

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, March 8, 2016.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Robert Carges, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Mary Rich, Councilperson Lori Skoog and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Attorney James Bell and Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Roberts.

Visitors present were Gregory Lebens-Higgins, Kathryn (?), Joan Hamlin, Linda Borrayo, Francisco Borrayo, Rhett King and Norm GianCursio.

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.

Rhett King read a statement regarding the possible consolidation of the two local governments, asking the Board to consider having an objective study done regarding a potential unification of the community.

**(Amended at the Town Board meeting of March 22, 2016 – Town Board voted to include the following statement made by Rhett King)

“Supervisor, Council Members, Neighbors and Friends,

Thank all of you for allowing us to share from our hearts tonight. We also have a dream. A dream of unification for our community, a dream of one voice, and a dream of one government. A 21st century government, responsive to the growing financial burden placed on all of us. We believe, and I’m sure you agree, we are better together.

Should the referendum pass, the village government will have to create a committee to come up with a plan. Our town government, which represents those living within the village as well as those outside the village, will be responsible for review and changes so that our whole community is represented fairly.

Objective information is important to any and all decisions we make. Here is what we know so far. Forty years ago, one of the recommendations made in the CGR governmental analysis done for our community was that “It is both feasible and advisable that the two communities move to totally consolidate and become a single unit of local government.” In 2010, CGR showed the tax rate increase over 10 years (2001 – 2010) was 81%. Since 2010 the village tax levy has increased over \$530,000 even though ambulance and fire department were removed from the budget. Currently, Brockport has the highest tax rate as well as the highest poverty rate (27.8%) of any village in the county. With 70% of assessed property value tax exempt, it leaves the remaining 30% to pay 100% of the already heavy tax burden.

We village residents need some relief from this ever increasing tax burden. You might be asking why should you care? Isn’t it easier to sit back and wait? We’ve heard and been part of discussions about taking sides. We as community members believe that taking sides is the right thing to do. The question is, whose side is right? Is it the village government, is it the town government, or is it “We the People?” The very people that both governments represent, should be informed, engaged, and involved in what many are calling the greatest issue facing our community today. Would you please consider representing everyone in our community by asking CGR to do a high level analysis of fiscal and service impacts regarding a potential unification of our community? The information would be invaluable to all. To be the best they

can be we require our children to study for exams and practice their instruments for recitals. Farmers have to sow in order to reap. At the same time, why should our residents be denied the same education required of most government officials? Doesn't being uninformed and left in the dark regarding important matters go against everything we've been taught?

Thank you for allowing us to share our thoughts regarding this great community. We know that this upcoming referendum does not have to further separate our village and town. We ask that when you meet again, please decide if having an objective study done would benefit our whole community and not just those voting at the referendum. For the sake of "We the People" let the bright light of knowledge, freedom, and democracy guide all of us as our 21st century government remains responsive to change and most importantly to our most valuable asset, "We the People!"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on February 23, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

February 2016 departmental reports were received and reviewed by the Town Board from the following departments: Building Department, Phyllis Brudz; Finance Director, Leisa Strabel; and Deputy Town Clerk, Kathleen Roberts.

REPORTS

Councilperson Windus-Cook had no report.

Councilperson Rich attended the NYS Association of Towns conference in New York City and found it to be very informative especially in regard to information on the tax cap and the health care act. She also participated in judging bookmarks at the Seymour Library and attended a Village of Brockport Special Meeting, where it was decided that the dissolution vote is scheduled for May 24, 2016.

Councilperson Skoog met with the Brockport Foundation in regard to the proposed lodge at the Town Park and is continuing the painting project at the Center.

Councilperson Muesebeck reported that he is meeting with Town Attorney Jim Bell, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, and Highway Secretary Ruth Kruppner to discuss Town speed limits.

Supervisor Carges reported that there was an issue at the Town Park where a pick-up truck towing a sled drove on the soccer fields causing damage to them. The individual was ticketed.

Lou Giardino, Top Capital, met with Supervisor Carges in regard to the senior housing project on Redman Road. Work has already started due to the mild winter, and Mr. Giardino also shared future plans for the project.

Supervisor Carges attended the "First Friday" program at the SUNY Brockport President's residence.

Another solar energy company contacted Supervisor Carges expressing interest in attending a Town Board meeting.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel reported that she will be meeting with Chase Bank regarding banking costs and services.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 28

Declare Surplus Items for Disposal

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board adopted the Scrap Materials Policy and Procedures on February 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of such policy and procedure states that prior to disposal, assets must be declared as surplus items by the Sweden Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Clerk requests the Town Board to declare several items that cannot be used or repaired as surplus items and removed from the Town Hall for disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Sweden Town Clerk hereby requests that the following items be declared as surplus items and removed for disposal:

- HP LaserJet 2420 Printer
- HP LaserJet 2200D Printer
- Microsoft Keyboard
- LMT Keyboard
- Canon MP250 printer/scanner

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

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Windus-Cook
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>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – March 8, 2016

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 29

Authorizing Spring Clean-up for 2016

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 2016 shall be during the week of April 25, 2016 through April 29, 2016.

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>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – March 8, 2016

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 30 Appoint Recreation Assistant PT – Croc Rocs

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a part-time Recreation Assistant in the Croc Rocs program;
and

WHEREAS, Recreation Leader Jill Wisnowski has recommended hiring Sarah Elardo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Sarah Elardo for a maximum of 24 hours per week.

Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is \$9.00 with a start date of March 14, 2016.

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

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Muesebeck
Seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – March 8, 2016

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 31

Appoint Member to the Town of Sweden
Farmers Museum Committee - Hunt

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Town of Sweden Farmers Museum Committee due to the resignation of Danielle Windus-Cook; and

WHEREAS, Christine Hunt has expressed an interest to serve on the Sweden Farmers Museum Committee and contribute to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Christine Hunt to the Sweden Farmers Museum Committee to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 2. That this term of membership will begin March 9, 2016 and end on December 31, 2018.

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

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Skoog
Seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Rich	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Skoog	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – March 8, 2016

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 32

Authorizing Purchase of One 2015 Caterpillar
CB14B XW Compact Roller

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested the purchase of one 2015 Caterpillar CB14B XW Compact Roller under the New York State OGS NJPA Heavy Equipment Contract No. PC 66988. Supplier: Milton Cat, 4610 East Saile Drive, Batavia, NY 14020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the purchase of one 2015 Caterpillar CB14B XW Compact Roller, the supplier being Milton Cat, 4610 East Saile Drive, Batavia, NY 14020 at a price of \$27,465 delivered.

Sec. 2. That upon delivery of the truck, the Supervisor is authorized to pay the invoice from the Highway Fund.

Sec. 3. 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>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – March 8, 2016

Adopted

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Rich made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Skoog to approve a quote from Paramount Painters in the amount of \$5,992.00 for painting at The Center.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Rich moved to adjourn the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:35 p.m. Councilperson Skoog seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Roberts
Deputy Town Clerk