

A Town Board Meeting was held on October 15, 2026, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Rode, Supervisor
Vince Mangan, Councilor
Ed Schmitt, Councilor
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Rode called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a pledge to the Flag.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, Al Yager, Town Engineer, Attorney from Cerio Law Firm, and several guests and residents.

TABLED

Motion made by Councilor _____ seconded by Councilor _____ to adopt the October 1, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE WEST PHOENIX FIRE DISTRICT/ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY 2027 AGREEMENT

RES#246/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to open the public hearing at 6:31 PM to consider the West Phoenix Fire District/Enterprise Fire Company 2027 Agreement.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE WEST PHOENIX FIRE DISTRICT/ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY 2027 AGREEMENT

RES#247/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to close the public hearing at 6:33 PM to consider the West Phoenix Fire District/Enterprise Fire Company 2027 Agreement.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

Hearing no comments, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER 2027 TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET

RES#248/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to open the public hearing to consider the 2027 Town of Lysander budget.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rode reviewed the proposed budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Following the presentation, former municipal comptrollers and audience members offered comments and questions, summarized below. The PowerPoint presentation and full meeting video are available on the Town’s website.

The former Town of Lysander Comptroller, David Rahrle, expressed concern regarding the proposed tax increase and the absence of appropriated fund balance in the General Funds. He recommended refining year-end fund balance projections before adopting the budget and considering additional fund balance to reduce the tax levy. Mr. Rahrle stated that highway aid received above budgeted amounts could result in a higher Highway Fund balance than projected. He also suggested applying additional Highway Fund balance toward equipment purchases.

Supervisor Rode explained that the proposed highway equipment allocation had been reduced from approximately \$1.4 million to \$952,000. He discussed rising equipment costs, uncertainty regarding state highway aid, road maintenance needs, and his preference to purchase equipment without borrowing. He also cited increased salt costs, overtime, and additional winter staffing to improve highway services. Supervisor Rode acknowledged the ongoing work of the current Comptroller to bring financial reporting up to date and stated that updated financial information would help guide future highway spending decisions.

Mr. Rahrle also questioned a proposed \$125,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Following discussion of several capital improvements, Supervisor Rode stated that he would review his supporting budget notes and provide clarification.

Greg Maxwell, the former Comptroller for the Towns of Van Buren and Salina, expressed concern about the proposed tax increase and its effect on residents, particularly those on fixed or limited incomes. He recommended reviewing fund balance needs individually for each fund and considering additional appropriations of available fund balance to reduce the tax burden.

Mr. Maxwell questioned increases in salary allocations for the Supervisor’s and Comptroller’s offices. Supervisor Rode explained that an existing employee’s salary, previously allocated among three functions, was now divided between the Supervisor’s and Comptroller’s offices. He also noted the proposed increase in the Supervisor’s salary and additional assistance in the Town Clerk’s office for tax collection.

Mr. Maxwell suggested exploring shared management of Canton Woods, establishing a capital reserve for equipment, and using short-term financing to spread the cost of highway equipment and other capital purchases over several years. Supervisor Rode discussed prior conversations regarding Canton Woods, the Town’s equipment needs, and the Town’s comparatively low tax rate. Mr. Maxwell urged the Town Board to conduct further budget review and consider additional fund balance and financing options to reduce the proposed increase.

Other residents of the town commended the Board on their work with the budget, in that the town is making an investment in equipment and labor in the Highway Department. The full discussion is available on the Town’s website: www.townoflysander.org.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
THE 2027 TOWN OF LYSANDER BUDGET**

RES#249/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to close the public hearing to consider the 2027 Town of Lysander Budget at 8:02 PM.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

Hearing all comments, all ayes, motion carried.

Town Board Comments/Supervisor’s Comments

The Town Board members discussed the budget, and Councilor Schmitt noted that environmental issues regarding the Data Center Committee have been discussed. The next meeting will be at the library as early voting will be held in Town Hall. Supervisor Rode once again noted that the Town Board is in agreement with passing the moratorium on Data Centers in Town of Lysander as well. Supervisor Rode reiterated to the public that comments at the public hearing should focus on the moratorium.

Department Head Reports

Town Clerk Dina Falcone noted a letter from NYS DOT regarding the traffic/speed study for Route 370. The traffic speed limit reduction was denied, as the letter stated the speed limit is appropriate for the area.

Agenda Items

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2027 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT/ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY/WEST PHOENIX FIRE

RES#250/2026

Motion by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2027 Fire Protection Agreement by and between the Town of Lysander and Enterprise Fire Company No. 1.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL ORDER OF THE FORMATION OF THE COLD SPRINGS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

RES#251/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Mangan to approve the Final Order of the formation of the Cold Springs Sewer District No. 1.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWHN CLERK TO REQUEST A SPEED/TRAFFIC STUDY FOR SWAMP AND AVERY ROADS

RES#252/2026

Motion by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan that the Town Clerk be authorized to request a speed study for the entire lengths of both Swamp Road and Avery Road.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO LEVY UNPAID SEWER BILLS

RES#253/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to levy any unpaid Sewer Bills from the Village of Phoenix to the 2027 County / Town Property Tax Bills.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO LEVY UNPAID PROPERTY REMEDIATION BILLS

RES#254/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to levy any unpaid property remediation bills from the Town of Lysander to the 2027 County / Town Property Tax Bills.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION TO LEVY UNPAID SEWER BILLS

RES#255/2026

Motion made by Councilor Mangan seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to levy any unpaid Sewer Bills from the Village of Baldwinsville to the 2027 County / Town Property Tax Bills.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN THE DOG CONTROL CONTRACT WITH FRIENDS FOREVER (2027-2029)**

RES#256/2026

Motion made by Councilor Schmitt seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas to authorize Town Supervisor to sign the Dog Control contract with Friends Forever for 2027-2029.

Supervisor Rode	Aye	Councilor Kudarauskas	Aye	Councilor Mangan	Aye
Councilor Schmitt	Aye				

All ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Mangan to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:17 PM.

All ayes, motion carried.

This is a true and complete recording of the action taken at this meeting.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk