

A Town Board Meeting was held on May 21, 2026, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, David Herkala, Esq., Al Yager, and several guests and residents from neighboring communities.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES#87/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the May 7, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Several people spoke regarding data center issues, and the Town's ongoing review process. Discussion focused primarily on zoning, land use classification, environmental concerns, infrastructure impacts, and the role of the proposed advisory committee.

One speaker expressed concern that the committee's review may be too narrowly focused on existing industrial zoning regulations. He suggested the Town consider creating a separate land use category specifically for data centers due to their unique impacts and referenced ongoing litigation in other municipalities regarding whether data centers appropriately fit within traditional industrial zoning classifications.

Board members and the Town Attorney noted that any potential code changes must be legally defensible and uniformly applicable. It was noted that the Town cannot create regulations targeting a single user (such as a data center) or project without risking legal challenges. Officials explained that the purpose of including Planning and Zoning Board members on the committee is to provide historical and legal context regarding prior land use decisions and zoning practices within the Town.

Discussion also addressed concerns regarding electrical usage, water consumption, noise, and other operational impacts associated with large-scale data centers. Board members stated that the committee's role is to gather community concerns, research the Town's authority over those issues, and determine what regulations or safeguards may be legally implemented.

One speaker acknowledged past and current frustration among residents, but also commended the Town Board for allowing extensive public comment and community participation throughout the process. The resident noted that public comment periods are not legally required under Open Meetings Law and credited the Town Supervisor for continuing to provide opportunities for residents to voice concerns.

Additional public comments focused heavily on environmental and quality-of-life concerns. People raised questions regarding water supply, wastewater disposal, potential impacts to private wells, wildlife, agriculture, and the rural character of the community. One resident living near the proposed site expressed concern that construction and operation of the facility could negatively affect groundwater quality, nearby residential properties, and surrounding farmland. Concerns were also raised regarding whether existing infrastructure and utilities could adequately support a facility of this scale.

Town Board members reiterated that all identified concerns are being documented and reviewed as part of the committee process, and that input from outside agencies and technical experts may be sought where appropriate.

Town Board and Department Head Comments

Councilor Mangan thanked residents for attending and stated that the turnout demonstrated the community's concern and involvement in local issues. He also noted that he has been holding "office hours" sessions at Maydan Café and will announce future dates.

Councilor Schmitt reported that he attended the PERMA conference, where the Public Employer Risk Management Association recognized the Town of Lysander for its membership. He recommended a PERMA training class focused on reducing workplace falls and injuries. He also reminded residents about the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 30, and mentioned the Canton Woods golf tournament. Councilor Schmitt further reported that speed signs had recently been installed on Hayes Road following longstanding resident concerns.

Supervisor's Comments

The Town Hall summer schedule will begin on June 1. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. It was also noted that the Highway Department has transitioned to four 10-hour workdays and will be closed on Fridays.

The spray park will open for Memorial Day weekend and will remain operational throughout the summer season. Residents with questions regarding the parks or spray park were directed to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

July 11, 2026, was announced as Fire Department Recruitment Day at Lysander Park, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additional information will be made available on the Town website.

Residents were reminded to use caution regarding e-bike activity and to remain attentive to children riding throughout the community in order to promote public safety.

It was noted that Willett Parkway will be reduced to one lane over the weekend. Residents were encouraged to use caution and travel safely in the area.

Agenda Items

**MOTION THAT THE TOWN BOARD BE DESIGNATED
LEAD AGENCY FOR ZONE CHANGE PETITION FROM CNY CROPS**

RES#88/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan that the Town Board be designated Lead Agency for the Zone Change Petition received from CNY CROPS PLAINVILLE, LLC, for the property located at Oswego Road and Lamson Road, Tax Map Number 017.-03-30.1, from Agricultural to Neighborhood Residential/Business District (NR-BD).

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Mangan Aye
Councilor Schmitt No

Three ayes, one no, motion carried.

MOTION TO REFER ZONE CHANGE PETITION FROM CNY CROPS

RES#89/2026

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan that the Zone Change Petition received from CNY CROPS PLAINVILLE, LLC, for the property located at Oswego Road and Lamson Road, Tax Map Number 017.-03-30.1, from Agricultural to Neighborhood Residential/Business District (NR-BD) be referred to the Town of Lysander Planning Board, and the Onondaga County Planning Board.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Mangan Aye
Councilor Schmitt No

Three ayes, one no, motion carried.

TABLED

Motion by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing to be held before the Lysander Town Board at 6:30 PM on Thursday, June 18, 2026 to hear all persons for or against the Zone Change Petition received from CNY CROPS PLAINVILLE, LLC, for the property located at Oswego Road and Lamson Road, Tax Map Number 017.-03-30.1, from Agricultural to Neighborhood Residential/Business District (NR-BD) be referred to the Town of Lysander Planning Board, and the Onondaga County Planning Board.

MOTION TO REDUCE PUNCH LIST SECURITY/GIDDINGS CREST SECTION C-7

RES#90/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to reduce the punch list security requirement for Giddings Crest Section C-7 to \$2,000.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

TABLED

Motion made by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ to adopt the 2025 Onondag County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO APPOINT KARA PECK

RES#91/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Clerk to appoint Kara Peck, as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Receiver, effective June 1, 2026, with an hourly rate as per the union contract.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT SUMMER AIDES

RES#92/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to appoint the following Summer Aides in the Parks and Recreation Department effective Sunday, May 10, 2026:

- Colleen Natale \$35/hourly (runs programming)
- Stella Shaw \$16/hourly (Bee Fast program)
- Nino Berry-Negron \$16/hourly (Bee Fast program)

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

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE LWRP EXTENSION

RES#93/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the LWRP extension as required by New York State.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:40 PM.

Supervisor Rode Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Mangan Aye
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