

Nov. 7, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met in its rooms on Thurs. Nov. 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct two Public Hearings. The first was to hear comments on Local Law 1 of 2013 which would allow for an over-ride of the State tax cap on the proposed 2014 town budget tax levy. The second Public hearing was to hear comments on the proposed 2014 Town budget.

Present: Brian Manktelow, Supervisor
Phil DeSain, Councilman
John Paliotti, Councilman
Dan LaGasse, Councilman
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk

Also Present: Nancy Collins, Councilwoman Elect, Jim Wedman, Walt Ferguson

Absent:

This meeting was duly noticed by contacting the Times of Wayne newspaper as well as posting a notice on the Town Bulletin Board.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Manktelow opened the first public hearing to hear any comments with regard to the Town's decision to override the tax levy limit as imposed by the State. It was explained that most local municipalities are electing to over-ride the cap as a safety net since there are so many unanswered question surrounding the cap. After a few questions, 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
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

Councilman DeSain then moved to adopt local law 1 of 2013 which allows the Town Board of the Town of Lyons to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2014 having a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, 3-c. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

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

Supervisor Manktelow then opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2014 budget package as well as to whether the Town should enter into a fire protection contract with the Village of Lyons at a cost of \$158,577.82.

The Hearing would remain open until all comments had been heard. Supervisor Manktelow explained that the largest increases in the budget were in areas where the Town had no control, such as a sharp increase in the cost of insurances, and retirement rates. Overall, the inside Village tax rate will increase about 19 cents per thousand while the outside rate will decrease 36 cents per thousand. Fire protection for residents outside the village is going up 4 cents per thousand so the overall decrease for residents outside the village is 32 cents per thousand assessed valuation.

Councilman Paliotti moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

One last budget workshop will be held by the Town Board on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. before final adoption at the regular meeting on Nov. 20.

In other business, Councilman LaGasse moved to reappoint Mr. Michael Sinniger to another 5 year term on the Town's Board of Assessment Review, with term ending Sept. 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

As the Assessment Board of Review will be increasing from 3 members to 5 members next year, it was decided to place an ad in the paper seeking out other people for the Board.

Mr. Walter Ferguson then addressed the Board concerning the Village dissolution issue. He was concerned that Town residents would feel the greatest tax increase as an end result and told the Board he believes if the Village wants to dissolve, they should only receive the same services that the Town provides at this time.

The Board thanked him for his comments and suggested that more Lyons residents start to attend Town meetings so thoughts could be heard.

At 7:40 p.m., Councilman Paliotti moved to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

At 8:15 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
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sal J. Colatarci
Lyons Town Clerk