

April 25, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on April 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

Present:

Jake Emmel, Councilman
John Paliotti, Councilman
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk
Tim Moore, Highway Supt.

Also Present: Jim Wedman, Kayla Sturgill, Keith Bridger, Pete Mastracy, Keith Simon, Ben Follette, Scott Bailey, Al Huestis, Atty Tony Villani.

Absent: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor
Joanne Greco, Councilwoman

This meeting was duly noticed by contacting the Times of Wayne newspaper, as well as posting a notice on the Town bulletin board and on the Town's web site.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

As Supervisor Manktelow was not in attendance, tonight's meeting is being conducted by Deputy Supervisor (Councilman) Jake Emmel.

Councilman D'Amato moved to accept the minutes from the March 28 meeting, and the April 4, 2018 workshop. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye but abstaining from the April 4 approval as he was not in attendance

Councilman Emmel then asked Town Clerk Sal Colatarci to read the notice for the public hearing regarding extending the Cold War Veterans real property tax exemption to qualified property owners. A prior local law passed in 2009 contained a ten year limitation on the exemption. Councilman Paliotti moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

Mr. Emmel explained that the public hearing would remain open until all comments had been heard from.

As all comments and questions had been heard, Councilman D'Amato moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Councilman Paliotti then moved to adopt Local Law 1 of 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye

Councilman Emmel voting aye

The necessary paperwork will be filed with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Keith Bridger then addressed the Board. He asked permission to hold the annual Youth Baseball Parade on May 5, 2018. The parade route will be from the Elementary School, down William Street to Water Street, to Elm

Street. He stated he would contact the Sheriffs Dept as well. Councilman D'Amato moved to grant permission and allow the Highway Supt. to close the necessary streets. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

In addition, Mr. Bridger told the Board that the parking lot at the Community Center is in bad shape and Midland Asphalt has agreed to donate the materials to resurface the parking lot as long as the Town would help with trucks and manpower. Highway Supt. Tim Moore explained that it would probably take three trucks and some stone from the Town. Councilman D'Amato suggested that Mr. Moore put together a list of what is needed and how much manpower and report back to the Board at the next workshop or meeting.

At 6:45 p.m., Councilman Emmel asked Town Clerk Colatarci to read the notice of public hearing regarding the renewal of the cable television franchise agreement between the Town of Lyons and Charter Communications. Councilman D'Amato moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

The Public hearing would remain open until all comments had been heard.

Mr. Emmel explained that the franchise agreement between the Town and Charter Communications is a 10 year agreement. In addition, the franchise fee paid back to the Town will be 3 percent each year. Also, the company is agreeing to distribute new cable service to residence within the franchise area where there is a minimum of at least 20 residences per linear mile. This should provide additional cable services to many residents in Lyons currently not being served.

As all comments had been heard, Councilman D'Amato moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

Councilman Paliotti then moved to renew the cable television franchise agreement as written. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

Mr. Jeff lead then addressed the Board concerning recent dealing he had with the Wayne County water and Sewer Authority. He explained that he recently had a sewer line break and was very unhappy with the attitude from one of the employees there. He also didn't understand why he had to come up with the two thousand dollars to repair the broken sewer line. He also mentioned that he had discussed this with Supervisor Manktelow and he was told by Mr. Manktelow that he was confused as there is a sewer fund available for such situations. The Board told Mr. Lead that this would be discussed at the next workshop or meeting, and the Board will keep him informed.

Department reports were then heard. Assessor Kayla Sturgill reported there were 8 property transfers in Lyons in February. Change in assessment and exemption notices will be going out in the mail at the end of this week. Property owners will have the opportunity to meet with the Assessor to discuss the changes at various times in May. If the property owner is not satisfied, he or she may go before the Assessment Board of Review.

In a written reported submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Richard Bogan; a total of 14 building permits were issued between March 26 and April 24, 2018, as well as 55 violations/order to remedy notices. There still remains about 20 Landlord Licenses that are still outstanding.

Keith Simon reported that the ambulance responded to a total of 111 calls in March 2018. Also, the generator will soon be installed at the ambulance base. He stated to the Board that the contractor has asked if the Town could give half the money now, before the project starts, and the balance upon completion of the work. Attorney Villani stated the Town cannot up-front money and payment can only be made upon completion of the work.

Highway Supt Tim Moore reported his department went out on 3 plow trips and a salt trip in April. Hoping it's the last for the season. Also, been doing a lot of bush hog mowing and filling many pot holes. All roads and intersection have been swept. Three storm drains are staked out for repair.

Mr. Moore also stated that Riccelli's will be doing the major paving jobs in Lyons this year. Their quote was substantially lower than that from Villager. However, Villager may do some smaller jobs. Finally, Mr. Moore is still waiting to hear from contractors on the canal path bridge.

Buildings and Grounds Foreman Ben Follette stated brush pick up has begun as well as sweeping of former Village Streets. The Downtown sidewalks have been swept and the department has started cleaning up the parks. Six more benches have been ordered for Central park.

Councilman Paliotti moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers #163 through #214 totaling \$68,109.72
Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

Councilman D'Amato moved to approve payment of Highway Fund vouchers #64 through #79 totaling \$19,130.40

Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye

The Board then received a hand-out regarding the Wayne County EMS Mutual Aid plan. The County is looking for all EMS departments to sign up for this agreement. The agreement will be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

Mr. Chris Horn, owner of Blades and Spades, then addressed the Board questioning why the Town does not put it's mowing service out to bid, even though it is within the legal limits of not having to do so and simply gives the job to Burnham's Lawn Service. He brought with him a recent bid document from the County of Wayne indicating that when the County went out to bid to have it's parks mowed, Burnham's bid was actually \$15,000.00 more than the lowest bid received. Mr. Emmel told Mr. Horn that the matter would be discussed at a workshop or meeting. Mr. Horn requested that he be notified when that would be so he could be in attendance.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk