

Oct. 29, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a regular monthly meeting on Wed. Oct. 29, 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: Atty Michele Villani, Pete Mastracy, Jim Wedman, David Closs, John Paliotti

Absent:

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman DeSain moved to accept the minutes from the Sept. 24 meeting and the October 8 and Oct 22 workshops. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman DeSain voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilwoman Collins voting aye
Supervisor Manktelow voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye for Oct. 22 workshop minutes but abstaining from the Sept 24 and Oct. 8 minutes as he was not present.

Supervisor Manktelow reminded everyone about the invitation from the American legion with regard to the Veterans Day events in the Park on Nov. 11 at 11 am.

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers #411 through #460 totaling \$46,716.16
And Highway Fund vouchers #179 through #198 totaling \$43,800.32

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

Department reports were heard. Ambulance Administrator Paul Fera Jr., in his written report stated that the ambulance responded to a total of 125 calls in the month of Sept.

Assessor Tina McQuillen, her written report stated that there were 12 home sales in the month of September, most of the sales were arms length and the enhanced STAR and agricultural exemptions continue to come into the office.

Cemetery Sexton John Paliotti reported that in the month of Sept., there were 4 full burials in the Elmwood Cemetery and 1 cremation burial in Rural Cemetery. Also five foundations were placed at the Elmwood and cemetery employees at Rural have been straightening head stones and markers.

Highway Supt. Jake Emmel, in his written report stated the department has been stocking sand for the upcoming winter and mixed with salt, 600 tons of salt has been hauled in has helped the County with the sidewalk in front of DSS on Water Street. It was also announced that Charles McIntyre will be retiring on Nov. 30, 2014. It was suggested by Mr. Emmel that the Board think about hiring a new full time person by Veterans day to get him or her oriented for the upcoming winter season. Also this year's part time winter parking employees will be Mike Ocque, Rodney Lake, and Randy Wadhams.

Code Enforcement Office Bob Darcangelis, in his written report, stated that 7 building permits were issued in September, along with 26 C of C inspections done.

The Board was then presented with the Town's 2015 preliminary budget. The Board will continue working on the budget following this meeting.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Councilwoman Collins moved to move the date of the regular monthly meeting in Nov. to Wed. Nov 19. and to move the regular meeting in December to Monday the 29. Both will begin at 7 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

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

Village Dissolution was then discussed. Supervisor Manktelow explained that the Board needs to pass a resolution allowing for the grant application to the State for monies for the Re-Organization Implementation for Town funding.

As part of the grant application process, Councilman D'Amato moved the following resolution:

AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A NYS LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CITIZEN'S RE-ORGANIZATION EMPOWERMENT GRANT
(CREG) APPLICATION FOR RE-ORGANIZATION IMPLEMENTATION
(RFA#DOS01-CREG-2014: IMPLEMENTATION)

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons (the "Town") will assume responsibility for all governmental functions of the Village of Lyons (the "Village") upon the formal dissolution of the Village on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there are many costs associated with the transition of services from the Village to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified three crucial areas requiring funding assistance, which will serve as the basis for the CREG Re-Organization Implementation grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Town will request funding assistance to subsidize costs for building conditions assessments and a space needs analysis; an asset management plan for all Town and Village equipment and infrastructure; and legal costs in connection with the formation of water, sewer, lighting, sidewalk and debt districts; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Lyons Town Board designates Lyons Town Supervisor Brian Manktelow as the lead contact person for the CREG Re-Organization Implementation grant application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute and submit a CREG Re-Organization Implementation grant application on behalf of the Town of Lyons in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative documents and processes relating to the implementation of the CREG Re-Organization Implementation grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Lyons Town Board authorizes the commitment of the required ten percent local match for activities funded under the CREG Re-Organization Implementation grant.

Above resolution seconded by Councilman DeSain. Vote:

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

Councilman LaGasse then stated that the Town continues to have discussions with both the Village Mayor and the County Water Authority concerning the water and sewer departments. concerning possible solutions for the operation and formation of districts.

Mr. David Closs from East Aurora, NY addressed the Board concerning what he and his cousin believe are lost or mis-placed grave stones belonging to his ancestors from the early and middle 1800's. he explained that about 4 or five of his family members were once buried at a grave site at was once the Presbyterian Church located on Queen Street. When the church burned down and a new one built, bodies were moved to other cemeteries in Lyons. Mr. Closs said the family plot is now at the Rural Cemetery at Potter Field, but the stones did not come over with the bodies. He further believes that over the years, those grave stones have been used as part of a basement floor at 70 Broad Street. He is asking for the Town's help in recovering those stones, if in fact, they are in the basement of the home. Town Cemetery Sexton John Paliotti told Mr. Closs he would contact the owner of the home, to see if in fact, those stones are in the basement and what can be done to remove the stones and place them at the family plot in Rural Cemetery.

Supervisor Manktelow said he has been informed that the Leach Road Bridge will be closed for about 2 weeks as repair work is done by the State to the structure.

Jim Wedman updated the Board on the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals. He said the Board may have to look for a replacement for one current member of the Board as he may not continue serving.

At 7:45 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to go into executive session to discuss an employment issue. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

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

At 8:20 p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Collins. Vote:

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

The Board then continued to work on the proposed 2015 Town Budget.

At 10:00 p.m., Councilwoman Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman LaGasse. Vote:

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

Sal J. Colatarci
Lyons Town Clerk