

Oct. 30, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on Oct. 30, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

Present: Jake Emmel, Supervisor
John Paliotti, Councilman
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman
James Brady, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk
Tim Moore, Highway Supt.

Also Present: John Wiltsie, Glenn Wasman, Kayla Sturgill, Dale Kenville, Richard Bogan, Pete Mastracy, Tony Villani

Absent: 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.

Councilman Paliotti moved to accept the minutes from the Sept. 25, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

Supervisor Emmel then commented that the Town Board must pass a resolution to commit up to \$7,000.00, as part of a matching grant, to the Lock 27 beautification project. After a discussion on the matter, Councilman Brady moved the following:

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 1.4 million visitors enjoy the Erie Canalway Trail each year, spending more than \$250 million on tourism activities in communities along its route; and
WHEREAS, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Impact! Grants are intended to improve the visitor experience on the Erie Canalway ; and
WHEREAS, the area around the Lock 27 parks and docks are an important gateway to the Finger Lakes region and the Lyons Downtown district ; and
WHEREAS, the Lyons Town Board recognizes the Canalway Trail as a unique historical attraction of world-wide importance, generating considerable visitation and tourism revenues for our communities and the region as a whole; and
WHEREAS, by addressing the landscaping in the area adjacent to the Canal and Lock 27 will greatly enhance the visiting experiences of visitors bringing and increased tourism spending to our Town; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to develop and submit a grant application to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Impact! Grant for landscaping along the Lock 27 sidewalk and docking area; and be it further
RESOLVED: that the Town Board commits up to \$7,000 to the Lock 27 beautification project.

Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

The Board then discussed the matter of appointing a person to the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Milliman. A couple of names were brought up, one upon the recommendation of ZBA Chairman Jim Wedman. The Board decided to table the appointment to a later date.

Councilman Paliotti then moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers #566 through #631 totaling \$174,236.40

Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

Councilman Brady then moved to approve payment of Highway Fund Vouchers #184 thru #204 totaling \$64,793.26

Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

Supervisor Emmel then mentioned that the snow and ice contract with the County of Wayne for the 2019-20 winter will soon be ready to sign by each Town. After a discussion, Councilman D'Amato moved to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Brady. Vote:

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

Councilman Paliotti then moved to allow the repair of 3 heaters (coils, compressors, valves, and txv) at the wastewater treatment plant at a total cost of \$4,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

The price to replace the units would have been over \$17,000.00.

Councilman Brady then moved to transfer the necessary funds to cover insufficient funds in seven Town accounts. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

The funds affected are as follows:

A1440.. 41	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	609.63
A1440.4	TRNS TO A1440.41 SUFF FUNDS	609.63
A1620.4	INC FUND _INSUFF FUNDS	305.00
A1620.48	TRNS TO A1620.4	305.00
A1620.41	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	1030.00
A1620.49	TRNS TO 1620.41 SUFF FUNDS	1030.00

A4540.2	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	348.41
A4540.41	TRNS TO A4540.2	348.41
A5182.4	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	11858.62
A1990.4	TRNS TO A5182.4	11858.62
A6989.4	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	2550.00
A1990.4	TRNS TO A6989.4	2550.00
A8810.43	INC FUND INSUFF FUNDS	24.15
A8810.42	TRNS TO A8810.43	24.15

REF 120 10/25 A1440.41 (Economic Development Contractual) \$609.63 REF 121 10/25 A1440.4 (Engineer Contractual) \$609.63

REF 122 10/25 A1620.4 (Buildings Contractual Town Hall) \$305.00 REF 123 10/25 A1620.48 (Building Contractual Town) \$305.00 · REF 124 10/25 A1620.41 (Buildings Contractual Fuel) \$1030.00 REF 125 10/25 A1620.49 (Buildings Former Village) \$1030.00
REF 126 10/25 A4540.2 (Ambulance Equipment) \$348.41

REF 127 10/25 A4540.41 (Ambulance Schooling and Misc) \$348.41 REF 128 10/25 A5182.4 (Townwide Street Lights) \$11858.62

REF 129 10/25 A1990.4 (Contingent Account) \$11858.62 REF 130 10/25 A6989.4 (Main Street USA) \$2550.00

REF 131 10/25 A1990.4 (Contingent Account) \$2550.00

REF 132 10/25 A8810.43 (Cemeteries N. Lyons Rural Contractual) \$24.15 REF 133 10/25 A8810.42 (Cemeteries Contractual Rural) \$24.15

At 6:45 p.m. Town Clerk Colatarci read the legal notice regarding the proposed 2020 Town Budget as advertised.

Councilman D'Amato moved to open the Public Hearing on the Town's proposed 2020 budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

The Hearing would remain open until all comments had been heard. .

Supervisor Emmel explained that the Town tax rate will be about \$5.51 per thousand in 2020, which keeps the rate at the exact same dollar value as it was in 2019. The Supervisor added that budget is under the required tax cap figure, as mandated by New York State.

