March 27, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on March 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present: Jim Brady, Supervisor

Dan LaGasse, Councilman

George Dobbins, Councilman

Ryan Robbins, Councilman

Dan DeWolf, Councilman

Amy Shaffer, Town Clerk

Absent: Tim Moore, Highway Superintendent

Also Present: Glenn Wasman, Scott Bailey, Andrew DeWolf, Michael Bouwens, Marc Lewis, Patsy Hewes, Dave DeWolf, Denise Darcangelis, Robert Groom, Krista DeWolf, Diane Marquis, Steve Matteson, Melissa Taylor, Sean Taylor, Carol S. Bailey, Evone Pomerantz, John Cinelli, Susanne Collins, Kevin Meehan, Sean Dobbins, Calvin Butler, Joan Wallis, Glenn Wallis, Phil Dodson, Stuart Smart, Jenna Booth, Christopher DeRenzo, Michael Smith, Christina Savage

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 Dobbins moved to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2024. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse abstains

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve payment vouchers from 2/29/23 through 3/25/24 totaling $205,228.90. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse moved to accept the letter of resignation of Richard Vandermark for the Lyons Planning Board. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman Dobbins moved to authorize Supervisor Brady to sign an agreement with MRB for the EPA Climate Resiliency Grant submission assistance. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse moved to authorize Supervisor Brady to sign agreement with the Law Office of Timothy R. McGill for bond counsel for the disinfection project. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

At 6:45 PM, Councilman DeWolf moved to open the public hearing in relation to 65 Geneva Street special permit for conversion of property from single family home into a two-family home in a district where a special permit is required. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Mr. William Bailey was present to discuss said property. He states that the home was always a duplex and wants to keep it that way. This property was sold as a single-family home as the previous owner used it as such. Further discussion was had in relation to the current number of rental units in the Town of Lyons. There are over 1,000 rental units at this point, with a saturation point for a town this size at approximately 200 rental units. It was determined that prior to making a decision the town needs to review the SEQR part 1.

At 6:54 PM, Councilman LaGasse moved to close the public hearing. This item is tabled. Councilman Dobbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

At 6:55 PM, Councilman Dobbins moved to open the public hearing in relation to 3 Holley Street, request modification to existing permit. Currently open for one family would like to be able house more than one family at a time due to size of this home. She wants to be able to utilize open space. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Evonne Pomerantz of Family Promise presented a synopsis in relation to her request. She discussed the plan along with policies that are currently in place for families to follow while being part of the Family Promise program. If approved this would be the first home of Family Promise in Wayne County to allow more than one family in a single housing space at a time. This home is currently staffed M-F from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM that rotates on the weekends with on call coverage 24/7. Ms. Pomerantz stated that Family Promise does have other facilities in the US where 2 families occupy a single housing space. Further discussion was had in relation to this and the board is requesting more information regarding Family Promise successes and/or lack thereof elsewhere where 2 or more families occupy a single housing space. Councilman Robbins stated that currently HUD does not allow multiple families in one household.

This was tabled and the public hearing was left open for further information.

Andrew DeWolf respectfully requests to be able to see materials first in order for the public to be able to review materials prior. He would like to see the items tabled. The board indicated that we had just received materials for 3 Holley Street from Evonne Pomerantz at the meeting.

Pacello’s Liquor Store has been tabled as this is going back to the Town Planning Board.

Robert Groom of 8974 Lyons Marengo Road was present to discuss the Fire District Tax. He had come in prior with his concern that he has been paying the Fire District Tax but he was not able to vote in this past election as when 911 was contacted they told him that he was not in the Lyons Fire District. Assessor Sturgill, contacted the county to get things corrected. Mr. Groom’s main property (home) is in fact in the Lyons Fire District. This item has been rectified. Mr. Groom was also charged the sewer district capital charge however, he is not able to get town water and should not have been charged as this service ends at the Silgan location. The board indicated to Mr. Groom to pay his taxes omitting the sewer capital charge.

Councilman Dobbins moved to accept the town property lawn mowing bid from Dave Burnham’s Lawn Service. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman LaGasse moved to approve the Deputy Clerk’s attendance at the NYSTCA training from April 21st – April 24th in Albany. This will come from the Town Clerk’s budgeted contractual. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Carol Bailey was present. She provided handouts of the Winter 2024 Lyons Heritage Society newsletter. She pointed out the last page that had some history in relation to Taylor Park. She stated that the community minded citizens of the Town of Lyons would like to see the obelisk and the memorial remain in Central Park. She provided other locations within Central Park where the obelisk could be relocated. She indicated that Myron Taylor’s wishes were to have a straight visual line to the rotundo. They would like to see cherry trees planted in that park like there was back in the day.

Dave DeWolf spoke about how there was always a monument of significance to the veterans in Central Park. He requested that the obelisk be moved back to Central Park where he feels that it belongs. There is plenty of room for the new monument and the obelisk. He suggested placing the obelisk to the west side of Central Park. He feels that if the board goes ahead with their plans that they will be killing Memorial Day and Veterans Day services. Andrew DeWolf asks that the board table any further action and open this up to the public. Supervisor Brady will get together with a committee to discuss further and invite the public.

The Planning Board asked for a resolution to accept training from certain agencies and to allow a certain number of training hours to be carried over into the following year. This matter is tabled.

Councilman DeWolf moved to declare May 16th- May 18th of this year as the Town Clean Up days. The Town of Lyons will have roll off dumpsters available as in the past at the Town Barns at 70 Clyde Road. More information will follow and will be published in the Times of Wayne as the time gets closer. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Bouwens reviewed a zoning map. He stated that the department will be making one inclusive map.

Department reports were reviewed by the Town Board. Public inspection of said reports is available at the Town Hall upon request.

The Board gave updates on any unfinished business.

At 8:30 PM, Councilman DeWolf moved to enter in to Executive session to discuss a pending litigation (Krich vs. Town of Lyons), contract discussion in reference to Local Government Support services and a personnel matter that could be a detriment if discussed as it may violate provisions of the Taylor Law and civil service laws. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

Andrew DeWolf refused to leave as he did not hear the motion to enter into Executive Session. Conversations ensued.

At 8:32 PM, a 911 call was placed to assist in the removal of Mr. Andrew DeWolf refusing to leave. At 8:36 PM, Sheriff Deputies arrived. Andrew DeWolf left the meeting with the Deputy.

At 9:09 PM, Councilman Dobbins moved to exit the Executive session. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman LaGasse voting aye

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye

Councilman DeWolf voting aye

Supervisor Brady voting aye

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Amy L. Shaffer

Lyons Town Clerk