

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sweden was held at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Robert Carges, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Mary Rich and Councilperson Lori Skoog. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Don Grentzinger, Christine Hamlin, Curt and Karen Conklin, Don Pophal, Kevin Breiner, Dale Robinson, Pat Cliff, Bill Johnson, Ruby Stettner, Dave Stettner, Adam and Aimee Mesiti, Ben Cohen, Susan Smith and Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews.

Supervisor Carges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Carges asked if there were any comments from the visitors.

Resident Bill Johnson addressed the board. His comments included thanking the Town for providing the information requested in his FOIL request. He mentioned the first thing he noticed was the use of private emails by the Town Board when specific Town emails should be used. Mr. Johnson also stated that financial data shows that the Town Board needs to address the Senior Center. Councilperson Skoog stated she is the liaison for the center and has spent the last year accumulating data. Mr. Johnson commented on the auditing service process and stated as a taxpayer he was not happy with that process this year. He felt that the vacant board position should be filled so that person could assist in the decision making process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on December 29, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Rich made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to accept the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held on January 10, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

2017 Received From:

- *1. Brian Ingraham, Superintendent of Highways
- *2. Phyllis Brudz, Planning Clerk

Comments:

- Plow truck purchase recommendation
- Request for Steven Lauth, Michael Vergari and David Strabel to attend FLBOA Annual Education Conference – March 13 – 16, 2017

*Board has copies

RE: #2 Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to grant the request of Planning Clerk Phyllis Brudz for Steven Lauth, Michael Vergari and David Strabel to attend the FLBOA Annual Education Conference March 13 – 16, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Supervisor Carges mentioned the invitation to the Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner to be held on February 2, 2017.

**Councilperson Skoog made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Rich to grant the request of Finance Director Leisa Strabel to attend the GFOA conference in Albany, March 29 – 31, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

REPORTS

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported that they are trimming brush overgrowth on Town roads, focusing on snow and ice control, and have teamed with the Village to clear brush and debris from Coleman Creek stretching from Route 19 to Canal Road. Mr. Ingraham is also drafting the 2017 summer road work program.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel discussed with the board Governor Cuomo’s recent strategy to control local government spending. She indicated that the requirements of such plan may affect state aid to local municipalities. Mrs. Strabel explained the recent Family Care Act and told the Board that the Town is exempt. The Board also discussed the possibility of passing on the CDBG grant application this year as no project has been determined.

Councilperson Rich attended the Village Tax Relief Task Force Committee meeting and the Seymour Library Board meeting.

Councilperson Skoog reported on the Water Committee meeting. Pat Leonard shared survey statistics with the committee. The Town Board will meet with Jay Grasso at an upcoming work shop to present the survey findings. Mrs. Skoog would like to have a public meeting in April with several outside agencies to answer questions and obtain information. She encouraged residents to bring a list of questions to the February 16th meeting. The committee will draft a list of questions for the agencies so they can come prepared with answers.

Councilperson Muesebeck reported that two Solar Committee meetings have been held and they have been obtaining information from other towns and are drafting a proposed local law for consideration that will involve requirements for commercial farms – the current code has requirements in place for residential.

Supervisor Carges reported that he met with the Village Mayor to discuss joint projects.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2017 –
Amendments to Chapter 170 Vehicles and Traffic
of the Sweden Town Code

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden would like to amend Chapter 170 Vehicles and Traffic of the Sweden Town Code; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised Public Hearing was held by the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 265 of Town Law, at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on December 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM, to hear all persons interested in the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2016 – Amendments to Chapter 170 Vehicles and Traffic of the Sweden Town Code; and

WHEREAS, all persons desiring to be heard were heard, and due deliberation having been had; and

WHEREAS, in order to file the Local Law with the NY Secretary of State, the Local Law number must be updated to “Local Law 1 of 2017”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2017 – Amendments to Chapter 170 Vehicles and Traffic of the Sweden Town Code.

Sec. 2. That the complete text of Local Law No. 1 of 2017 is attached as Exhibit A.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to file a complete copy of Local Law No. 1 of 2017 with the Secretary of State, as required by law.

Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Muesebeck
Seconded by Councilperson Rich

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 24, 2017

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 20 Authorize Purchase of 2018 Volvo VHD64F Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck from Highway Equipment Reserve

WHEREAS, a Reserve was established for Highway Equipment on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested the purchase of a 2018 Volvo VHD64F Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck with plow, salt spreader and pre-wet equipment from Beam Mack Sales and Service, Inc, 6260 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse NY 13057 through the Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract Bid Reference 7823, in an amount not to exceed \$236,517.00; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of the truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the expenditure of up to \$236,517.00 from the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of the 2018 Volvo VHD64F Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck with plow, salt spreader and pre-wet equipment.

Sec. 2. That pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, this expenditure is subject to permissive referendum.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a public notice as required by law.

Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Skoog
Seconded by Councilperson Muesebeck

Discussion: Superintendent of Highways – this will replace a sixteen (16) year old truck.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 24, 2017

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Authorizing Purchase of One 2018 Volvo VHD64F
Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck with Equipment

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of one 2018 Volvo VHD64F tandem axel cab/chassis truck equipped with plow, salt spreader and pre-wet equipment from Beam Mack Sales and Service, Inc., 6260 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse NY 13057, through Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract Bid Reference 7823, in an amount not to exceed \$236,517.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the purchase of one 2018 Volvo VHD64F tandem axel cab/chassis truck with plow, salt spreader and pre-wet equipment from Beam Mack Sales and Service, Inc, 6260 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse NY 13057, through Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract Bid Reference 7823, in an amount not to exceed \$236,517.00.

Sec. 2. That upon delivery of the truck, the invoice will be paid from the Highway Equipment Reserve per Resolution No. 20 of 2017.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Skoog
Seconded by Councilperson Rich

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 24, 2017

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 22

2017 Standard Work Day and Reporting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town of Sweden location code 30156 hereby establishes the following (see Schedule A) as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Muesebeck
Seconded by Councilperson Skoog

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 24, 2017

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 23 Calling Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2017 – Adding to Sweden Town Code Chapter 164 Taxation Article VII Regarding Solar, Wind Energy and Farm Waste Energy Systems

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law § 487 allows for Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems to be eligible for a 15-year exemption from taxation to the extent of any increase in assessed value due to such systems; and

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law § 487 also allows for municipalities, including the Town of Sweden, to elect by local law to disallow such exemptions from taxation effective as of the date of adoption of such local law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to enact such local law to disallow such exemptions, and must hold and conduct a public hearing to consider the enactment of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden shall hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on Tuesday, ~~February 14~~ **February 7**, 2017 at 7:00 PM at which hearing all interested persons shall be heard concerning the enactment of Local Law #2-2017 adding proposed Article VII Solar, Wind Energy and Farm Waste Energy Systems to Chapter 164 Taxation.

Sec. 2. That the proposed Local Law reads as follows:

Solar, Wind Energy and Farm Waste Energy Systems

This Article is adopted pursuant to the Authority of Real Property Tax Law § 487 which allows for the adoption of a Local Law providing that the provisions of § 487 of the Real Property Tax Law allowing for exemptions from taxation to the extent of any increase in assessed value due to the construction of such systems shall not apply to any such systems constructed within the Town of Sweden after the effective date of this Article.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the public hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the town as required by Town Law.

Sec. 4. The text of the proposed Local Law is available in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town website.

Sec. 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Muesebeck
Seconded by Councilperson Rich

Discussion: Supervisor Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Muesebeck to change the date of the public hearing to February 7, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

MOTION for adoption of this amended resolution by Councilperson Muesebeck
Seconded by Councilperson Skoog

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD AS AMENDED:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 24, 2017

Adopted

**Supervisor Carges informed the board that he will not be able to attend the meeting on February 14th or the workshop on February 21st. He suggested cancelling both. The Board agreed to schedule a regular Town Board meeting for February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and determine at that meeting if the February 14th meeting will be necessary.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

All of the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 1 dated January 25, 2017 in the amount of \$658,304.62. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

General Fund: In the amount of \$430,340.85 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 25, 2017.
Highway Fund: In the amount of \$185,014.98 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 25, 2017.
Special Fund: In the amount of \$9,828.49 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 25, 2017.
Capital Fund: In the amount of \$33,120.30 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 25, 2017.

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No further discussion or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Skoog moved to adjourn the January 24, 2017 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:32 p.m. Councilperson Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk