

February 8, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on February 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present: Jim Brady, Supervisor
John Paliotti, Councilman
Dan LaGasse, Councilman
Adam Bullock, Councilman
Dan DeWolf, Councilman
Amy Shaffer, Town Clerk

Absent:

Also Present: Anthony Villani, Kayla Sturgill, Jim Wedman, Andrew DeWolf, Seth Herendeen, Nate Lasher, Christine Shove, Denise Clifford, Susanne Collins, Anne Wick, Carl Wick, Matt Owen, Kathryn Hartman, William Sikes

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.

Christine Shove was present to ask the board to reconsider allowing chickens in the Town Center. She gave the board her back story with owning chickens.

Andrew DeWolf then stood to discuss a few items one of which was the Town of Lyons Codes. He handed his notes as to the items that he requested to be put on the agenda. (Notes are on file at the Town Hall) He brought forth a number of points in relation to owning and maintaining of chickens and asked the board to rescind and reconsider codes especially in relation to chickens. Other town members spoke on behalf of allowing chickens to be raised in the Town Center. Some questions were raised in relation to the change that was made. The board indicated that they would re-evaluate the code in relation to owning chickens in Town Center.

The Assessor, Kayla Sturgill reviewed the RPTL 466-a Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers tax exemption. This is something that can be reviewed again next year should the board decide. It is minimum savings unless all entities (jurisdictions) decide to move forward with the exemption. (School, Town, Fire District and County)

Councilman Bullock moved to approve sending a letter of support for a Pomeroy Marker for the Octagon Building in Alloway. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye
Councilman Bullock voting aye
Councilman DeWolf voting aye
Supervisor Brady voting aye

There was some question as to whether it was a letter of support or something else that they were looking for. Councilman LaGasse requested that someone come forth with a letter stating what they are looking for.

Anne Wick presented a letter to the Town Board requesting that the town sponsor an application to the William G Pomeroy Foundation for a New York State Historical Marker for the Lyons Trolley Station. Anne will forward an email with the particulars for the board to review.

Attorney Villani indicated that Michelle Villani will be taking Katie Villani's place working with him out of his Lyons office. Michelle will come to the town office to complete any paperwork for the transition. Attorney Villani brought up the fact the law books that he has in his office are outdated. He is asking for

the town to go with an online system for law information. In doing so, the town would be able to look up the laws for a reference if need be. Attorney Villani will provide quotes to the town board.

Councilman LaGasse moved to accept a letter of resignation from the Lyons Town Planning Board for Ray Kesel. Councilman Paliotti seconded. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye
Councilman Bullock voting aye
Councilman DeWolf voting aye
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve an emergency demolition permit for 114 Broad Street due to a fire. Councilman Paliotti seconded. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye
Councilman Bullock voting aye
Councilman DeWolf voting aye
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse will work with the Lyons Community Center (Keith Bridger) in relation to specifics for an agreement between the Town and the LCC for budgeted items.

Andrew DeWolf brought forth his FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) appeal request and how it is past due. Under law section 489, the Town is past the deadline of the 10 days. He indicated that the town was in default and that he just would like an answer on the appeal. He wants to work with the town to rectify the situation. FOIL Appeal Officer Brady is asking for an additional 10 days, which is acceptable to Mr. DeWolf.

At 7:55 PM, Councilman DeWolf moved to go into Executive Session for pending litigation. Councilman LaGasse seconded. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye
Councilman Bullock voting aye
Councilman DeWolf voting aye
Supervisor Brady voting aye

At 8:35 PM, Councilman Paliotti moved to come out of Executive Session. Supervisor Brady seconded. Vote:

Councilman Paliotti voting aye
Councilman LaGasse voting aye
Councilman Bullock voting aye
Councilman DeWolf voting aye
Supervisor Brady voting aye

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Amy Shaffer

Town Clerk