

A Town Board Meeting was held on October 2, 2025, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Peter Moore, 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, Al Yager, Town Engineer, David Herkola, Town Attorney, and several guests and residents.

ADOPTION OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

RES#174/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the September 19, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT IN GML 3-C**

RES#175/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing to consider a local law to override the tax levy limit outlined in GML 3-C at 6:31 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Town Attorney David Herkola explained that if the Town were to exceed the tax cap when adopting the budget, it would trigger additional legal requirements and strict deadlines for submission to the County and State. **Supervisor Rode** noted that both he and the Comptroller reviewed the State’s formula, and based on this year’s calculation, the allowable increase was less than 2%, closer to 1%. He further explained that an increase of approximately \$100,000 in the tax levy, including amounts for special districts, which are counted under the cap, would have exceeded the limit. He emphasized that this information was provided to give context to the dollar value of the cap.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT IN GML 3-C**

RES#176/2025

Hearing all comments, motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing to consider a local law to override the tax levy limit outlined in GML 3-C at 6:300 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2026 CONTRACT

RES#177/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing regarding the West Phoenix Fire Protection District 2026 contract at 6:33 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode noted that Mr. Van Dyke was in the audience if anyone had questions.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2026 CONTRACT

RES#178/2025

Hearing no comments, motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing regarding the West Phoenix Fire Protection District 2026 contract at 6:34 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

There were no Citizens’ Comments. The Town Board members thanked the public for attending and chose to move on to the agenda.

Department Head Reports

Town Clerk Dina Falcone spoke about a member of the community, James Slenker, who passed away last month. Mr. Slenker was a pillar of the community and a man of great character. He had been Ms. Falcone’s economics teacher in high school and later a professor of hers at Le Moyne College. She fondly remembered that he would come into the office to purchase his DEC hunting licenses and often stay for coffee, sharing conversation and camaraderie. Ms. Falcone noted that a person of his stature and impact deserves to be memorialized in the minutes.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Rode reported that he, along with several elected officials including the Van Buren Town Supervisor and the Village Mayor, will have the honor of boarding the *Seneca Chief* tomorrow afternoon and riding a short distance down the river to Paper Mill Island. He noted that the vessel is a re-creation of the original *Seneca Chief*.

Supervisor Rode spoke about action items this evening which include the 2% tax cap and the West Phoenix Fire Protection contract. He clarified that the budget work session dates announced at the previous meeting were incorrect and have been updated on the website.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, October 6: Highway budget review with the Highway Superintendent (to be held in the auditorium unless a Zoning Board meeting is scheduled, in which case the conference room will be used).
- Tuesday, October 7: Parks budget with the Parks Director, followed by any other department budgets as time permits.
- Wednesday, October 8: General budget review and discussion.
- Thursday, October 9: Reserved if needed.

The public hearing on the budget will be held on October 16, with final Board action scheduled for October 23. This timeline allows the Town to complete the process prior to early voting, which begins in the Auditorium on October 25 and runs through Election Day.

Friday, October 10, the clerical union will observe its floater holiday. As a result, the Assessor’s Office and Codes Office will be closed. The Town Clerk’s Office and Tax Receiver will remain open to receive school tax payments, though payments made after the penalty-free date will include a fee. Tax collection will continue through the end of October.

“Orange and Olives Spooky Hollow” will be held on Saturday, October 11 from 12–6 PM at Lysander Park. The event will feature vendors, trick-or-treating along a decorated path, and activities geared toward younger children. Event information is posted on the Town website.

Agenda Items

**MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT in GML 3-C**

RES#179/2025

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 for 2026.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
THE 2026 WEST PHOENIX FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

RES#180/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2026 West Phoenix Fire Protection Agreement by and between the Town of Lysander and Enterprise Fire Company No. 1 in the amount of \$129,597. (This is a \$3775 increase from 2025.)

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING TO CONSIDER THE LAMSON ROAD SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION**

RES#181/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci to hold a public hearing to consider the Lamson Road Sewer District Extension on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Town of Lysander. This resolution shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO REFER ‘TOWN CODE CHAPTER A337
STREET SPECIFICATIONS’ TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

RES#182/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to refer the following to the Onondaga County Planning Board: Adoption of Figure 1A to the Lysander Town Code Chapter A337 Street Specifications, Article VI: Typical Street Sections which would allow for the optional use of concrete valley gutters on Town of Lysander Residential Subdivision Streets.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF JCAP GRANT

RES#183/2025

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas that The Board of the Town of Lysander authorizes Lysander Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RES#184/2025

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hold a public hearing to hear those for or against adoption of the 2026 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Lysander, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Lysander Town Hall. This resolution shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING

RES#185/2025

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to hold a special meeting of the Lysander Town Board on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at **5:30 PM** for adoption of the 2026 Town of Lysander Budget.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:54 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