

A Town Board Meeting was held on February 19, 2026, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Vince Mangan, Councilor
Ed Schmitt, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Moore, Councilor

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cerio Law Firm Attorney, Highway Superintendent, Carl Magdziuk, Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and several guests and residents.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#24/2026

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

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING TIER 2 BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE MORATORIUM**

RES#25/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing regarding Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage moratorium at 6:32 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode noted that both moratoriums will be extended to June 20, 2026. The Town Board will review local laws that other towns have in place.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING TIER 2 BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE MORATORIUM**

RES#26/2026

Hearing no comments, motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing regarding the battery energy storage moratorium at 6:34 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

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

RES#27/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing regarding the solar farm moratorium at 6:35 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

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

RES#28/2026

Hearing no comments, motion made by Councilor Kudarasukas seconded by Councilor Schmitt to close the public hearing regarding the solar farm moratorium at 6:36 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

There were no Citizens Comments.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Schmitt noted that he has been attending the LWRP meetings and they are making good progress, as they have been taking an inventory of the assets that are going to be protected. He also noted that LWRP is building a website. The next meeting is March 23rd at the Baldwinsville Public Library, and future meetings will be announced.

Councilor Mangan noted that his information is on the website if anyone has any issues they would like to discuss. The number listed is his cell phone, and he welcomes anyone to call him with questions or concerns.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Rode reviewed the agenda items and noted that a start date for the Town Engineer had not been established at the previous meeting. He announced that the Town has hired a new Comptroller who brings 20 years of experience. The Town will be transitioning from its current payroll and voucher system to an updated system. Supervisor Rode expressed appreciation to Town staff for their cooperation during the period without a Comptroller, during which he assumed those responsibilities to ensure continuity of operations.

Supervisor Rode reported that the Clerk II position within the Codes/Planning/Zoning Department remains open. Interviews are scheduled to be conducted in March. Additional information is available on the Town of Lysander website, and resumes may be submitted to supervisor@townoflysander.org.

Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on department activities, noting the success of the Valentine's Dance, which had over 80 participants. He also highlighted upcoming spring programs, including the "Repair Café." Information on all Parks and Recreation programs is available on the Town website and the department's Facebook page.

Assessor Theresa Golden reported on exemption programs. Senior Citizen Exemption renewals are currently being accepted through March 2, 2026. To date, approximately 100 renewal applications remain outstanding. A second reminder postcard was mailed in January. Renewal applications for Agricultural, Non-Profit, Firefighter, and Clergy exemptions have also been distributed. She reviewed the Veteran's Exemption Summary as follows: Wartime 15%; Combat 25%; Disability Rating: One-half of the disability rating applied. Maximum exemptions are \$27,000 (Wartime), \$45,000 (Combat), and \$90,000 (Disabled).

Discussion followed regarding school taxes. Supervisor Rode advised that residents with questions or concerns about the tax rate should contact their school board members, as school tax rates are set by the school district and are not determined by the Town.

Agenda Items

MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW UNDER CHAPTER 102-7 OF THE TOWN CODE TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM “TIER 2 BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE”

RES#29/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to adopt a local law under Chapter 102-7 of the Town Code – “Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage” in the Town of Lysander. The moratorium will be extended to June 20, 2026.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMS IN THE TOWN OF LYSANDER

RES#30/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Schmitt to adopt a local law under Article XXIX (29) to extend the moratorium on “solar farms” in the Town of Lysander. The moratorium will be extended to June 20, 2026.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT AL YAGER AS TOWN ENGINEER EFFECTIVE 2-23-26

RES#31/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Schmitt to appoint Al Yager as Town Engineer with additional duties at the rate defined in the Teamsters Local #317 Clerical Agreement with an effective date of February 23, 2026.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT LINDA PEASE AS TOWN COMPTROLLER EFFECTIVE 2-25-2026

RES#32/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan to appoint Linda Pease as Town Comptroller effective February 25, 2026 at an annual salary of \$110,000. This appointment will be effective until 12/31/26.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:12 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk