

A Town Board Meeting was held on March 19, 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
Ed Schmitt, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Supervisor Rode called the meeting to order at 6:37 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, Carl Magdziuk, HW Superintendent, and several guests and residents.

The Board Members entered Executive Session from the Work Session at 5:40 PM with a motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Mangan, regarding work history of a particular employee, purchase or sale of property, and matters of litigation. Executive Session was adjourned at 6:36 PM with motions by Councilor Schmitt and Councilor Moore.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#42/2026

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

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT
A LOCAL LAW TO RESCIND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 AND
END THE MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMS IN THE TOWN OF LYSANDER**

RES#43/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing to adopt a local law to rescind local law No. 2 of 2026 and end the moratorium on “solar farms” in the Town of Lysander under Article XXIX (29) at 6:37 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode briefly explained that the solar moratorium had been extended in February due to the absence of the Town Engineer and Town Attorney at that time. Since then, the Town has updated its code and local laws, which took effect in September, and currently has a battery energy storage system moratorium in place through June. Based on these updates, the Town Board feels it is appropriate to rescind the solar moratorium.

Supervisor Rode noted that the proposed action [was] referred to County Planning for administrative review, which does not require a full board meeting. County Planning has provided no comment, which is typical for matters involving home rule authority.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT
A LOCAL LAW TO RESCIND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 AND
END THE MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMS IN THE TOWN OF LYSANDER**

RES#44/2026

Hearing no comments, motion made by Councilor Kudarasukas seconded by Councilor Moore to close the public hearing to adopt a local law to rescind local law No. 2 of 2026 and end the moratorium on “solar farms” in the Town of Lysander under Article XXIX (29) at 6:39 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarasukas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Schmitt	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Comments

A resident inquired about the benefits of battery energy storage systems to taxpayers. The Town Engineer explained that such systems are considered taxable assets and may provide some revenue to the tax base, although not in significant amounts. The primary benefit identified was improved grid reliability, as these systems store energy during periods of low demand and release it during peak usage times. This is particularly relevant as energy demand is expected to increase with the continued electrification of homes and vehicles. Concerns were also discussed, including the safety risks associated with lithium-ion battery systems, particularly fire hazards and the challenges they may pose for local emergency services. Alternative battery technologies with lower risk profiles were noted. Additional considerations included appropriate siting of facilities, potential noise impacts, and end-of-life recycling. It was further noted that similar projects are being proposed in neighboring communities, and that the Town may consider these factors as it evaluates future applications.

The same resident spoke about data center operations and suggested that now is an appropriate time for the Town to review its zoning regulations as they relate to potential data center development. She noted that data centers can have significant impacts, including high energy and water usage, heat generation, and increased demands on fire protection services. She questioned whether the Town could consider implementing stricter zoning standards or possible surcharges to help offset these impacts, such as supporting volunteer fire departments or addressing infrastructure strain. She emphasized the importance of proactively establishing clear regulations and expectations before any formal proposals are submitted, in order to better manage potential community and quality-of-life impacts. Discussion ensued regarding battery energy storage and data centers in the Town of Lysander.

Supervisor's Comments

Town Supervisor Kevin Rode reported that several staff members attended the County Planning Symposium. One of the speakers, a former Town Supervisor from Stillwater, discussed an agreement involving Global Foundries that is similar to the anticipated arrangements related to the Micron project in the Towns of Clay and Cicero. He described the resulting ripple effects in the Capital Region and the various changes that have occurred there as a result of that development.

Supervisor Rode also announced that a public hearing regarding the Belgium Cold Springs Special Taxation District will be held at Station 1 at 6:00 PM. Additionally, a public meeting for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is scheduled for March 23 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The meeting is intended to be informational in nature. The LWRP is a planning document that serves as a guide and is considered a living document. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the project and to gather community input. The Supervisor also acknowledged that former Town Supervisor Joe Saraceni initiated the LWRP with a strong interest in the Town's future.

Deputy Chief Pearce of the Enterprise Fire Company/Phoenix Fire Department was in attendance and provided a report. He stated that there were 51 calls, with 8 occurring in the Town of Lysander. Year-to-date, there have been 125 total calls, with 15 in Lysander. Personnel responded to an average of five calls each, and mutual aid has been provided 15 times this year.

Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, mentioned that the park will be open on April 1st. Information relating to all programs is available on the website.

Carl Magdziuk, HW Superintendent, noted that he is ready to hire a new MEO.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk/Tax Receiver, noted that two separate payments to the county were made in March: \$10M and \$1M. The remainder will be sent to the county in April. Tax collection will commence through March 31st with penalties applied as necessary. After April 1, all payments must be sent to Onondaga County.

MS4 Report by Al Yager, Town Engineer

The MS4 program includes six minimum control measures. Public outreach and education, as well as public involvement and participation, are coordinated through the CNY Stormwater Coalition. Illicit discharge detection and elimination services are contracted through Onondaga County. Construction site runoff control and post-construction stormwater management are administered in coordination with the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District. Additionally, the Town manages stormwater runoff related to municipal operations.

The current MS4 permit requires the Town to establish measurable goals for each minimum control measure and to report on their effectiveness. The Town remains on track to meet these goals, which are intentionally set at achievable levels. In 2025, no illicit discharges were reported. One stop-work order was issued for a construction site due to an erosion and sediment control violation. Additionally, nine stormwater management facilities received routine maintenance, including mowing and brush removal. All Town roads and parking lots were swept at least once during the year.

Agenda Items

MOTION TO HOLD AND ADVERTISE FOR CDBG 2026 FIVE YEAR PLAN

RES#45/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Schmitt to hold a public hearing on April 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Lysander, to consider the Town of Lysander Community Development Projects Consolidated Five-Year Plan. This resolution shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO RESCIND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 AND END THE MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMS IN THE TOWN OF LYSANDER

RES#46/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Mangan to adopt a local law to rescind local law No. 2 of 2026 and end the moratorium on “solar farms” in the Town of Lysander under Article XXIX (29).

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT CHA DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL

RES#47/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1 CHA Design Services Proposal.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR THE EARTH DAY HALF MARATHON

RES#48/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Special Event License for the Earth Day Half Marathon on April 18, 2026.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT CARTER SMITH TO THE TITLE OF RECREATION SUPERVISOR

RES#49/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Carter Smith to the title of Recreation Supervisor effective March 1, 2026.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT HOLLY RYAN AS COURT SECURITY/CONSTABLE

RES#50/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Mangan to appoint Holly Ryan as Court Security/Constable effective 3/10/2026, at a rate of \$60 per hour with a 3-hour minimum.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT ALEM HOZO AS COURT SECURITY/CONSTABLE

RES#51/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Alem Hozo as Court Security/Constable effective 3/10/2026, at a rate of \$60 per hour with a 3-hour minimum.

MOTION TO APPOINT ANTHONY CAPUTA AS SUMMER AIDE

RES#52/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Mangan to appoint Anthony Caputa as Summer Aide in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, with a starting date of April 1, 2026.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TRENTON MALAMBRI

RES#53/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to accept the resignation of Trenton Malambri effective March 3, 2026.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Moore to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:39 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Mangan 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