

A regular Town Board Meeting was held on May 15, 2025, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Dina Falcone, David Herkala, Town Attorney, Al Yager, Engineer, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several guests and residents.

ADOPTION OF MAY 1, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

RES#90/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the May 1, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Theresa Golden - Assessor’s Report

- 425 *Change of Assessment* notices were mailed the week of April 14, 2025.
- Informal meetings with the Assessor were scheduled the week of April 21 and April 28. A total of 13 informal appointments were scheduled.
- The Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1, and 118 *Change of Taxable Status Notices* were mailed to property owners.
- Grievance Day will be held by appointment on Tuesday, June 3. To date two appointments are scheduled. A reminder letter was sent to all Board of Assessment Review members.
- The Equalization rate for the 2025 Assessment Roll is 70%.
- The Assessor is scheduled to attend a required Ethics Course in Liverpool on June 18.
- The Data Collector/Assessor Trainee will be attending Appraisal Course Number 2 at Cornell, the week of July 14.
- The Assessor’s annual Disclosure Statement was filed with the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk, as required by Law.
- The Assessor’s current term will expire on September 30, 2025. The Assessor will accept reappointment, but is not committing to the full 6 years.

**MOTION TO RE-OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING MELVIN FARMS LETTER OF INTENT**

RES#91/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to re-open the public hearing regarding the Melvin Farms Letter of Intent at 6:45 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Joel Plumley explained that several revisions were made in response to input from various boards and entities. One major change involved the townhouses, which have been rotated 90 degrees (as shown on the map) to improve snow removal and reduce the number of curb cuts along the new public road.

Additional visitor parking has been added; approximately 66 spaces distributed throughout that section. The apartment buildings have been relocated to the southern portion of the site, offering improved views and better integration with the surrounding single-family lots. These lots are now smaller, totaling approximately 53, and the overall housing density has been reduced from 585 units down to 537. As a result of this decreased density, the design of the pump station remains unchanged.

The updated LOI is available online under the “Notices” section of the website.

During the public hearing, residents expressed a range of opinions. Micron’s environmental impact report, raising concerns about traffic, job creation, population growth, and pollution were issues raised. Others focused specifically on issues of traffic and housing density, particularly units per acre. There were also comments regarding school district capacity, with suggestions that a development of this scale should include sewer access extending to Palmer Elementary School.

A full recording of the public hearing is available on the Town’s website under “PAC-B.”

Supervisor Rode concluded by stating that public hearings related to the Melvin Farms project will remain adjourned for the time being.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING MELVIN FARMS LETTER OF INTENT**

RES#92/2025

Having heard all comments, motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the public hearing regarding the Melvin Farms Letter of Intent at 7:41 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Residents spoke regarding the primary held in 2020, traffic and safety concerns in the community, and how Town Board functions differed years ago.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Moore spoke regarding negative comments and the poor behavior of a particular resident. He expressed his disappointment and apologized to the audience for what they must deal with at public meetings. He also expressed that the resident is the reason that people do not attend come to meetings.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Rode spoke regarding the following:

- Memorial Day Parade: Friday, May 30, 2025 5:30 PM with service at the Veteran’s Monument after the parade
- Town Hall will begin summer hours on June 2nd from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM M-Th and Fridays 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Motion A will be tabled until the next meeting
- Highway Department Camera System Incident

Supervisor Rode informed the Board that the Highway Superintendent, Jonathan Butler, was not in attendance although he was asked to attend. He reported that Doyle Security had notified him that the Highway Department’s security camera system had been deactivated.

Supervisor Rode confirmed upon investigation that the system had been tampered with and shut down. After reviewing the footage, he determined that Highway Superintendent Jonathan Butler was responsible for deactivating the system. He noted as Mr. Butler is an Elected Official, the matter falls outside the Town's personnel authority, and no formal disciplinary action can be taken.

Supervisor Rode stated the camera system was installed in October 2024 for reasons of safety, security, and insurance compliance. However, the installation was met with resistance from Highway Department staff. He added that, in light of this incident, he no longer has confidence in Mr. Butler’s actions.

Councilor Kudarauskas expressed his disappointment and suggested that the camera system be secured against unauthorized access. He questioned whether the cameras were deactivated because there was something to hide. **Supervisor Rode** noted that he has been in ongoing discussions with Doyle Security throughout the week regarding the incident.

Councilor Geraci emphasized the importance of teamwork and expressed his disappointment with the actions taken.

Councilor Moore echoed the sentiment, stating that Mr. Butler’s conduct was troubling and that the issue should have been openly discussed if there were concerns about the cameras. He emphasized that consequences are warranted and that, had this occurred in another setting or under an appointed position, more serious repercussions would likely have followed.

Town Attorney David Herkala clarified that, as an elected official, Mr. Butler is ultimately accountable to the voters. He noted that while limited state statutes exist to initiate proceedings against elected officials for malfeasance, such measures are rare. In contrast, appointed employees are subject to the Town’s policies and disciplinary procedures.

Department Head Reports

Town Clerk, Dina Falcone confirmed verbiage for the new motion regarding following the Onondaga County Board of Elections and the New York State Board of Elections rules as they pertain to the June 9, 2025 Special Election.

Agenda Items

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Motion made by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ to refer the proposed Lysander Code updates to the Town of Lysander Planning and Zoning Boards, and to the Onondaga County Planning Board for its recommendations.

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

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
TO EXTEND THE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE MORATORIUM**

RES#93/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to hold a public hearing on June 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM to consider the adoption of a local law under Chapter 102-7 of the Town Code – “Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage” in the Town of Lysander. This moratorium will be extended to September 20, 2025. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMS**

RES#94/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to hold a public hearing on June 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM to consider the adoption of 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 20, 2025.

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

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
THE GREATER BALDWINVILLE LWRP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TOL AND BARTON & LOGUIDICE**

RES#95/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Greater Baldwinsville Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Agreement between the Town of Lysander and Barton & Loguidice.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT REXTON KIRKEGAARD AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#96/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint Rexton Kirkegaard as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a starting date of May 11, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT EMMA MANTIONE AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#97/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to appoint Emma Mantione as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a starting date of May 2, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT LIAM MCOMBER AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#98/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to appoint Liam McOmber as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a starting date of May 2, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT JULIAN PANEBIANCO AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#99/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Julian Panebianco as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a starting date of May 2, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT NOAH PENDERGAST AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#100/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint Noah Pendergast as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a starting date of May 2, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT EFRAM ALMODOVAR AS SUPPLEMENTAL LABORER

RES#101/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Moore to appoint Efram Almodovar as Supplemental Laborer in the Highway Department with an hourly rate as per the Union contract, with a starting date of May 5, 2025.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT MIKE SEYMOUR AS MEO

RES#102/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to appoint Mike Seymour as MEO in the Highway Department with an hourly rate as per the Union contract, with a starting date of May 5, 2025.

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

MOTION TO AFFIRM RULES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON JUNE 9, 2025

RES#103/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to affirm that the rules of the Special Election on June 9, 2025 shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Onondaga County Board of Elections and the New York State Board of Elections Law for conducting Election Day polling place activities.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Geraci to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:12 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk