

A Town Board Meeting was held on January 15, 2026, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Vince Mangan, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Schmitt, Councilor

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, David Herkola, Town Attorney, Al Yager, Town Engineer, Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, and several guests and residents.

The Board Members entered Executive Session from the Work Session at 5:39 PM with a motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas, regarding collective negotiations, particular employee history, and discipline. Executive Session was adjourned at 6:22 PM with motions by Councilor Moore and Councilor Kudarauskas.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#3/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt the January 5, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 FORMATION

RES#4/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Moore to open the public hearing regarding the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1 formation at 6:31 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Yager began the public hearing with the presentation from December’s meeting. The following was reiterated regarding anticipated costs for replacing private septic systems, amongst resident’s concerns:

Conventional septic system (3-bedroom home): estimated at \$15,000, a raised bed septic system, starting around \$25,000, depending on soil and site conditions, and expected service life, with a standard subsurface system, around 40 years and a raised bed system around 25 years. It was noted that many homes in Brick Walk are roughly 15 years old, meaning system replacement may be required in the foreseeable future. In many cases, replacement costs exceed the total debt service paid over the life of the 30-year bond. Mr. Yager emphasized that the decision is not solely financial and noted that public sewer typically increases home values by 10 to15%, and connection also eliminates risks associated with septic system failure.

The proposed pump station and sewer extension are a key component of a multi-phase plan for the entire Cold Springs Peninsula. Without this project, the Town cannot proceed with sewer expansion to other areas such as Hayes Road, which experiences flooding that compromises existing septic systems and the Melvin Farms development is covering more than two-thirds of the overall project cost, significantly reducing the financial impact on residents. Without this participation, the project would be far more expensive.

Residents who do not connect will still pay the annual \$267 debt service if included in the district, they will not pay the Onondaga County WEP user fee until they connect, homeowners retain the option to connect later if their septic system fails, and a petition may be filed if residents wish to force a referendum.

Residents inquired about contractor recommendations for connecting to the new sewer system. Mr. Yager explained that, as a government agency, the Town cannot recommend specific contractors, but all work must be performed by licensed plumbers. He suggested coordinating with neighbors to reduce costs and noted that the Town can provide a list of licensed county plumbers for reference. The system is expected to be operational in August 2027.

Residents were informed that once the district is created, they will be responsible for the annual debt service of approximately \$267, with the WEP maintenance fee of \$453 applying only after connection. Hookups require approval from Onondaga County and a certified plumber to ensure septic decommissioning and proper lateral installation. Engineering “as-built” drawings showing lateral locations at the street are available, and most laterals extend into basements; homeowners are responsible for verifying their lateral to the road. The County will inspect laterals at the street, and long-term maintenance will be managed by the County.

The presentation from the meeting is available on the Town website.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 FORMATION

RES#5/2025

Hearing all comments, motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to close the public hearing regarding the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1 formation at 6:57 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode made the following announcements:

- Town Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Tax payments may be placed in the drop box during this time.
- Residents are reminded to keep garbage receptacles in driveways and not in areas where plows may strike them.
- The Big Chill event will take place on January 31.

Supervisor Rode mentioned that Planning and Zoning Clerk Karen Rice will be retiring in April, and that position will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor Rode noted the passing of former Town Supervisor Barry Bullis, who served from 1997 to 2011. Mr. Bullis was a dedicated public servant who did a great deal for the town and was well respected by the community. He will be greatly missed. Condolences are extended to his family.

Town Board Members welcomed Vince Mangan as the new Town Councilor, and they look forward to working with him.

Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director advised that there are several programs listed on the town’s website. There is a community dance in February at Mohegan Manor, which was formally called the Father/Daughter Valentine’s Day dance. Any questions concerning programs can be directed to: programs@townoflysander.org.

Town Clerk Dina Falcone mentioned that tax receiving is underway, and tax payments must be postmarked by February 2nd to avoid penalties. There is a drop box for residents to leave their payments by the front door of the building. Hours for tax collection are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

There were no Citizens Comments.

Agenda Items

**MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 228 OF 12-4-2025
REGARDING THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 FORMATION**

RES#4/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Mangan to rescind resolution number 228 of 12-4-2025 regarding the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1 formation.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode noted that to comply with the rules of the NYS Comptroller, the entire legal description including all parcels involved, must be stated in the legal notice of publication. This is a requirement for submission to the NYS Comptroller when a new district is formed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 FORMATION

RES#6/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the formation of the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1, in compliance with New York State Comptroller requirements per Article 12A of Town Law.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE DOG CONTROL CONTRACT

RES#7/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the extension of the Dog Control Contract from 2026, to 2028.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN THE ANIMAL CRUELTY CONTRACT FOR 2026**

RES#8/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Animal Cruelty Contract for 2026.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR SIGN
THE AGREEMENT WITH CHA FOR 2026**

RES#9/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with CHA for 2026.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

MOTION TO HIRE DAVID BUTLER AS COURT TRIAL SECURITY

RES#10/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire David Butler at a rate of \$35 per hour as Court Security for the Lysander Court trial beginning January 20, 2026.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

MOTION TO HIRE JAMES GRAY AS COURT TRIAL SECURITY

RES#11/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hire James Gray at a rate of \$35 per hour as Court Security for the Lysander Court trial beginning January 20, 2026.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

MOTION TO HIRE RAY MINCOLLA AS COURT SECURITY

RES#12/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan to hire Ray Mincolla at a rate of \$35 per hour as Court Security for the Lysander Court trial beginning January 20, 2026.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE RETAINER LETTER WITH CERIO LAW FIRM FOR 2026 LEGAL SERVICES

RES#13/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the retainer letter with Cerio Law Firm for 2026 legal services.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Absent		

The agreement will be posted on the website. The monthly cost of legal services is \$6,115.58.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:15 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