

A Town Board Meeting was held on April 2, 2026, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Ed Schmitt, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Mangan, 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, Carl Magdziuk, HW Superintendent, and several guests and residents.

The Board Members entered Executive Session from the Work Session at 6:14 PM with a motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas, regarding work history of a particular employee. Executive Session was adjourned at 6:31 PM with motions by Councilor Kudarauskas and Councilor Schmitt.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#54/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarasukas seconded by Councilor Schmitt to adopt the March 19, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
2026 TOWN OF LYSANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
BLOCK GRANT FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

RES#55/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing for the 2026 Town of Lysander Community Development Projects Block Grant Five Year Capital Improvement Plan at 6:32 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Town Engineer Al Yager detailed the 2026 CDBG Five Year Plan:

- Town Park Secondary Access to Hencle Boulevard:*** The recent expansion of the parking areas at the Town park and the increased use of the park for youth sports activities has resulted in congestion between sporting events at the existing single access drive into the park from Smokey Hollow Road. The proposed secondary access would improve park access for emergency vehicles, seniors and individuals with disabilities. (2026)
- Town Office Front Door ADA Access Improvements:*** Reconfigure the ADA parking and curb ramps to better serve handicapped individuals accessing the Town Office building and replace the building entrance sidewalk to improve access for low income and disabled residents. (2027)
- Valley View Neighborhood Drainage Improvements:*** Roadside and rear yard drainage improvements in the Valley View Neighborhood to reduce flooding hazards and minimize the sump pump run times in this low- income neighborhood (Byron Rd, High Rd, Hamilton Dr. & Hope Pl). (2028)

4. **Willett Parkway Culvert Slip Lining:** Slip lining the existing 48” corrugated metal storm sewer culvert on Willett Parkway located approximately 1,400’ north of NYS RTE 31. Willett Parkway is the main entrance to the Radisson Industrial Park which provides employment to hundreds of low-income residents in the area. (2029)
5. **West Entry Road Culvert Slip Lining:** Slip lining the dual 36” corrugated metal storm sewer culverts on West Entry Road located just east of the at grade railroad track crossing. Willett Parkway is the primary truck entrance to the Radisson Industrial Park which provides employment to hundreds of low-income residents in the area. (2030)

Mr. Yager reported a significant increase in traffic at the Town Park, noting that despite the addition of parking, congestion continues to occur between sporting events as vehicles enter and exit the parking areas. To address this, he recommended the addition of a secondary access point connecting to Hencle Boulevard. The project also includes the construction of a new walking path on the west side of the northern parking lot, which will connect to the existing looped walking trail within the park. Additional ADA-compliant parking spaces will be added to the northern lot, with direct access to the new pathway.

The total estimated cost of the project is just over \$90,000, with \$50,000 anticipated to be funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. He further noted that, if the Town is successful in obtaining 2027 grant funding, additional ADA accessibility improvements are recommended at the front entrance of the building. Specifically, the current curb configuration adjacent to the ADA parking spaces presents a safety concern, as individuals often park in the closest space but must navigate a full-height curb to reach the ramp located at the rear of the vehicle. The proposed improvement would involve reconstructing the sidewalk to create a continuous curb cut along the front entrance, improving accessibility and safety.

Mr. Yager discussed infrastructure concerns in the Valley View neighborhood, noting that it is one of the Town of Lysander’s oldest post-war developments. The existing storm sewer system consists of aging corrugated metal pipe that is due for repair or replacement. While there are currently no flooding issues, he emphasized the importance of addressing the condition proactively. He also noted that the neighborhood does not have an established drainage district, limiting funding options and making grant funding necessary for such improvements. Additional infrastructure needs include slip lining of the storm sewer along Willett Parkway. He explained that slip lining is a more cost-effective and less disruptive alternative to full excavation and replacement. He further identified three large culverts along West Entry Road, also constructed of corrugated metal pipe, which need slip lining. This work has been tentatively planned as part of a future 2030 project.

Mr. Yager also provided an overview of how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is allocated. He explained that eligibility is determined by the federal government based on income levels within designated election districts, and is not controlled by the Town, County, or State. Due to the presence of subsidized housing and nearby village areas, certain parts of the Town such as the Town Hall and Radisson Business Park, frequently fall within eligible low to moderate income areas. He noted that accessibility-related projects may be completed anywhere, but other project types are limited to eligible zones. As the eligibility map is updated annually, the Town Park has only recently qualified, making it a suitable candidate for this year’s proposed project.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
2026 TOWN OF LYSANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
BLOCK GRANT FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

RES#56/2026

Hearing all comments, motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Schmitt to close the public hearing for the 2026 Town of Lysander Community Development Projects Block Grant Five Year Capital Improvement Plan at 6:40 PM.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Comments

A resident asked about the progress of the speed limit signs on Hayes Road. It was noted that the county is to take care of the signs and Councilor Schmitt was asked to follow up accordingly.

Several residents raised concerns regarding potential data center development, despite there being no active application before the Planning Board. It was suggested that the Town should begin reviewing its zoning regulations to address this type of use proactively. Concerns were reiterated about the potential impacts of data centers, including significant energy and water consumption, heat generation, and increased demand on fire protection and other municipal services.

One resident proposed banning data centers within the Town. The Town Attorney advised that an outright ban would not be legally permissible, noting that zoning regulations must allow for reasonable land uses and cannot completely prohibit a specific use without proper legal basis. Discussion continued regarding alternative approaches, including the possibility of adopting more stringent zoning standards or implementing fees or surcharges to help offset potential impacts, such as increased strain on infrastructure. The importance of establishing clear regulations and expectations in advance of any formal proposals was emphasized.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding data centers and the history of industrial land use (690 and Hencle Boulevard). Supervisor Rode asked that residents be more productive by contributing to discussions on social media in a thoughtful manner and asked that people not engage in the misinterpretation of facts on social media, and give constructive feedback. It was reiterated that there is currently no application before the Planning Board concerning data center development in the Town of Lysander. Supervisor Rode explained that there is a process that relates to development in Lysander. The process begins with the Planning Board. Applications must be submitted to the Planning Board.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Rode spoke regarding the past LWRP meeting. Although he was not in attendance, he mentioned the history of the LWRP and that there are several people involved in the meetings ranging from Van Buren, the Village of Baldwinsville, and Lysander. Those involved are stakeholders and share a vision of the future of the Seneca River.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Schmitt reported on several recent meetings and initiatives. He stated that the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) meeting was held to gather community input on potential projects, scope, and activities. He emphasized that no formal plan had been established, and the intent was to engage the public early in the process. Initial public reaction reflected some concern that decisions were being made without prior input; however, it was clarified that the purpose of the meeting was to solicit feedback, including whether the proposed project area was appropriate, whether key assets such as scenic vistas had been identified, and what projects the community would like to see. As the meeting progressed, more constructive feedback was received, and the process will continue to involve public participation.

Councilor Schmitt also attended a County Housing Summit, along with Supervisor Rode, which focused on identifying challenges municipalities face in developing housing. He noted that the session was a brainstorming discussion rather than a proposal driven meeting. Key issues included infrastructure limitations, particularly the availability of sewer and water, which restrict development in certain areas.

The County is working to better understand these challenges and has established a Housing and Transportation Advisory Board. This board plans to host additional public input sessions across different regions of the County, and residents will be informed when a nearby meeting is scheduled.

Additionally, Councilor Schmitt attended a Canton Woods Board meeting. He shared that a veterans' coordinator, serving both the Town and the Town of Van Buren, is available every Thursday to assist residents with accessing veterans' services. He also noted that the Meals on Wheels B'Ville Express transportation service is seeking volunteer drivers to assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other needs. The organization is also in need of general volunteers. There is a golf tournament fundraiser will be held on June 15 at Battle Island.

Finally, Councilor Schmitt reported that discussions are underway regarding the 2026 Canton Woods budget. A meeting will be scheduled with representatives from Van Buren, Lysander, and Baldwinsville to address discrepancies and work toward finalizing the agreement.

Agenda Items

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF LYSANDER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CONSOLIDATED FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

RES#57/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarasukas to adopt the Town of Lysander Community Development Projects Consolidated Five-Year Plan.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 TOWN OF LYSANDER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TOWN PARK SECONDARY
ACCESS TO HENCLE BOULEVARD PROJECT**

RES#58/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to approve the 2026 Town of Lysander Community Development Block Grant Application for the Town Park Secondary Access to Hencle Boulevard project.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RES#59/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to approve the 2026 Pavement Management Plan and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 284 Agreement with the Highway Superintendent.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE SCHIANO AS INFORMATION AIDE

RES#60/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to accept the resignation of Katie Schiano as Information Aide in the Assessor's Office effective April 13, 2026.

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

**MOTION TO APPOINT KATIE SCHIANO AS CLERK II
IN PLANNING, ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

RES#61/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Katie Schiano as Clerk II in the Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement office effective April 13, 2026.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT SUMMER AIDES IN PARKS AND RECREATION (\$16.50/HR)

RES#62/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint the following Summer Aides in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, with a starting date of April 1, 2026: William Pickens and Kevin Stoudenmyer.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT SUMMER AIDES IN PARKS AND RECREATION (\$16.00/HR)

RES#63/2026

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint the following Summer Aides in the Parks and Recreation Department at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, with a starting date of April 1, 2026: Cierra Hayes, Julian Panebianco, Scott Beiter, and Christopher Greene.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:28 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Absent
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