

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, February 27, 2018.

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

Visitors present were Joan Hamlin, Christine Hamlin, Susan Smith, Don Grentzinger, Justin Rabjohn, Barb Deming, Wayne Zyra and Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews.

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Donald Grentzinger, a member of the Sweden Farmers Museum Committee, informed the board that the committee is in the preliminary stages of planning a Harvest Festival in September 2018. He asked if the committee needed approval for the event that would take place on a Saturday from 9am to 4 pm. Supervisor Johnson asked that the committee put together a plan and present it at an upcoming work session.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Kathy Case – letter thanking Jill Wisnowski and Joe Kincaid for their efforts during the transition of the seniors to the SCCC

#### REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported they have been busy with equipment maintenance and tree trimming along Owens Road, East Canal Road and West Canal Road in an attempt to keep drainage ditches clear. Supervisor Johnson noted that East Canal Road has not flooded as often as in the past. Mr. Ingraham stated that the Canal Corporation put in measures to control drainage in that area and it seems to be working well.

Town Attorney Jim Bell reported that the Solar Committee met to discuss several concerns expressed by the Building Department. The committee will meet again to draft suggested modifications to the current law. Supervisor Johnson mentioned that he attended a session on solar energy at the Association of Towns conference. Mr. Bell requested that any potential applicants with questions on the current law be directed to contact his office. Supervisor Johnson said that a potential applicant has indicated they will be going to the Zoning Board of Appeals and he is aware of a second potential application.

Jim Bell also reported the ongoing assessment litigation with WalMart. Supervisor Johnson mentioned also learning at the Association of Towns conference of legislation proposing to outlaw the use of “dark stores” in valuating commercial property. Discussion.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel reported that the auditors have finished on-site last week and the AUD is almost complete.

Councilperson Hayles reported that the Spring recreation brochures will be out in homes by March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Del Lago trip was a success and more trips for seniors are being planned for the Spring. The Easter event is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and proceeds from the breakfast will go to the food shelf. Mrs. Hayles reported that Recreation Supervisor Jill Wisnowski met with representatives from Bison’s Baseball to discuss the upcoming season. The Bison’s raised the

issue of concessions at the Town Park. (The board will discuss this at an upcoming work session.) Mrs. Hayles also reported that there are 19 reservations for the Lodge at the Town Park.

Councilperson Rich attended a Seymour Library Board meeting. The library will be conducting interviews of candidates for Chris Daily's position. She is retiring after 28 years of service. Her retirement party is scheduled for March 29, 2018.

Councilperson Hayles asked how the library's finances are and if the board had someone with a strong business background to advise them. Mrs. Rich indicated that the library board goes over the budget thoroughly. She added that the library was able to extend some hours due to the sizable donation from Clarkson Supervisor Underwood. Mrs. Hayles said it was too bad they weren't able to increase Director Carl Gouveia's salary. She understood he willingly took a cut in salary and feels that Mr. Gouveia is a well-qualified director.

Supervisor Johnson added that when he met with the Village Mayor, Clarkson Supervisor and Mr. Gouveia, he indicated that the Town would be receptive to requests for additional funding. He asked that Mr. Gouveia put together a "dream" budget to present to the boards. Mr. Johnson said he would like to see what it would cost to fully fund the library, then the boards can take a look at what they can do.

Councilperson Skoog asked about the library's desire for a district. Mr. Johnson would like to see if the towns and village can work together. Mrs. Skoog asked how any additional funding would be based – on population or equally by three. Supervisor Johnson answered per capita would be logical and felt it was worth coming up with a solution.

Councilperson Skoog said she received three calls from residents that saw the article pertaining to extending water in the Town. She asked when the committee would be meeting again. Supervisor Johnson felt that they should wait until the additional water study was received from the Town Engineer. Jay Grasso has finalized the survey and submitted the required letter. They are waiting for the response. Mr. Johnson anticipated meeting with the committee in May then proceed with public information events.

Supervisor Johnson reported for Councilperson Muesebeck that the tables were in for the Lodge at the Town Park, but still waiting for the chairs. He hopes they will be in before the first rental. Mr. Johnson had an opportunity to talk with playground/splash park vendors at the Association of Towns conference. He brought back catalogs that he will share with Wayne Zyra of the Sweden Community Foundation. He would like to get input from the foundation and proposed a meeting with them.

Mr. Johnson reported an incident that closed a portion of Redman Road. It was a domestic dispute that involved an altercation with a passerby. Mr. Johnson spoke with the Monroe County Sheriff C-Zone Commander and announced that the situation was under control.

Mr. Johnson reported that he attended the Association of Town conference and was able to attend sessions on the following topics: social media, project review, cloud computing, ethics, solar energy codes, vacant property, funding for water, budgeting, accounting for capital assets. He felt it was a great conference and suggested increasing the board's budget to allow other members of the board to attend.

Mr. Johnson would like to tentatively schedule a grand opening event for the Lodge at the Town Park – proposing April 14, 2018. He is obtaining quotes for a new AV system in the courtroom that may include a television screen for presentations. Councilperson Skoog indicated she may have a donor for the television screen. Mr. Johnson spoke with Greece Supervisor Bill Reilich about the splash park in Greece. Mr. Johnson suggested taking a tour of their park.

Mr. Johnson shared several concerns for the safety of pedestrians on Owens Road and will be meeting with Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham to discuss the process of requesting a lower speed limit. He also obtained information regarding a possible grant for

sidewalks along Owens Road. Mr. Johnson placed an ad in the Suburban News requesting letters of support from residents along Owens Road. The letters will be included in the grant application. Mr. Johnson would like to move forward quickly on this.

Mr. Johnson also reported that the cleaning and deposit requirements for the Lodge at the Town Park are in place; sales tax revenue has increased from last year; and the construction of the small playground near the Lodge at the Town Park will begin (received funding from a grant in 2015 in the amount of \$25,000). Mr. Johnson would also like to move forward on the path to the canal at the Town Park.

Supervisor Johnson provided Councilperson Rich with an old sample of an employee review report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to approve **all** Consent Agenda items as listed below.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing – Rezoning – Fourth Section Road Apartments held on February 13, 2018
- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on February 13, 2018
- Correspondence – Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham - permission to attend Advocacy Day March 6 – 7, 2018
- RESOLUTION NO. 40 Authorizing Spring Clean-up for 2018

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended to the Town Board that special spring clean-up days be set for the Town of Sweden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Spring Clean-up for the Town of Sweden for 2018 shall be during the week of April 30, 2018 through May 4, 2018.
- Sec. 2. That the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute said refuse operation in the Town of Sweden.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 41 Authorize Sale of 2014 Exmark Mower

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has recommended the disposal of a 2014 Exmark zero turn mower LZX940KC726 at the municipal auction to be held in Palmyra on May 12, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of the above-listed equipment at the municipal auction in Palmyra on May 12, 2018.
- Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

• RESOLUTION NO. 42 Authorize Sale of Highway Equipment

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has requested permission to dispose of following items of excess highway equipment through Auctions International:

2005 New Holland Backhoe with pallet forks  
1995 Chevrolet step van  
1990 D&S four-ton equipment trailer  
1986 Chevrolet box truck  
1985 Bomag 10-ton roller  
1986 Chevrolet pick-up truck

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of the above-listed equipment through Auctions International.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to reject any and all bids for the above-listed equipment received through Auctions International.

Sec. 3. That if the above-listed equipment is not sold through Auctions International for any reason, the Highway Superintendent is authorized to take said equipment to the municipal auction in Palmyra, New York in May 12, 2018.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- All of the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Skoog made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Rich authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 2 dated February 28, 2018 in the amount of \$1,184,866.69. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

General Fund: In the amount of \$903,265.35 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 28, 2018.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$132,830.22 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 28, 2018.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$6,386.92 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 28, 2018.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$142,384.20 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 28, 2018.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Johnson requested the time be changed for the March 6, 2018 work session to 5:00 pm. He would like the board to attend the Canal Corporation's public meeting at the Oliver Middle School from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The meeting will focus on the canal embankment project and remediation. The board agreed to meet from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel requested payment of the bills. (See Non-Consent Agenda item above.)

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Skoog moved to adjourn the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:50 p.m.

Councilperson Hayles seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk