

June 24, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on Wed. June 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

Present: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor  
Dan LaGasse, Councilman  
Nancy Collins, Councilwoman  
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman  
Phil DeSain, Councilman  
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk

Also Present: Jim Wedman, Pete and Jan Mastracy, Richie Santelli, John Paliotti, Bob Milliman, Amanda Schaub, Eileen Porto, Laurie Buchanan, Greg Palmer

Absent:

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman DeSain moved to accept the minutes from the May 27 meeting and the June 17 workshop. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

Supervisor Manktelow then introduced Amanda Schaub who updated the Board on the progress at the Newberry Building in downtown Lyons. She explained that the building will house a community co-op on the first floor and an antique co-op in the basement. In addition, there will be a coffee shop and café in the building. There will be monthly art shows and choral group activities. A portion of the building will be opening to coincide with peppermint days in July and the rest will open in October.

Meanwhile, Eileen Porto, the Director of C.A.S.H. approached the Board expressing her displeasure with the lack of communication and cooperation shown to her organization from Supervisor Manktelow and the Town Board.

Mr. Victor Curtis approached the Board seeking support for his proposed Eagle Scout project. He told the Board, and those in attendance that he hopes to do a small engine repair and maintenance class at the Lyons Community Center in September as his project. The project would be open to the public and he would place an ad in the newspaper. Councilman D'Amato said he believes this is a very good idea and moved that the Town Board support the project. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

Town Clerk Colatarci will send a letter to the Scout Troop conveying this resolution of support.

Mr. Richie Santelli then addressed the Board concerning his proposed work on the maintenance building at the entrance to the Rural Cemetery on Spencer St. He explained that there are several items that need to be addressed including a new roof, repair to the chimney, repair masonry stucco on the building, repair portions of the buildings foundation, and replace doors and windows. The Board requested he provide a written quote to do the project for further review and discussion.

Supervisor Manktelow explained that he needs a resolution allowing him to sign a letter of support allowing work to continue on the Canal Trail by allowing the Finger Lakes regional Economic Development Council to recognize the Trail as both a transformative goal and potential funding project for inclusion in the upcoming Upstate Revitalization Initiative.

Councilman LaGasse moved to make such approval. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato.  
Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

The full resolution is as follows:

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, there are sections of the Trail that are missing in New York State, including an 18 mile gap from Lyons to the Seneca River, costing approximately \$9 Million to complete; and

WHEREAS, by completing this portion of the Trail, as well as other unimproved sections in the Towns of Galen and Savannah there will be approximately 160 continuous miles that hikers and bikers can use, stretching from Buffalo to the Seneca River in Savannah, bringing increased tourism spending to our Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that 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 that the World Canal Conference will be held on the Erie Canal in June, 2017, attracting hundreds of international delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board requests that the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council recognize the Erie Canalway Trail as both a transformative goal and potential funding project for inclusion in the upcoming Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to submit a letter of support conveying this Initiative and project to the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council.

Department reports were heard. In her written report, Assessor Tina McQuillen reported that she is continuing to gather data for the town-wide assessment update next year. Also, the 2015 fly-over for Pictometry should be available soon. She explained this will be useful for properties that are hard to view from the public right of way.

In his written monthly report, Code Enforcement officer Bob Darcangelis reported that he issued 5 building permits in May and issued 4 orders to comply.

In his written report, acting Highway Supt. Tim Moore reported that the Town of Arcadia has been helping Lyons with resurfacing of Town roads. There were several spots within the Town that had some damage from rain storms. Some culvert pipes were opened and shoulders were fixed, as a result of the washouts. Roadside mowing continues.

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers #227 through #268 totaling \$30,691.16  
And Highway Fund vouchers #94 through #111 totaling \$183,167.42  
Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

The Board then discussed the creation of a Joint Fire District with the Village of Lyons. A joint meeting was held last month with the Village Board to discuss the joint fire district. The Village Board has taken the next step and passed an official resolution supporting the creation of the joint fire district.

However, Town Attorney Villani explained that before the Town can pass a resolution to create the Joint Fire District, it needs to pass a resolution, subject to a public hearing, to dissolve the current Fire protection district that currently covers the area outside the Village. As a result, Mr. Villani was instructed to write the necessary legal notice of publication, and the needed resolution(s) so the Town Board can move forward with the issue.

Town Attorney Villani mentioned that he recently had a discussion with The County Attorney and County Administrator and there was some interest from the County to partner with Towns in the County with regard to Code Enforcement issues. Supervisor Manktelow said he would like to meet with the County to discuss this matter further.

At 9:00 p.m., Councilman DeSain moved to go into executive session to discuss a pending inter-municipal agreement with the County Water Authority, asking Town Attorney Villani to remain. Motion seconded by Councilman LaGasse. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

At 9:30 p.m., Councilwoman Collins moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

Councilwoman Collins voting aye  
Councilman DeSain voting aye  
Councilman D'Amato voting aye  
Councilman LaGasse voting aye  
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

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

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk