

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 28, 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, Joan Hamlin, Christine Hamlin, Dale Robinson, Pat Cliff, Susan Smith, Frank Finney, Ena Farley, Jacquie Davis, Bret Schmidt, Andrew Stoker, Laurence Moore, Gary Webster, Ryan Soper, John Brugger, Larri Stephens, Rich Miller, Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews, Kristina Gabalski from Suburban News, Rick and Jackie Kartes from Stonehaven Commercial and Robert Cantwell from BME Associates.

Supervisor Carges called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. after a brief recess from the close of the public hearing and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Jacquie Davis, representing the Greater Brockport Development Corp., detailed the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal event being planned for July 2017. She is coordinating the activities in the Brockport area and envisions a festival atmosphere. Ms. Davis proposed the Town of Sweden's formal participation in the opening of the event with the Sweden Clarkson Community Center's July 3rd activities and fireworks. They would include this event in the advertising. Activities to follow – July 4th Morgan Manning celebration, July 5th presentation/play by the BUM Players of Brockport, July 6th opening of Summer Serenades with Julie Dunlap and the Albany Symphony on July 7th to close the event.

The Board approved participation in the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal.

Ms. Davis also requested a donation from the Town of Sweden to help with the cost. Supervisor Carges stated that they allow for celebratory funds in the budget each year.

**Councilperson Skoog made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Rich to contribute \$150 toward the cost of the event. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing – Local Law 2 of 2017 – Amendments to Chapter 164 Taxation held on February 7, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Rich to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on February 7, 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 February 21, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Supervisor Carges abstained due to his absence from such meeting. Motion adopted.

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

2017 Received From:

Comments:

- *1. Brian Ingraham, Superintendent of Highways Recommendation – 2017 Backhoe Purchase

- *2. Karen M. Sweeting, Town Clerk Request to attend NYSTCA Conference
 - *3. Brian Ingraham, Superintendent of Highways Spring Clean-up Dates 2017
 - *4. Brian Ingraham, Superintendent of Highways Request to attend 2017 Local Roads Matter Advocacy Day
 - *5. Adam Roberts, Dir. of Internal Audit, NYS Dept. Agriculture & Markets Submission of dog license surcharges – Animal Population Control Program
- *Board has copies

RE #1 Supervisor Carges would like to discuss this further at an upcoming work shop.

Supervisor Carges also received the following:

- Information from Lori Maher of NYS DOT regarding the 531 Terminus project.
- An invitation from Natalie Burch, Children’s Librarian at Seymour Library to participate in the annual Seymour Library – Brockport Kiwanis Club Design-a-Bookmark Contest.
- A list of questions drafted by the Water Committee for the “panelists” attending the information meeting in April.

REPORTS

Councilperson Muesebeck reported on the solar committee meetings. Town Attorney Jim Bell will attend a future meeting to share information obtained from the Association of Towns conference.

Councilperson Skoog reported on the Water Committee meeting.

Councilperson Rich reported that she attended the Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner along with Supervisor Carges and Councilperson Skoog as well as the Village of Brockport Tax Relief Tax Force committee meeting and the Seymour Library Board meeting.

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported standard maintenance work, guard rail repair, sewer pump station maintenance and the installation of 3,000 feet of water line for water spigots throughout Lakeview Cemetery.

Town Attorney Jim Bell attended the annual Association of Towns conference and mentioned that there were several sessions emphasizing solar energy. Many NYS Towns are dealing with the same issues and are in the process of drafting local laws as well. Mr. Bell also reported the pending Sweden Plaza Associates Article 7 assessment action. He added that the new occupant will change the “continuity” of the property which may affect the action.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel reported that the Snapshots newsletter is ready for the board to review.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 31 Authorizing Spring Clean-up for 2017

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 2017 shall be during the week of April 24, 2017 through April 28, 2017.

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.

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

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 – February 28, 2017

Adopted

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 March 1, 2017 in the amount of \$925,679.16. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

General Fund: In the amount of \$850,197.69 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated March 1, 2017.
Highway Fund: In the amount of \$55,685.46 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated March 1, 2017.
Special Fund: In the amount of \$19,796.01 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated March 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village of Brockport Deputy Mayor Bill Andrews reminded the board of the upcoming “Low Bridge, High Water Festival” event in May.

**Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to go into a confidential consultation with the Town Attorney under Public Officer’s Law Section 108(3). All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to leave the confidential consultation and return to the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Muesebeck moved to adjourn the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 8:57 p.m. Councilperson Skoog seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk