

**A Regular Town Board meeting was held on March 21, 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, Ken Svitak, HW Superintendent, 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.**

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**Adoption of Minutes**

**RES#39/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt the March 7, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM**

**RES#40/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to open the public hearing at 6:33 PM.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

Supervisor Rode: *This is an extension for six more months. We don't have the law put in place yet.*

Sean Brazo/Solar Developer: *My name is Sean Brazo. I am not from the town. I'm a solar developer, and it has been useful in conversations I've had with other towns that are going through exactly the same process to let you know that there are hosting capacity maps that the utility makes available publicly. And just so you're aware, you have room in town based on those hosting capacity maps, really for one and a half community solar projects. So, about seven and a half megawatts of capacity to inject into the grid. So, you have very limited opportunity for any developer or me or anyone else, to come through and propose solar farms within your town limits. Often people extend these solar moratoriums because they think they're going to be overrun. It would be possible to overrun the town, but because we're very limited in our connection, and then very limited space that's suitable for solar. So, you might want to just take that. Keep that in mind as you're developing your laws, because you're not going to have to deal with many proposals. When push comes to shove, those maps are available. Those are publicly available from National Grid. And I'm happy to have my technical people reach out and share the link and provide you whatever assistance I could render. We're looking to find towns that are a good fit for the type of solar that we develop and happy to provide the benefit of any experience that we have doing this all-over upstate New York. We just want to make sure that you're aware of that resource. Most towns for some reason are unaware of it.*

Supervisor Rode: *One of the reasons we passed the solar law is we found issues with screening and setbacks and is one of the primary reasons for the moratorium.*

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road: *I haven't talked to everybody in the town of Lysander, but I've made it a habit of talking to hundreds of people as often as I can, and I get a call every single day, and I talk to neighbors, and I stop and talk to people working on projects. And the concern in this community isn't about injecting more kilowatts that we don't use that gets sent down to New York City that we don't use. I think the concern is whether the solar project is going to make it dirty like they did on Church Road for a year. (raised voice) Which is an unbelievable eyesore that when it flaps all day long because it's not tied down to the bottom the solar panels that stick up higher than the fencing. You live across the street from that. I mean, it wasn't built at that time, but I'm embarrassed. I feel bad for the people that live there now. They have to look at that every single day. I'm not against renewable energy. If we can do it and it's not an eyesore to our community, have at it. Let's fix what we got there. Now, before we start carving out any more projects that...*

Supervisor Rode: *It's not finished.*

Mr. Yager: *It's a certificate of compliance because that's not finished.*

Fred Burtch: *I remember we had some trees...*

Supervisor Rode: *But that's part of our long-term law of creating that so that doesn't happen. But that has been a multiyear process for that developer and that is one of the last hurdles to jump that has been the sticking point.*

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM**

**RES#41/2024**

**Hearing all comments, Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to close the public hearing at 6:39 PM.**

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING EXTENSION OF THE TIER TWO BATTERY STORAGE MORATORIUM**

**RES#42/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to open the public hearing at 6:39 PM.**

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING EXTENSION OF THE TIER TWO BATTERY STORAGE MORATORIUM**

**RES#43/2024**

**Hearing no comments, motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to close the public hearing at 6:41 PM.**

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Absent	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore					

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**Citizens Comments**

**Supervisor Rode** noted that two additional motions will be added to the agenda.

**Fred Burtch** of Plainville Road discussed the presentation by the school board, replacing buses, the age of the HW Department plow trucks that are older than 14 years old, and replacing the plow trucks. He talked about Farnham Road and the ditch and suggested reaching out to the homeowners. He said he would offer his services and help fix the problem to help a neighbor if it can legally be done for taxpayers.

**Supervisor Rode** said one of the taxpayers reached out to the Board and TOL is following the law. He said the homeowners deserve access to their property.

**Rob Helfrich** of Hourglass Lane spoke about a Facebook site’s comments regarding the Baldwinsville bypass. He said Jack talked about reconsidering the possibility of the bypass. He said there is a Wikipedia article about that bypass that gives the history of it and noted that even if it is a state issue TOL can work with others on it.

**Supervisor Rode** said there is a Route 31 corridor issue that all parties are discussing, and it is a slow process.

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**Town Board Comments**

The Town Board members thanked everyone for coming and chose to move on to the agenda.

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**Supervisor’s Comments**

**Supervisor Rode** stated that he attended the County Planning Symposium and will update the public at the next work session. The Town of Lysander Auditorium is one of the voting sites for the presidential primary with early voting, which begins March 23 and ends Saturday, March 30. The early voting link is listed on the Onondaga County Board of Elections website.

**Supervisor Rode** stated he and the Town Clerk have been working on the town’s website which will go live within the next week or two.

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**Department Head Reports**

**Town Engineer Al Yager** spoke about the Pavement Management Plan. Please see the plan and streets attached to these minutes. Several roads have CDBG funding that will be used.

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**Agenda Items**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM**

**RES#44/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to adopt a local law under Article XXIX (29) to extend the moratorium on “solar farms” in the Town of Lysander. This moratorium will be extended to September 21, 2024.

Supervisor Rode            Aye    Councilor Kudrauskas            Absent    Councilor Geraci            Aye  
Councilor Moore            Aye

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW UNDER  
CHAPTER 102-7 EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON TIER 2 BATTERY STORAGE**

**RES#45/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to adopt a local law under Chapter 102-7 to extend the moratorium on “Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage” in the Town of Lysander. This moratorium will be extended to September 21, 2024.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN RFP REGARDING ACCESS  
CONTROL UPGRADE, BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEM, AND SECURITY CAMERAS**

**RES#46/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the Town Clerk to submit an advertisement for an RFP to be published in the Post-Standard for the Access Control Upgrade, Building Security System, and security cameras for the following facilities: 8220 Loop Road, 2730 W. Entry Road, and 64 Elizabeth Street. The bid opening will occur on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Town Clerk’s Office.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO WAIVE THE PYRO PERMIT FEE FOR THE VILLAGE OF PHOENIX**

**RES#47/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to waive the \$300 pyro permit fee for the Village of Phoenix annual fireworks display on June 28, 2024.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**TABLED**

**Motion made by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_** to authorize the Town Board to sign the 2024 Road Maintenance 584 form allowing the Highway Superintendent to expend the Road Maintenance and Construction funds included in the 2024 Budget.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE  
FOR BIDS FOR THE 2024 HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVING PROJECTS**

**RES#48/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2024 Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Projects.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE FOR A  
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW FOR THE  
PLACEMENT OF STOPS SIGNS ON QUAKER LADY CIRCLE**

**RES#49/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM to consider a local law amending Town Code Section 295-47 for the installation of two (2) STOP signs on Quaker Lady Circle. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING  
TO CONSIDER THE 2024 CDBG FIVE YEAR PLAN AND APPLICATION**

**RES#50/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM to consider the 2024 CDBG Five-Year Plan and application. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER BADMAN AS SECURITY**

**RES#51/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Deputy Christopher Badman as security for Town Hall meetings and Town Court, effective April 1, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$42.23, with a three-hour minimum.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT ANTHONY CAPUTA AS SUMMER AIDE**

**RES#52/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Anthony Caputa to the part-time seasonal position of Summer Aide with a start date of April 1, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT ANNA DULLEN AS SUMMER AIDE INSTRUCTOR**

**RES#53/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to appoint Anna Dullen to the part-time seasonal position of Summer Aide Instructor with a start date of April 1, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT COLLEEN NATALE  
AS SUMMER AIDE FOR GEMS PROGRAM**

**RES#54/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to appoint Colleen Natale to the part-time seasonal position of Summer Aide with a start date of April 1, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 per hour.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO APPOINT ALECIA KOLLBAUM AS PART TIME LABORER**

**RES#55/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to appoint Alecia Kollbaum as a part-time laborer in the Highway Department at the bargaining agreement rate effective February 17, 2024.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO DECLARE ITEM SURPLUS**

**RES#56/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to declare the following item surplus: Hewlett Packard, Laser Jet, 2200D printer, Tag 776 (Comptroller's Office)

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE  
AGREEMENT WITH BONADIO TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF THE  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FYE 12/31/2023**

**RES#57/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with Bonadio to assist in the preparation of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the Town of Lysander, for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

*Bonadio has been retained to assist the Comptroller with finishing year-end bookkeeping.*

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2024  
AGREEMENT WITH CANTON WOODS SENIOR CENTER**

**RES#58/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2024 agreement with Canton Woods Senior Center.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RES#59/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Moore** to adjourn the Town Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of an employee, at 7:16 PM. No action will be taken.

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

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RES#60/2024**

**Motion made by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Geraci** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Absent	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