After all comments had been heard, Councilman Paliotti moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Brady. Vote:

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

Councilman Brady then moved to adopt the 2020 Town budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

Department reports were heard. Code Officer, Richard Bogan reported from September 24, 2019 through October 29, 2019:

Building Permits issued: ... 32
Building Permits Cleared, compliance issued....39

Violation/Order to Remedy issued: ...34
Violations Cleared:34
26 Maple Street, posted and condemned, no heat, flooded basement

Other Permits: 3 inflow inspections,
Operating permit inspections.... Ongoing re-inspections, 17 fire safety inspections

Appearance Tickets ...
15 Maple Street, unlicensed vehicle
7537 Old Lyons Rd, Driveways

Zoning and Planning: planning meeting and zoning meeting
3 Holley Street, Family Promise, Hill Road, Haunted House

Assessor Kayla Sturgill reported Property Transfers(Sales) Sept-11
10 Arms length usable for valuation purposes
1 quit claim(between family members, owner changes etc)-not valuation usable

October has been a quieter month in the office with less traffic. There was no need to send out any Enhanced Star renewals this year, due to the state verifying income so that will definitely lessen traffic to the office.

Oct 17, Buildings and Grounds came and moved the filing cabinets from the office into the old sexton office.

Ms. Sturgill will be attending a NYSAA class on the Administration of Property Tax Exemptions. This is not a required course, but one that stemmed from the Comptroller's office auditing Assessors. Earlier this year, the board approved attending a Reassessment prep class in Hudson. After a discussion with Jake, we decided it would be in my best interest to stay Friday night as well, coming home Saturday.

Agricultural and Non Profit renewal forms will be sent out close to Thanksgiving.

Director of Ambulance Operations, John Wiltsie then explained the billing situation. As of the last day of September 2019, \$807,655.10 was billed out by our billing company. Meanwhile, just \$239,242.70 was received. He went on to explain that part of the reason for such a low collected amount is because the ambulance dept. has been short on ALS personnel, preventing the Town from billing an ALS rate which is considerably higher than the BSL rate. Also, Lyons is a Medicare and Medicaid community. This means that no matter what is billed out for a service provided, Medicaid will only pay a BLS rate of \$144.16 and a ALS rate of \$203.14. Madicaid only pays \$2.11 per mile.

Buildings and Grounds Forman Dale Kenville reported a number of street signs are being stolen off the polls throughout the former Village and even in the country. Most have been replaced.
More parking spots have been painted downtown.
New light bulbs have been placed in the gazebo
More hot patching has been done.
The fountains in the park have been cleaned and turned off for the winter.
Canal picnic tables and garbage cans have been picked up for the winter.

Highway Supt. Tim Moore reported that the A.D.A. sidewalks on the streets that were paved this summer are completed, as well as the sidewalks in through the former Village Park downtown.
The sewer drain in front of the Legion remains a problem. JAMCO was not able to get through. Meeting with a contractor on the matter later this week.

Continuing to pick up brush. Leaf pick-up will begin soon.

The floating docks have been moved to Abbey park with help from the Canal Authority.

All the sand has been hauled in for the winter season.

Continuing to do road-side mowing

The issue of the intersections of both Church and Broad Streets and Pearl and Broad Streets was discussed. There have been some complaints that it is very hard to see at those intersections when attempting to pull out onto Broad Street. It was decided that Highway Supt. Tim Moore request some help from the County Engineer as to what could be done to eliminate that visual impairment.

The Town will also investigate the possibility of implementing a ruling that parking will only be allowed on one side of Catherine Street.

The Board then reviewed quotes received from Gerry Clingerman to repair and/or repaint three “welcome to Lyons” type signs. The three are: corner of Rt. 31/14 (\$250.00), Phelps St. near the Elementary School (\$250.00), at Leach Rd and Rt. 31 (\$400.00). However, the Town has since received another quote from Jim Zeger, another individual, referred to the matter from Mark DeCracker. The Board was also reminded that it had received a proposal several months ago from yet another group, who presented to the Board. Supervisor Emmel suggested the matter be tabled as nothing can be done this late in the season and perhaps the issue of new welcoming signs could be referred to the Town’s Planning Board for a recommendation. The Board agreed to table the matter.

Supervisor Emmel then informed the Board that he obtained a quote to place laminate flooring in the soon to be Code Enforcement Officer office (formerly the Assessor’s Office). Total cost for labor and materials, including removal of the current carpet, is about \$1,164.74. Supervisor Emmel asked the Board for approval so the matter can be taken care of in a timely fashion. Councilman Brady to moved approval of the project, plus also allow the laminate flooring to be placed in the new Assessors office at an additional cost. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye

Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Councilman D’Amato voting aye

Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman D’Amato then moved to change the date of the Nov. meeting to Tuesday Nov. 26 and to change the date of the Dec. meeting to Monday the 30th. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D’Amato voting aye

Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Councilman Brady voting aye

Supervisor Emmel voting aye

As there was no comments from the public in attendance, at 7:45 p.m. Councilman Paliotti moved to go into executive session to discuss a pending union contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Brady.

Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Councilman Brady voting aye

Councilman D’Amato voting aye

Supervisor Emmel voting aye

At 8:20 p.m., Councilman D’Amato moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Brady. Vote:

Councilman D’Amato voting aye

Councilman Brady voting aye

Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Supervisor Emmel voting aye

The Board then discussed two quotes received from Colacino Industries to replace/repair lighting on both the Route 14 bridge near the Pour House (former Bridge Tavern) as well as the walkway east of Dr. D'Amico's dental office on Canal Street. Total cost to do the bridge job is \$5,866.70 and the walkway job is \$3,215.00. After a discussion, Councilman Brady moved to allow Colacino Industries to do both jobs at the quoted price. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk