

**A Regular Town Board Meeting was held on June 20, 2024, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Al Yager, Town Engineer, Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Tony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney, Kevin Svitak, HW Superintendent, and several guests and residents.

**Supervisor Rode called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a pledge to the Flag.**

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**Adoption of Minutes**

**RES#111/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci Seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt the June 6, 2024, Town Board Meeting Minutes.

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| Supervisor Rode | Aye | Councilor Kudarauskas | Absent | Councilor Geraci | Aye |
| Councilor Moore | Aye |                       |        |                  |     |

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**Citizens Comments**

**Liz and Ed Schmitt** of Hayes Road spoke about the ongoing issues with the Tiki Bar. Those comments are attached to these minutes and made part of the record.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road spoke about the Tiki Bar and noted that he observed the boat launch was blocked with vehicles. He waited two hours and forty-five minutes after the Sheriff was called. He said there are problems with enforcement and there are too many patrons for porta-potties that are on the grounds. He also mentioned the upcoming primary on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, and his dismay with the Spray Park, as he believes it is an amenity that people who are not from Lysander use and recommended other options for funding and maintenance.

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**Town Board Comments**

The Board thanked those for attending and chose to move to the agenda.

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**Supervisor's Comments**

**Supervisor Rode** asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak on behalf of the STOP signs proposed by residents in Timber Banks. There was not. He noted that the item will be tabled, and he will let the residents know what the Board's next steps will be regarding that issue.

**Supervisor Rode** mentioned next Tuesday's Primary, and that all the normal voting locations will be open in the town of Lysander. He noted that voters can report to their normal voting locations. Early voting is still open in the Town of Clay, but not in Lysander. Contact the Board of Elections for more information.

**Supervisor Rode** attended the housing study which was presented by Onondaga County regarding the housing plan, which can be viewed at [www.ongov.net](http://www.ongov.net). He noted that there is a push from Onondaga County about density and development and differing views in the suburbs.

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**Department Head Reports**

**Ken Svitak, HW Superintendent** asked residents to be cautious with roadside mowers, as they do not have protection and can be difficult to see.

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### Recognition of Tony Rivizzigno

Tony Rivizzigno was recognized with a plaque by the Board for his service (since 2012) as General Counsel to the Town of Lysander. Mr. Rivizzigno is retiring and moving out of state, and the Board wished him well.

Mr. Rivizzigno stated that after 54 years of law practice it is now time to retire.

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### Cold Springs Sewer Study Presentation by Town Engineer Al Yager

**Mr. Yager** presented a PowerPoint which touched on the following areas:

Current Issues Affecting Study Area:

- Seneca River Pollution – Existing private septic systems not meeting current design standards contributing to pollution in the waterway
- Climate Change - Increasing flood risk along the Seneca River further contributing to pollution
- Many existing septic systems in the study area are nearing or past their anticipated service life resulting in expensive replacement costs for existing residents' Conventional system replacement is typically - (>\$20,000 – raised bed systems >\$40,000)

Large tracts of undeveloped land between the WWTP and the existing population are included in the study area.

Sewer Alternatives:

- Alternative 1 – No Action
- Alternative 2 – Gravity Sewers with Five Pump Stations (with wider LPS areas)
- Alternative 3 – Gravity Sewers with Seven Pump Stations (with limited LPS areas)

Population Trends and Growth Potential:

United States Census Bureau, the population increased from 21,759 to 23,074 from 2010 to 2020, which represents an annual growth rate of 0.6%. With Micron's arrival and expected creation of approximately 50,000 jobs, it is likely that the Town will experience a significant population increase amid a current housing shortage in the greater Syracuse area. Undeveloped land included in the study area was projected to be developed at a density of 2 units per acre.

Anticipated Resident Costs:

- Annual County sewer treatment fee \$445
- Anticipated Annual Debt Service with undeveloped land developed at 2 units per acre \$621/year
- Anticipated annual debt service with undeveloped land developed at 4 units per acre \$420/year
- Anticipated annual debt service with undeveloped land developed at 2 units per acre with Town supplying low pressure grinder pumps \$726/year
- Anticipated annual debt service with additional development \$2,152
- Debt service calculated using 4% bond rate for 30 years with no developer contribution

Discussion ensued regarding dry sewers, connections, future developments, traffic, etc. **Supervisor Rode** advised that this is a long and involved process and this is the first of many next steps regarding this issue.

**Supervisor Rode** advised that the PowerPoint presentation will be on the website, and if there are any further questions about the proposal, contact him.

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**Regular Agenda Items**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS  
AS PROVIDED BY THE TOWN COMPTROLLER**

**RES#112/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to approve the budget transfers as provided by the Town Comptroller.

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

*Mr. Zapisek created the budget transfers for the year end items to make line items balance across all the accounts. On July 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation regarding budget items, fund balance, etc. for the public.*

**TABLED**

**Motion made by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_** to hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:30 PM to consider a local law to authorize the placement of STOP signs the four-way intersection of Tall Tree and Forest Ridge Lane located in the Timber Banks subdivision. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY 2024 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**RES#113/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Statement of Intent for the Onondaga County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

*To assist local jurisdictions in meeting FEMA standard mitigation requirements, the Department of Planning has applied for and received FEMA funding for the multi-jurisdictional plan update for all participating jurisdictions, and has hired a consultant, ISC, to work with the Planning Department to manage the plan update process and facilitate [local government] involvement.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CHA  
LYSANDER LANDFILL MONITORING PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,550**

**RES#114/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the CHA Lysander Landfill Monitoring proposal in the amount of \$10,550. *This is a NYSDEC mandated monitoring program that is a budgeted annual expense.*

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

**MOTION TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER TODD AS MEO**

**RES#115/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to hire Christopher Todd as MEO in the Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$23.75, as per the union contract, with a starting date of June 24, 2024.

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

**MOTION TO HIRE JOHN LEONARDO AS MEO**

**RES#116/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to hire John Leonardo as MEO in the Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$23.75, as per the union contract, with a starting date of June 25, 2024.

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| Supervisor Rode | Aye | Councilor Kudarauskas | Absent | Councilor Geraci | Aye |
| Councilor Moore | Aye |                       |        |                  |     |

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**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:45 PM.

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| Supervisor Rode | Aye | Councilor Kudarauskas | Absent | Councilor Geraci | Aye |
| Councilor Moore | Aye |                       |        |                  |     |

**The next meeting will be July 18, 2024.**