

June 15, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed. June 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

Present: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor  
Jake Emmel, Councilman (arrived at 7:15p.m.)  
Nancy Collins, Councilwoman  
Joanne Greco, Councilwoman  
Phil DeSain, Councilman  
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk  
Tim Moore, Highway Supt.

Also Present: John Wiltsie, Paul Fera Jr., Jim Wedman, Bob Milliman

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.

Supervisor Manktelow announced that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the operation of the ambulance department; however Highway Supt. Tim Moore had requested he discuss a few items. He asked that the Town declare 6 old park benches surplus so they can be disposed of in one way or the other. After a discussion, Councilman DeSain moved to declare the park benches as surplus. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greco. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilwoman Greco voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman Emmel absent at time of vote  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

Mr. Moore also asked if the Board had given any more thought to hiring some part time summer help for the Building and Grounds department. The matter was discussed briefly, but will be addressed at the regular monthly meeting on June 29.

Mr. Moore also asked if the Board had any further thoughts on awarding a bid for a new pick up truck with a plow attachment. Two bids were opened for the vehicle last month. After discussion, Councilman DeSain moved to accept the bid of \$35,346.00 from friendly Dodge in Penn Yan. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greco. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilwoman Greco voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman Emmel absent at time of vote  
Supervisor Manktelow voting no

The Board then discussed bids opened this morning for a new ambulance. Three companies submitted bids

Medix: 2017 rig \$118,800.00  
2017 rig \$106,600.00 (alternate bid)

Northeastern Rescue: 2016 rig \$120,500.00  
2016 rig \$112,500.00 (alternate bid)  
2016 rig \$106,900.00 (alternate bid-small box vehicle)

Federal safety Equip: 2017 rig \$121,768.00

After discussion, Councilman DeSain moved to accept the alternate bid from Gorman Emergency vehicles (Medix) of \$106,600.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Emmel. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman Emmel voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilwoman Greco voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

The Board briefly discussed the Town's CEO position(s). It was the Board's desire to move forward with a full time Code Enforcement officer. A civil service test for the position was recently given and a list is now available. The Board gave the Supervisor the okay to do what's necessary to get the ball rolling on this matter.

It was also decided to place an ad in the paper to hire a part time person to fill the position recently held by Barb DiSanto in the Assessor's Office.

The Board then spent considerable time reviewing figures with regard to ambulance billing. It was discovered that the Town only collected about 38 percent of all billing charges in 2015 and so far this year, only about 20 percent of billing charges have been collected. Supervisor Manktelow stated the Town can not continue on this path as taxpayers will be hit hard as a result. It was decided that the Board will review the figures again in August with the hopes that the collection numbers will come up. In the meantime, Supervisor Manktelow, Councilwoman Collins, and Bookkeeper Diane Kitchen will meet with the billing agent in the hopes of getting some answers as to why collections are so low as compared to total amount billed, and perhaps discuss whether there is a lag time for payments made my Medicare and or Medicaid. The Board also agreed that the Town's ambulance service needs to get back it's ALS status from the State as soon as possible as all required paperwork has been submitted to the health Dept.

Meanwhile Paul Fera Jr. and John Wiltsie presented a plan for staffing at the ambulance base that they believed would ease operations at the base. However, they prepared the report prior to knowledge of the financial situation and explained that the plan they presented would actually cost more in part time salaries than the current scheduling in place.

At 8:15 p.m., Councilman Emmel moved to go into executive session to discuss a matter which could impact public safety if disclosed as well as a pending litigation issue. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

Councilman Emmel voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilwoman Greco voting aye  
Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

At 9:00 p.m., Councilman DeSain moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Emmel. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman Emmel voting aye  
Councilwoman Greco voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

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

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk

