

Oct. 22, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a workshop on Wed. Oct. 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Library Community Room.

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

Also Present: Mayor Terry VanStean, Sean Dobbins, Jim Blandino, Ernie Evangelist, Dennis Alvaro, Denise Darcangelis, Dave and Donna DeWolf, Stuart Smart, Bob Darcangelis, Chuck Bridger, Steve Brendlinger, Jeff Shields, Bob Milliman, Pete Mastracy, Ron and Jane Decracker DeCracker, Sherry Shultz, Barb DiSanto, Ce Ce Zorn, Helen Weimer, Denise Eaton, Karen DeSain, Pete and Diane Kitchen, Tony Calabrese, John Mutari, Jerimiah Dresser, Shannon Brendlinger

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 the purpose of tonight's workshop was to have an informal round table discussion with the Village Board concerning the dissolution process. Mr. Manktelow suggested the Village Board give its input and suggestions as to how to make the transition process a smooth one.

Mayor VanStean suggested that Village expenses are not going away and will be a part of the Town's 2016 budget. He believes any saving will come from the help of the County, as the County should not continue to get a free ride just because Lyons is the County Seat.

Supervisor Manktelow stated that for every \$100,000.00 that is added to the Town budget, it carries about a 60 cent tax increase per thousand assessed value on a property. As an example, he said by just bringing over the Village Police Department, that would increase taxes about \$4.00 per thousand. He also stated that soon after the Town's 2015 budget is adopted, the Town Board will begin plugging in numbers to estimate tax rates for a 2016 budget.

Councilman LaGasse questioned whether the Village would agree to transitioning some of the services over to Town control sooner than January 1, 2016, such as water and sewer billing and operation and incorporating the DPW into the Town Highway Dept. The Village Board agreed that would be fine.

Other topics discussed by the two Boards included, storage of Village records, such as police and court documents, the repair and upkeep of the Village sanitary sewer system, purchase of the Community Center by the Town, and any additional staffing requirements and or services that would be needed by the Town.

It was also announced that there are no lawsuits pending against the Village at this time.

As there was no further business, Councilman D'Amato moved to adjourn. 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

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk