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Lysander Town Board statement regarding the lease negotiations with the NYS Troopers:

1. The signed lease between the Town of Lysander and the State of New York through the Superintendent of State Police was a 20-year agreement from 1/1/04 thru 12/31/24. Per the lease agreement, The Town of Lysander residents are solely responsible for all maintenance and utility bills associated with that building with the current lease. This is a standard agreement within the NYS Troopers lease agreements.
2. The current payment of \$989.93 was to cover a grant the Town expected to receive that fell through. The monthly payment is made to cover the additional bonding the Town needed to cover the initial construction cost of the building. Therefore, the NYS Troopers do not pay for any upkeep or use of the building besides internet/phone, as per the lease agreement.
3. The NYS Troopers are the only tenants in that building.
4. The negotiation of the lease goes through the Troopers real estate and contractual obligation arm in Albany.
5. This Barracks has a coverage area that covers the Northern half of Onondaga County. Lysander is guaranteed no additional resources or coverage even though the barracks is located in Lysander and is the sole responsibility of The Town of Lysander. We also understand that the presence of the barracks, and the Trooper vehicles travelling to and from this building and their staffing presence, provides an additional sense of police security to our residents.
6. During Lease negotiations the lease negotiators were asked if they were interested in purchasing the building and owning it themselves, the Town was told they no longer purchase property. The Town's net cost to provide the various services such as snow plowing and other maintenance activities that cost approximately \$20 - 30 thousand dollars annually with additional large maintenance costs on the horizon (paving, hvac replacement, roof replacement, exterior painting, etc.). They explained they would be willing to pay the utility costs and possibly plowing expenses) and spread the costs out over the term of the next lease agreement of 5-15 years.

In closing, The ENTIRE Lysander Town Board does not want to see the NYST presence leave and it will be our goal to actively pursue and negotiate a fair and balanced agreement that will benefit both the State Troopers and the taxpayers and residents of The Town of Lysander.