

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed. Oct. 21, 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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Phil DeSain, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk

Also Present: Jim Wedman, Bob Milliman, Denise Darcangelis, John Murtari, JoAnn Greco, Pete Mastracy, Tom Sawtelle

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Manktelow announced that the County of Wayne has agreed to take ownership of the Water Street Bridge in the Village, and as a result will maintain it.

Supervisor Manktelow opened the workshop explaining this would allow the Board to continue working on a final budget for 2016. He presented a new, preliminary budget that was calculated after making some changes to the tentative budget presented last month. Supervisor Manktelow went through the changes and repeatedly asked if the Board members had any questions.

At 7:10 p.m., Supervisor Manktelow interrupted discussion of the budget so Code Enforcement Officer Tom Sawtelle could address the Board. Mr. Sawtelle explained that he recently met with Councilman Ralph D'Amato, the Liaison for the Code Enforcement Department, to discuss the future of code enforcement in Lyons. He presented the Board with an equipment list of what he believes is needed to run the department efficiently. He also explained that he is currently working on a new revised fee schedule for the Town to review. He noted the last time the schedule was updated was in 1999. Mr. Sawtelle also stated that he has someone in mind who could perhaps work 20 hours a week to work with him in code enforcement.

It was suggested that Williamson Law Book be invited back to another Board meeting to review the Code Enforcement Program it provides to municipalities.

After a question and answer session, Mr. Sawtelle was excused from the workshop.

Supervisor Manktelow then returned to explaining the Preliminary budget and stated that if this budget was adopted as is, and revenues come in as projected, the Town-wide tax rate would be at \$6.24 per thousand. The Fire District tax rate would add an additional \$1.98 per thousand to the total, and residents in the former Village would also see an additional \$1.15 per thousand for a lighting district. He explained that

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of putting the maintenance of Lyons parks out to bid to a private contractor, allowing Town employees more time to concentrate on other needs. Councilman DeSain said he would write up a Request for proposal (RFP).

Village Clerk Denise Darcangelis asked the Board why it was taking so long to announce who from the Village DPW would be hired by the Town. Supervisor Manktelow explained there is more to it than just picking names and saying those people will be hired. He said the Board wanted to have a handle on how much money would be appropriated for the positions and determine how many people would be needed.

At 8:40 p.m., Councilman DeSain moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue within the Ambulance Dept. and possible litigation. 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

At 9:45 p.m., Councilman LaGasse moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

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

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

Sal J. Colatarci
Lyons Town Clerk