

**Minutes of the Joint Public Hearing with the Town of Lysander held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall,  
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.  
August 9, 2018**

**Joint Public Hearing to consider a petition filed by the Town of Lysander to annex the property located at 8439 Smokey Hollow Road and owned by the Town of Lysander to the Village of Baldwinsville**

Members of the Village of Baldwinsville present:

Mayor Dick Clarke  
Trustee Bruce Stebbins  
Trustee Mike Shepard  
Trustee Andy Dryden  
Trustee Ruth Cico  
Trustee Megan O'Donnell

Absent: Trustee Mark Wilder

Members of the Town of Lysander present:

Supervisor Joseph Saraceni  
Councilor Robert Ellis  
Councilor Peter Moore  
Councilor Robert Geraci  
Councilor Roman Diamond

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Town Clerk Dina Falcone; Village residents Cindy Clarke, Mike Foster, Sally Dayger, Mary Hendel, Ralph Seeber and Brian and Louise Corrigan, Town residents Gene Dinsmore, Kevin Rode, Tony Burkinshaw, Jock Baumgartner and Steve Darcangelo; Messenger representative Ashley Casey; and Ernest Hamm, a representative from the Public Access Channel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

**Comments in favor of the proposal**

Mike Foster, resident at 45 Carousel Lane, commented that he is in favor of the annexation since it would provide for extra police protection at the park. Foster also noted that it would be an additional park that will help promote the village for prospective homeowners.

**Comments against the proposal**

Louise Corrigan, resident at 21 Edgewood Drive, is not in favor of the annexation because she feels that the village will not benefit from it. Corrigan noted that the village will be providing various services to the town-owned park and will not get any tax dollars from the town to cover these services.

Like Corrigan, village resident Mary Hendel was wondering what benefit there would be for village residents if the annexation went through.

Town resident Kevin Rode questioned the boards: What will the village charge the town for providing services and couldn't an IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) be used. The board will address concerns later in the meeting.

Village resident Cindy Clarke's main concern is the lack of benefits to the village if the park was annexed.

Gene Dinsmore, a town resident, conveyed his opinion that there is not enough factual information to make an intelligent decision. He noted that in his opinion it would add too much responsibility to the Village Police department.

- **Closed Public Hearing**

**Resolution #116/2018** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard  
Resolved that the joint public hearing be closed at 8:00 p.m.

**Carried**

**Board Discussion**

**Town of Lysander** Superintendent Joseph Saraceni and Lysander board members spoke regarding the concerns from the audience:

- Annexation is a natural request because two-thirds of the village resides in the Town of Lysander and therefore those residents pay as much for the Town's park as a Radisson resident.
- Intermunicipal agreements expire at the end of five years. They are renewable, but it would have to be approved by both the village and the town boards again. Not sure if future boards would feel as strongly for this agreement.
- The only cost to the village would be the added police protection. The Baldwinsville Police department respond to most incidents at the Lysander park already.
- The Town of Lysander, as owner of the property, will maintain and operate the park as usual.
- OCWA (Onondaga County Water Authority) will continue to service the water. The sewer for the bathroom facilities ONLY will be based on water usage through a water meter that will be serviced by the village if the annexation is approved. If the proposed Spray Park is built, the water used will come from OCWA and will not go through the Village's sewer system. Any run-off from the pad will flow into the creek. Some will be absorbed into the ground with the remainder going to Tannery Creek and eventually the Seneca River. There should be zero impact on the Village.
- Regarding concerns about water run-off if the Spray Park is constructed – DEC approval is needed for any projects that the Town proposes.

**Village of Baldwinsville** Mayor Dick Clarke and board members commented on the proposed annexation:

- The proposed annexation of Lysander Park would add to the desirability of village life. The Village needs to be proactive.
- The board needs to decide whether it is in the over-all public interest to approve the annexation.
- The village should have no more responsibility over the park than it does now with the exception of added police protection.
- Trustee Dryden voiced an opposition to the annexation noting that it is not necessary. Dryden feels that an IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) could be put in place for any services. He has budget concerns for the additional police protection and the actual cost of the annexation.
- Trustee Stebbins stated that the village has a practice of not giving services to properties that are contiguous to the village unless they annex into the village. Therefore, an IMA would not go along with this philosophy.
- The Town of Lysander, as the property owner, would still be subject to the village's code as it regards to site plan review, building permits and fees. The village would be the final decision maker on what is allowed in the park.

**Resolution #117/2018** Moved by Councilor Diamond, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the Joint Public Hearing be adjourned at 8:25p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*  
*Village Clerk*