

February 28, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Lyons met for a meeting on February 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present: Jim Brady, Supervisor  
George Dobbins, Councilman  
Ryan Robbins, Councilman  
Dan DeWolf, Councilman  
Amy Shaffer, Town Clerk

Absent: Dan LaGasse, Councilman and Tim Moore, Highway Superintendent

Also Present: Evonne Pomeranz, Glenn Wasman, Kayla Sturgill, Michael Bouwens, Marc Lewis, Christina Savage, John Cinelli

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 DeWolf moved to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2024. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman Dobbins moved to approve payment vouchers from 1/24/23 through 2/27/24 totaling \$167,814.30. Councilman DeWolf seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman DeWolf moved to accept the letter of resignation of Tom Finewood for the Lyons Zoning Board. Mr. Finewood will stay on until the town can find a replacement. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman DeWolf moved to officially accept the letter of resignation of Jenny Traugh. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

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 Income Eligibility Levels - Real Estate Law 467 – Partial Tax Exemptions for Sr. Citizens. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

The Assessor, Kayla Sturgill provided handouts to the town board and proceeded to answer any questions.

As there was no further public comment, at 6:52 PM, Councilman DeWolf moved to close the public hearing. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman DeWolf then moved to approve Resolution 2 of 2024 revised schedule of income eligibility levels for Real Property Tax Law 467. Councilman Dobbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman Dobbins moved to approve Supervisor Brady signing agreement with Contento's Demolition for removal and relocation of the Central Park Obelisk to Taylor Park including complete removal of the foundation base. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman Dobbins moved to approve CEO Bouwens attendance at the Building Officials Conference April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Syracuse. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Councilman Robbins moved to approve the resolution pertaining to the Elmwood and Rural cemeteries that have been operated and maintained by the Town of Lyons for a period in excess of 14 years. Councilman Dobbins seconded.

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Supervisor Brady discussed the plans for Taylor Park with the moving of the Obelisk to that park. He mentioned that the Veteran's Memorial will also be moved to that park.

Councilman DeWolf discussed plans for new benches, a bike rack, new garbage cans for the dock side. The town is waiting to hear back from the state on a grant that was submitted for such. We should know more by April. Discussion in relation to fixing the stairway going up to McDonald's was had along with fixing the dock behind the firehouse.

Supervisor Brady reminded everyone of a joint meeting with the CIC (Community Citizens Implementation Committee) on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the town hall. There will be a board meeting immediately following.

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.

Supervisor Brady mentioned that the United Methodist church is looking for help in some way in relation to the costs associated with fixing the shutters as rain has been able to come in along with pigeons. This may negatively affect the clocks. Discussion was had in relation to the town inheriting the clock back in the day. The church has a quote from Dobbins Contracting. Further discussion will be had at the next meeting.

Supervisor Brady discussed needing a tractor to assist in the moving headstones back in place as currently this is a more than one man job. When discussed with Superintendent Moore, he stated that money could be taken from his budget to purchase said tractor as the Highway Department could use the tractor during the winter months. There are attachments that can be purchase for different projects. Quotes were provided for a John Deere, a Bobcat and a Kubota. Councilman DeWolf moved to authorize the purchase of a Bobcat tractor from Bobcat of the Finger Lakes not to exceed \$18,361.05.

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins abstains  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Supervisor Brady updated the board on the State Route 14 paving. If the state paves Route 14 this year, the manholes (tops and caps) are not in the budget to be fixed at the same time. It is not a good plan to have the manholes taken care of at a later date. With that being said, it is better to hold off on the paving of Route 14 through the town until the state can take care of the manholes at the same time. If we hold off, the state would come in to patch up the areas that are really bad. The board agreed.

In Code Enforcement Officer Bouwens' monthly report, he mentioned that the following items are not on the fee schedule for building permits; Generator Installation (\$50), Roofs (\$50) and Decks (\$80). Councilman DeWolf moved to approve the fee schedule amendment to include the above-mentioned items. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins abstains  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

John Cinelli mentioned that he would be interested in the open position on the Zoning Board. Councilman Dobbins moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Cinelli to the Lyons Zoning Board. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye  
Councilman Robbins abstains  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

Mr. Cinelli wanted to mention that he feels that the new Code Enforcement Officer and the Building Safety Inspector are doing a good job and wanted to acknowledge that.

At 7:21 PM, Councilman DeWolf moved to enter in to Executive session to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Robbins seconded. Vote:

Councilman Dobbins voting aye

Councilman Robbins voting aye  
Councilman DeWolf voting aye  
Supervisor Brady voting aye

At 7:59 PM, Councilman Dobbins moved to exit the Executive session. Councilman Robbins seconded.  
Vote:

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