

Nov, 5, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met on Thursday Nov. 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 Town budget as well as discuss any other business that comes before the Board.

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

Also Present: Tim Moore, Highway Supt, Diane Kitchen, Tony Calabrese, Bob Milliman, Jim Blandino, Pete Mastracy, John Murtari, Joanne Greco
Absent:

This Public Hearing was duly noticed by contacting the Times of Wayne newspaper as well as posting a notice on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town Web site.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman D'Amato moved to open the Public Hearing on the Town's proposed 2016 budget. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

The Hearing would remain open until all comments had been heard. John Murtari questioned the need for raises in an economy as depressed as the one in Lyons however did not deny the sincerity of what Town Board and staff has done this past year during the dissolution process.

Others in attendance commended the Board and staff for all the hard work done this past year.

Supervisor Manktelow explained that overall, residents living in the now Village of Lyons will see their overall tax rate go down by about 62 percent, factoring in what they once paid in June on the Village tax. Residents living outside the now Village will see a tax reduction of about 7 percent.

The Supervisor added that it has been a team effort working, not just on the budget, but the entire dissolution process and thanked everyone for all the time and talent devoted during this stressful year.

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

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

Councilman D'Amato then moved to adopt the 2016 Town budget. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

Supervisor Manktelow then mentioned that yet another anonymous letter has been received at the State Health Dept. regarding alleged violations within the Town's Ambulance Department, this one questioning the training requirements. The Town has been informed the State will also investigate this issue.

The Board then asked Highway Supt. Tim Moore his feeling regarding the number of people he will need to successfully operate the Highway Department as well as the Building and Grounds Dept.(former Village DPW.) After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that a total of 8 full time employees and 2 part time employees would, for the most part, be sufficient. The possibility of a Buildings and grounds Foreman was also discussed.

At 7:50 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to go into executive session to discuss employment matters within the Highway Department as well as possible litigation issues within the Ambulance Department. Highway Supt. Tim Moore was asked to remain. 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

Mr. Moore was excused from the executive session at 8:25 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman LaGasse. Vote:

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

As there was no further business, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk