

Sept. 29, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on Sept. 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present: Jake Emmel, Supervisor
John Paliotti, Councilman
Joanne Greco-Eddy, Councilwoman
Ralph D'Amato, Councilman
James Brady, Councilman
Sal Colatarci, Town Clerk
Tim Moore, Highway Supt.

Also Present: Dan LaGasse, Kayla Sturgill, Adam Bullock, Richard Bogan, Carolyn Grasso, John Hawman, Tony Villani, Amy Shaffer,

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Brady moved to accept the minutes from the Aug. 25, 2021 Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy abstaining (was not at meeting)
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilwoman Greco-Eddy moved to approve payment of General Fund vouchers #446 through #494 totaling \$105,777.53

Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman Brady moved to approve payment of Highway Fund vouchers #173 through #200 totaling \$76,040.88

Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman Brady then moved to approve sidewalk reimbursement to Harold Smith (78 sq. feet totaling \$156.00) and to reimburse Lee Bauer (36 sq. feet totaling \$72.00) as both had completed a sidewalk permit and approval of the projects from CEO Richard Bogan. Motion seconded by Councilman D'Amato. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman Brady then moved to grant permission to the Pumpkin Palooza committee to hold the annual even on Sat. Oct. 2, 2021 in the downtown park area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greco-Eddy.
Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman Paliotti moved to accept the tentative 2022 Town budget as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Brady. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

As the tentative budget is nothing more than a "wish list", Supervisor Emmel and the Board set the following dates for budget workshops: Oct. 6, Oct. 12, Oct. 14, and Oct. 19. All will be held at the Town Hall at 3 p.m.

The Board then heard a brief presentation from a representative from Bergmann Architects regarding a proposed solar farm on property owned by Smith farms near Route 14 south. Town Attorney Tony Villani explained that the process allows that the Town Planning Board and the County Planning Board must approve of the proposal before coming to the Town Board.

Mr. Dan LaGasse asked the Board when there would be public comment on the proposal. Mr. Villani explained that each stage of the process would require various public hearings, at which time comments would be heard.

Department reports were heard. Code Enforcement Officer Richard Bogan reported from August 25, 2021, through September 27, 2021:

Building Permits issued: ...18
Building Permits Cleared, compliance issued....27

Violation/Order to Remedy issued: ...32
Violations Cleared:27

Other Permits: 2 sump / inflow inspections,

Fire Safety Inspection for operating permits:, 6 multi-family

Appearance Tickets. 4 scheduled or pending in Town Court, 3 disposed

Zoning and Planning: 1 zoning issue pending, Dry Dock, 4 applications in progress, Canalside, Pacello, Solar. Engineer meeting on Gardner
1 regular ZBA meeting, 1 regular Planning meeting

Assessor Kayla Sturgill reported 19 Property Transfers(Sales) in Aug

- 3 Arms length usable for valuation purposes
- 8 quit claim(between family members, owner changes etc)-not valuation usable

- 2 REO purchase from county auction
- 1 Property split into 2 new parcels

Wayne County Regional Land Bank purchased the following properties that were foreclosed on by the county due to unpaid taxes:

- 58-66 Canal St-previously owned by WEM Property LLC
- 39 Shuler St-previously owned by Vandyke
- 17 Rice St-previously owned by Webber
- 39 Elmer St-previously owned by Graf
- 50 Canal St-previously owned by Speary
- 46 Canal St-previously owned by Olga

September has been a busier month. Many phone calls regarding school bills, address changes, and assessment questions.

Tax rates have been updated and are available on the Wayne County website.

Agricultural exemption forms will be sent out the end of October/beginning of November.

Director of Ambulance Operations John Wiltsie, in a written report, reported for the month of Aug., 2021:

Lyons calls: 98, Eastern Wayne:7, Newark: 8
Total calls : 113

Stryker Powerload had a bad circuit board repaired under service contract.

Aaron DiSanto painted rims on WN-4 free of charge. We bought the Paint.

Sept was a very busy month.

Highway Supt. Tim Moore reported milling has begun in the two downtown parking lots. If all goes well, the project of repaving should be completed early next week.

The parking lot at the former American Legion and fire hall is completed, along with new sidewalks and storm drainage.

Roadside mowing continues, as well as brush pickup.

The department helped the Town of Arcadia with oil and stone work.

At 7:30p.m., Councilman D'Amato moved to go into executive session to discuss a pending litigation matter. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Councilman Brady voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

At 8:30, Councilman Brady moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye
Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman D'Amato voting aye
Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye
Supervisor Emmel voting aye

Councilman Brady then moved that beginning January 1, 2022, all Town employees sick, personal, and vacation time be tracked on the Town's payroll program, and all department heads must furnish accumulated days to the payroll clerk when requested by her so that data can be loaded into the payroll system prior to the first of the new year. Motion seconded by Councilman Paliotti. Vote:

Councilman Brady voting aye

Councilman Paliotti voting aye

Councilman D'Amato voting aye

Councilwoman Greco-Eddy voting aye

Supervisor Emmel voting aye

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sal J. Colatarci

Lyons Town Clerk