

A Regular Town Board meeting was held on September 1, 2022, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor
Robert Geraci, Councilor
Peter Moore, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor
Kevin Rode, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney; Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director, Al Yager, Engineer, and several guests and residents.

Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Adoption of Minutes

RES#128/2022

Motion by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adopt the August 18, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING STOP SIGNS IN TIMBER BANKS**

RES#129/2022

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

James Trasher: *I'm the manager of the Timber Banks HOA. And I don't like doing it, but this is a corner of Forest Ridge and Timber Banks Parkway. So, the homeowners out there have asked for stop signs at two locations - one at the intersection at Timber Banks Parkway and the intersection on the golf course Timber Banks Parkway and Forest Ridge. So all the people requested as you can see - they're all here! And I want to note it on TV. The manager is here you know they want to see it. And then once you approve it, I would recommend you to stick a Sheriff out there because all the people who requested it will not stop. And I say this in all seriousness, it always happens. There're currently two stop signs at Forest Ridge - and as an engineer, we always look at safety. And I believe that the golf course and the other Timber Banks Parkway, it should be a four way stop. The other one I don't believe it should be a four way stop because of I think it creates more of a hazard personally. So I think I would recommend the board's approval of that location and then we would also request once you approve it; wait, like a couple of weeks. (Call) your Sheriff's Department to see if they would park a car there and force - and teach some of these people.*

Supervisor Wicks: *There's a deputy in the back that happens to work this area here. So if you see a white Volkswagen... (joking, laughing)*

James Trasher: *With 12 years of driving [it] - just with the clubhouse back there now and people coming out it - this will slow people down leaving the golf course. We'd like to see it from the golf course side and we'd like to see it from the community side. The one up front. I think the one up front would be a real problem. Thank you.*

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING STOP SIGNS IN TIMBER BANKS**

RES#130/2022

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

Citizens Comments

Fred Burtch of Plainville Road spoke about the continuing speed and safety issue (the dangerous intersection) on Plainville Road and Church Road. He continued to discuss the monitoring of traffic.

Supervisor Wicks stated that TOL doesn't have control over the speed limit. Mr. Burtch said he understood that; however, he suggested double stop signs at that intersection. He also noted that busses and other vehicles blindly back up there. Mr. Burtch spoke with Mr. Tierney who runs the Transportation Department at BCSD. He told Mr. Burtch that no school bus is going to do that again. Mr. Burtch had the speed device set up at the side of the road and said some people slow down, and others do not. He has ideas on how to remediate the issues and that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Town Board Comments

Councilor Rode mentioned that as we enter into budget season, he had an item on the work session that was not discussed regarding the fund balance. He said he's looked over the numbers the last couple of years, and the fund balances have been built up. He is looking for ways to help the tax payers, and it either means that TOL is not getting work done or is over-taxing. He said they would be figuring that out within the next two months.

The other councilors thanked the audience and those watching on PAC-B and chose to move on to the agenda.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Wicks addressed the fund balance. He said TOL received a \$100,000 grant from the county for the renovation of the park. All of the renovations in the park are all being utilized with grant money. He said the reason is that TOL has a hefty fund balance (it is larger than before) (referencing the economy). He said they are probably going to have to use more of the fund balance than in the past, in order to do the same amount of work that was done last year with the highway or any of the other processes. **Supervisor Wicks** said that if TOL didn't have a healthy fund balance, it would be depleting the fund balance down, and then in order to have a reasonable fund balance, that affects bonding and rating. He believes the rating is now AA, which helps TOL get lower interest rates and helps qualify for a lot of things. The reason that [the fund balance] has been able to get so high is because over the past couple of years, TOL brought in about \$2 million in grants from different areas. The \$2 million means that local dollars did not have to be spent to do the work that was scheduled. That money went into the fund balance.

Supervisor Wicks stated that as for the last two years, people have had a decrease in both years' taxes. TOL has been lowering the taxes. He said [we're] going to need more money than we currently have. It's going to cost more money to do the things that we did, for example, if it would cost \$100 last year, it's going to cost \$120 or \$130 this year. He said you need to have a fund balance because it isn't going to be there forever. Supervisor Wicks stated that we can only hope that our state and federal politicians start getting it right, and they can bring the interest rates down, and they can bring the cost of living down; including all the things that are done on a daily basis, but that's not going to happen for the next two years.

Department Head Reports

Kevin Merrill, Parks and Recreation Director stated that boulders have been placed along the area where the near-accident occurred at Spence Field. He noted that the following programs are available: each of them has details regarding registration on the website: Pickleball, Arts and Crafts Club, Video Gaming Club, Yoga in the Park, Chess Club, and Stargazing\Campout. **Mr. Merrill** has contacted a vendor to repair the fence and that repair should be done in about three weeks.

Councilor Rode asked if Peachjar is available to the public regarding programs, etc. **Mr. Merrill** said as long as families are still active in the school district, they have access to Peachjar. **Councilor Rode** asked Mr. Merrill about the final cost of the boulders in the park. **Mr. Merrill** said he would share that with him after the meeting. **Councilor Rode** asked if the tree was going to be taken down, and **Mr. Merrill** said that was part of the plan. **Councilor Rode** also mentioned that there were a couple of lights out at the park where you first pull in. **Mr. Merrill** said there was an issue with the electrical/power line which occurred during the excavation process, which is why the building no longer has a phone line, and the electricity to those three poles does not work. He has tried to get an electrician to look at it, but there is a short somewhere. **Councilor Rode** noted that there could be a safety issue now that Pop Warner is there.

Mr. Merrill discussed the DASNY grant and the parking lot extension.

HW Superintendent Ken Svitak stated that electronics recycling at the HW Department is only for residents of the Town of Lysander, as the recycling costs are covered by taxpayer dollars.

Al Yager, Engineer, stated that Indian Springs construction begins Tuesday, and if you are in the area, beware of trucks, etc. That project will take about a month.

Regular Agenda Items

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TOL STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

RES#131/2022

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Rode to accept the bid from Power & Construction Group in the amount of \$2,442.00 for the Town of Lysander Street Light Maintenance Contract which is the total sum of the individual unit costs for the work items included in the project which will remain in place for two (2) years from the date of contract execution for the Town of Lysander Street Light Maintenance Contract.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

This is a two-year maintenance contract. The contract was awarded based on cost.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 317/CLERKS TO JUSTICE

RES#132/2022

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Teamsters Local 317 Agreement regarding the Clerks to Town Justice.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

This will make the contract fair to new court clerks, as they should be starting at the same rate of pay.

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Motion made by _____ seconded by _____ to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP regarding an audit for Lysander Town Court.

MOTION TO DECLARE SPEAKERS SURPLUS

RES#133/2022

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to declare the five (5) Advantage Model F-2322C 9” ceiling mounted speakers that were previously installed in the auditorium as surplus to be recycled.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER MODIFICATION FORM SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN COMPTROLLER FOR THE BOULDERS IN LYSANDER PARK

RES#134/2022

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Rode to approve the Budget Transfer Modification form submitted by the Town Comptroller for the \$1,700 donation for the boulders at Lysander Park.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HW DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A VIVAX PIPE/UTILITY CABLE LOCATOR

RES#135/2022

Motion made by Councilor Rode seconded by Councilor Geraci to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a Vivax Metrotech VLOC 3 Pro Pipe & Utility Cable Locator and associated accessories to locate power supplies for the Town-owned street lights when responding to Dig Safe tickets using a portion of the remaining lighting district municipal bond funds from Power Mole Sales in the amount of \$4,564.00.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Per Mr. Yager, Power Mole is the licensed local vendor for the metro-tech utility locating devices. He was able to get another quote from a secondary resaler, Pollard Water, but could not get any other quotes because all of the other regional sales people around the country wouldn't quote it because it's a licensing agreement.

MOTION TO APPOINT PAUL RUFAS AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

RES#136/2022

Motion made by Councilor Moore seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to appoint Paul Rufa as Deputy Tax Receiver at an hourly rate of \$16.67 per hour, on an as-needed basis.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

Supervisor Wicks said that since Cindy left last year, this will help during tax time, and the hourly rate is based on what Cindy was paid when she left. There has to be a Deputy Tax Receiver appointed in order to receive money in that department.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH CHA

RES#137/2022

Motion made by Councilor Geraci seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with CHA for consulting, engineering, planning and grant preparation services at the cost as outlined in the agreement. The agreement will commence September 9, 2022, and terminate on December 31, 2022.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

Discussion:

As discussed in work session, the engineer is leaving September 8, so as for engineering services, they have decided to go with CHA until the end of the year, and give them time to determine if they need an in-house engineer, or continue with their services. Councilor Rode thanked Mr. Yager for all of his time with the town.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Rode and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:46 PM.

Supervisor Wicks	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Geraci	Aye
Councilor Moore	Aye	Councilor Rode	Aye		

All ayes, motion carried and adopted

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

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk