PM and enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

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

All ayes, motion carried and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES#110/2024

Motion made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore 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