

Feb. 17, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed. Feb. 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lyons Town Hall

Present: Jake Emmel, Supervisor
Jim Brady, Councilman
John Paliotti, Councilman
Joanne Greco, Councilwoman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk

Absent: Ralph D'Amato, Councilman

Also Present: Dani Thorn, Dep. Town Clerk/Human Resource Officer, Kayla Sturgill, Assessor

This workshop 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.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the draft plan of the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan that was given to Board members to review several weeks ago. New York State is requiring all local governments to have such a plan in place by April 1, 2021. The plan is needed in the event of a declared public health emergency in the State of New York, similar to the current Covid health emergency. The Town's Human Resource Officer and Dep. Town Clerk, Dani Thorn was on hand to explain the plan and advised the Board Members what decisions still needed to be made to finalize the draft of the plan. The plan still needs to be reviewed by both the Town Attorney and the union representing the Highway Dept. Ms. Thorn was then excused.

The Board then discussed the matter of a Town-wide assessment update in 2022. To do that, the process must begin this year, 2021. It has been six years since the last town-wide update and Town Assessor Kayla Sturgill said without an update, our equalization rate would be about 78 percent. However, there is some concern that this may not be the time to do an update, with so many people out of work or having to struggle due to the Covid pandemic. Ms. Sturgill said the Board would have to pass a resolution approving of the assessment update in March or April, at the latest. She explained that neighboring towns that did updates last year, saw tax rates go down about \$3.00 per thousand, so an update doesn't necessary means taxes will go up. The Board asked her to make a presentation about the update at the regular Town Board meeting next week.

At 1:45 p.m., Councilman Brady moved to go into executive session, asking Dani Thorn to return to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

At 2:10 p.m., Councilwoman Greco moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilwoman Greco voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Brady voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

As there was no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

Sal J. Colatarci, Lyons Town Clerk

