

UNAPPROVED

A Town Board meeting was held at Town Hall on June 17, 2021, in Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Roman Diamond, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk; Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Al Yager, Town Engineer, and several residents and guests.

Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES

RES#97/2021

Motion by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the June 3, 2021 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Diamond	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Citizens Comments

Ben Gerardi of Dexter Parkway stated that he listened to the cannabis use discussion and has done some research regarding dispensaries, etc. He said he thinks it would be beneficial to TOL [to opt in]. He has talked with others about cannabis legislation and started a group to discuss any issues that might be related to a micro dispensary. He said that dispensaries and other things related to the industry are coming and it's a matter of whether we are going to have control over it as local citizens, or if billionaires will be the ones controlling the facilities.

Cindy Clarke of West Genesee Street stated that she planted flowers at the Butterfly garden. They are young plants and she recommended people come and view the potential of the garden. She thanked everyone who worked on the planting and creating a garden with no cost to the town. She also recommended some plants to cut down on noise, sight, and dust in the future.

Kevin Rode of Greymoor Way referred to the Federal Stimulus funds. He suggested looking for public input within the community to help with water districts. He said there should be clarification of what the moneys can be used for, so people that have ideas have a sense of what the funds can actually be used for. Regarding water districts, he said that TOL should look into consolidating the special districts (water/sewer) in certain areas to get bigger groups of people [rather than 24 people] trying to pay for fixing a water main that never should have been there because of the poor planned permit process 40 years ago. He said to consolidate so there will be more people to help pay to fix the issues.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wicks stated that he attended the Town Supervisor's meeting this week. The Planning Director for Onondaga County and the County Executive were there. He said they presented information regarding their plan moving forward for Onondaga County to expand economic development, improve quality of life, and improve infrastructure. The County Executive and the Planning Director said they would like to have 19 separate plans [as there are 19 towns] that all make up one plan for Onondaga County. The Planning Director has been invited to come into the CLUP meeting on Monday.

Supervisor Wicks said Mr. Carr of Senator Mannion’s office was at the last meeting, and after the meeting, they spoke about the problem TOL has been having with some of the grants that were promised but never came through, which amounted to \$250K. He said that the grants are in progress, and it appears that there is movement with the grants. The grants in waiting are: \$50K for parkland use, a \$100K grant for the bathhouse at the park, and \$100K for cold storage for the HW Department. He is pleased that Minority Leader Barclay’s office, Senator Mannion’s Office, and Brian May’s office, have been very responsive to requests.

Town Board Comments

The Councilors thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and chose to focus on the agenda.

Department Head Reports

Kevin Merrill, Director of Parks and Recreation said they are currently working on the tennis court conversion into Pickleball courts.

Theresa Golden presented the Assessors Report.

Preliminary notices were mailed to 7218 property owners on March 19th with informal meetings by phone with the Assessor scheduled the week of March 29 and the week of April 12 and 26. Informal meetings by phone with the Assessor totaled 316. An additional 49 Tentative Change of Assessment Notices were mailed the first week in May. The Assessor “sat” with the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2 full days during normal office hours. Non office hours included 2 hours after 6pm, and 2 hours on Saturday. This was not required, as the Governor’s Executive Order from 2020 suspending the requirement of sitting with the roll still applied.

Grievance Day was held on June 1st and June 15th, and phone calls were made by the Board of Assessment Review on June 7th, by appointment only. Property owners were given a choice of appointment type in person or by phone. Paperwork only was also an option. No Zoom meetings were held. A total of 148 Grievances were filed in 2021. The County will complete next year’s processing on July 2. This makes the 2021 Roll final/ prior year and 2022 becomes the current year roll. This allows work to begin for 2022. The State has provided a Tentative Roll Corrections Report to update STAR exemption changes prior to Final Roll.

A possible change to the Enhanced STAR Exemption program was included in the 2021 State budget. If passed, it would require new Enhanced exemptions to switch to the Check program for the additional savings over Basic STAR. This would apply to property owners with the Basic STAR exemption who age or income into the requirements for the Enhanced STAR exemption. This has not passed.

Ms. Golden stated that she will be back at future meeting to discuss equalization rates, etc.

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION TO RECSIND RESOLUTION 79 AND 80 OF 2021

RES#98/2021

Motion made by Councilor Diamond seconded by Councilor Moore to rescind Resolution #79/2021 and #80/2021 as the street name included in the resolutions was changed by Onondaga County 911.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

MOTION TO SET THE PUNCH LIST SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR TIMBER BANKS FOREST RIDGE LANE SUBDIVISION AT \$71K

RES#99/2021

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to set the punch list security requirement for the Timber Banks Forest Ridge Lane subdivision at \$71,000 per the Town Engineers letter dated June 10, 2021.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

MOTION TO SET THE REQUIRED MAINTENANCE SECURITY GUARANTEE FOR THE TIMBER BANKS FOREST RIDGE LANE SUBDIVISION AT \$100,040.00

RES#100/2021

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Diamond to set the required maintenance security guarantee for the Timber Banks Forest Ridge Lane subdivision at \$100,040, 25% of the project value, per the Town Engineer’s Value of Improvements estimate included in his letter dated June 10, 2021.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY JULY 15, 2021 AT 7:00 PM FOR A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS ON FOREST RIDGE LANE

RES#101/2021

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Lysander Town Hall for a local law authorizing the placement of STOP signs on Forest Ridge Lane entering Timber Banks Parkway and Forest Ridge Lane, entering Tall Tree Lane. This motion shall authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for same.

Supervisor Wicks Aye Councilor Kudarauskas Aye Councilor Geraci Aye
Councilor Moore Aye Councilor Diamond Aye

AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Diamond and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:20 PM.

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk