

June 18, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed. June 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room.

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

Also Present: Michelle Villani, Atty., Dave and Donna DeWolf, Pete and Jan Mastracy

Absent: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor (illness)

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 stand for Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Supervisor Manktelow, Deputy Supervisor Dan LaGasse opened the workshop and asked each Board member to update on what he or she has been working on with regard to Village dissolution matters.

Councilman DeSain reported that he believes there are a couple of different options with regard to the Highway/DPW Departments, but with union negotiations pending, he will hold off on giving any further information.

Councilman D'Amato reported that he has reviewed all Village/Town buildings and believe the upstairs courtroom at the village hall at 76 William Street is the best location to for both Town and Village Court. He said he believes the section currently housed by the police department is in bad shape and needs a lot of work. He believes storage of records is another issue that will need to be addressed.

Councilwoman Collins said she was informed by the NY State Police that not much would change with regard to the number of troopers that would be assigned in Lyons, whether or not there was a Village.

Councilman LaGasse said there was some progress made with regard to water and sewer issues.

Councilman LaGasse then spoke briefly about the possible creation of a "Green Cemetery" location at Elmwood cemetery. There are about 5 acres of land located there that would be considered as "green". "Green" is defined as a natural burial, ensure the burial site remains as natural as possible in all respects. Interment of the bodies is done in a bio-degradable casket, shroud, or a favorite blanket. No embalming fluid, no concrete vaults. Cemetery Sexton John Paliotti was on hand and explained how he believe logging trucks could enter and exit the facility to remove trees from the area to implement the green portion of the cemetery. Until the area is cleaned, it would be in the best interest to seek a moratorium on selling any graves in the area in question.

Councilman LaGasse then opened up the workshop to the public asking if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

At 7:40 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to go into executive session to discuss pending negotiations, requesting that Attorney Villani stay for the executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

At 9:10 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

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

Sal Colatarci
Lyons Town Clerk

