

Feb. 21, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed Feb. 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

Present: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor
Jake Emmel, Councilman
John Paliotti, Councilman
Joanne Greco, Councilwoman
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk

Also Present: Jim Wedman, Bob Milliman, Jim Brady; Planning Board Chairman

Absent:

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.

Mr. Jim Brady addressed the Board concerning a recently proposed apartment complex, presented to the Planning Board by ARC. The 50 unit structure is proposed to be built at the site of the current Spanky Oliver's ice cream store on Route 31. He would like the Town to hire an engineering firm (LiRo Engineers), at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 to do a site plan review of the proposal. The Board decided to obtain legal counsel before making a decision.

Supervisor Manktelow presented a letter he received from Mr. Andrew DeWolf regarding the retreat the Board had on Jan. 25, 2018. He objected to the gathering of the full Board to brainstorm for ideas related to the future of the Town. Despite the fact that the Town's legal Counsel approved of the Board's meeting as being unannounced Mr. DeWolf believes the gathering should have been advertised and open to the public. He requested that his letter be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review and give a written response back to him. Supervisor Manktelow asked the Board to review the letter and the matter would be discussed at the regular monthly meeting on Feb. 28, 2018

The Board then discussed correspondence from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding a desire from AT&T to construct a 150 foot tall tower near the Former Village water tanks on Pearl Street. A site visit would be necessary to make a definite determination on the practicality of the project. The Board decided to look further into the matter before responding to the request.

Supervisor Manktelow informed the Board that the 2017 AUD (annual financial report) for the Galen/Lyons Joint Landfill has been completed and filed with the State Comptroller's Office.

The Board then reviewed a proposal from Mr. Art Williams, Atty., to work on per diem basis as the Town's prosecutor. The Villani Law firm indicates it cannot serve as the Town's prosecutor as it is a conflict of interest. Mr. William's proposal would be on a per diem basis, at an hourly rate of \$175.00. After discussion, the Board decided to act on the proposal at the meeting next week.

The Board then discussed a letter from Mr. Ed Douglas Polk, protesting the property clean-up charge that appeared on his Town and County tax bill. The charge was placed on his bill after Burnham Lawn Service was contacted by the Town to clean up the overgrown brush surrounding the home at 35 Phelps Street. Mr. Polk refuses to pay the charge, feeling it is an exurbanite fee to remove, what he believes was perfectly fine plant materials. The Board will review the letter and discuss the issue next week at the regular monthly meeting.

Supervisor Manktelow then presented the Board with a letter he received from the DEC indicating it will soon be contracting with a company to investigate and take soil samples from the old Village dump on Cole Road. No further information was available.

The Board then discussed various RFP's (requests for proposals) needed as springtime approaches. Last month, Supervisor Manktelow handed out a couple of ideas for lawn maintenance. He also suggested that an ad be placed very soon for an Animal Control Officer as our current ACO, Hugh Compton will be retiring at the end of March. The Board allowed Supervisor Manktelow to go ahead with the RFP's.

At 7:20 p.m., Councilman Paliotti moved to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular individual. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greco. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

At 7:50 p.m., Councilman Paliotti moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Emmel voting aye
Councilwoman Greco voting aye
Supervisor Manktelow votary aye

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

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk