

June 25, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a regular monthly meeting on Wed. June 25, 2014 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: Michelle Villani, Atty., Ron DeCracker, Dave and Donna DeWolf, Jim Miller, FL Times, Jim Blandino, John Murtari, Robert Groom, David Hammond

Absent: Jake Emmel, Supt. of Highways

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 D'Amato moved to accept the minutes from the May 28, 2014 meeting and the minutes from the workshop held on June 18, 2014. 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, but abstaining on the workshop minutes as he was not in attendance.

Department reports were heard. Ambulance Administrator Paul Fera Jr. reported that the ambulance responded to a total of 132 calls in May, of which, 76 were ALS in nature.

Highway Supt Jake Emmel reported that about 8 miles of Town roads have been oiled and stoned with the help of Arcadia, Palmyra, and Macedon. Meanwhile, the Town helped Arcadia do oil and stoning of some of its roads. Also, bush hogged around the canal where the fireworks will be set off and will be helping with the set up of the stage and bleachers for Peppermint days. Also, all highway personnel will be taking vacations from June 30 to July 7. Everyone will be back on July 8.

Assessor Tina McQuillen reported that it was a rather uneventful grievance day. She also stated in her written report that she will be changing the format for Agricultural exemptions this coming year. Just one exemption per person/farm operation will be mailed rather than one per parcel. By law, property owners are only required to sign one form. Also, during the month of July, she reported she would be out on the road to finish building permits, updating inventory, and adding them to the files with values.

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers # 232 through #268 Totaling \$26,785.68
And Highway Fund vouchers #95 through #114 totaling \$174,963.20, pending clarification on cost calculations on voucher # 111 (Midland Asphalt).
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

Councilman D'Amato then moved to approve the job description written for the Deputy Town Clerk and to approve monetary compensation for the part time position (20 hours per week) totaling \$13, 250 per year. 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

Supervisor Manktelow then asked each Councilperson to update on what he or she has been doing within each committee with regard to dissolution.

Councilman DeSain reported he is going over budget numbers and has narrowed his recommendation down to two options.

Councilman D'Amato suggested the Board look into obtaining grants for the scanning of documents as there are boxes and boxes of documents stored at both the Village and Town halls.

Councilwoman Collins said she will be meeting with the Village and Town Judges in the very near future to discuss options for the Village/Town Courts.

Councilman LaGasse has scheduled a meeting with the DEC to further investigate what that State agency has in mind with regard to the wastewater treatment plant.

Supervisor Manktelow said he has been meeting with the Village Clerk/ Treasurer going through the Village budget to determine what can be cut once it becomes part of the Town budget. He also mentioned that he has contacted the State Comptrollers Office on three occasions and has not heard back from them.

Supervisor Manktelow then opened the meeting up to those in attendance, with any questions or comments about the Village dissolution process.

The Board then discussed a proposal received from Indoor Comfort regarding the installation of a whole building, 65 pint per day, dehumidifier. The unit would be installed in the basement of the Town Hall. Total quoted price is \$1,950.00. Supervisor Manktelow explained that there has always been an issue with dampness and musty smell within the building. Councilman DeSain moved to approve the quote of \$1,900.00 from Indoor Comfort to install the unit. Motion seconded by Councilman LaGasse. Vote:

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

Supervisor Manktelow reminded the Board that the Peppermint Days Parade is Sat. July 12 at 6 p.m.

The creation of a green cemetery at Elmwood was discussed. 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 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. After a discussion on the matter, Councilman LaGasse moved to place a temporary moratorium on the sale of graves in the area that would be needed for logging trucks etc. to come into the cemetery to clear out what would be considered "green". Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

At 7:50 p.m., Councilman LaGasse moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. 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

At 9:05 p.m., Councilman DeSain moved to come out of executive session. 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 LaGasse then moved to secure Barton and Loguidice to write a \$50,000.00 on behalf of the Town to secure funding for helping with the dissolution process, known as a C.R.E.G. grant. This grant is available from the State for municipalities that have voted to dissolve Village governments. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk