

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, July 28, 2015.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Robert Carges, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Donald Roberts, Jr. and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Councilperson Rebecca Donohue was absent. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting and Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair (past Supervisor) Pat Connors.

Visitors present were Annie Crane, Jack Merritt, Karen Carges, Dean Westcott, Peter Hare, Pat Pawlaczyk, Joan Hamlin, Brockport Ambulance Chief Cody Dean with ambulance members Susan Dann, Nicholynn Harrel and David Harrel, Mike Bove representing Monroe Ambulance, Pete Sharpe, Tyler Sharpe, Seymour Library Board representative Sri Ram Bakshi and Seymour Library Director Carl Gouveia. Others were present but did not sign in.

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

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

Brockport Ambulance Chief Cody Dean reported continued improvements and the recent showing of public support with placement of signs in the Village and Town. Mr. Dean requested that the Board consider not renewing the contract with their current provider, but consider contracting with Brockport Ambulance.

Seymour Library Board member Sri Ram Bakshi stated that at past meetings the pros and cons of forming a library district have been explained. Currently the Governor has legislation under consideration to move forward with forming a library district. Mr. Bakshi feels that the Towns' support is crucial. He would like the residents to have the ability to decide and vote on the formation of a district.

Resident Peter Hare felt the Town Board has done an outstanding job in contracting with Monroe Ambulance. He commented on the signs supporting the Brockport Ambulance located in the Village and felt that Village residents were telling the Town what they should do. Mr. Hare would like the Town Board to leave the contract as is unless there are problems with the service.

Seymour Library Director Carl Gouveia stated that he has been to several meetings to discuss the proposed district formation. He then apologized for any miscommunications and/or assumptions that have recently taken place surrounding the legislation in front of the Governor. Mr. Gouveia detailed the steps the library has taken to get to this point.

Resident Dean Westcott asked that the Board consider contracting with Brockport Ambulance. He credited the Brockport Ambulance for saving his life.

No other comments.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Roberts to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing (Iroquois Rock Excavation Permit Renewal) held on June 23, 2015. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Councilperson Windus-Cook abstained due to her absence from such meeting. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Roberts made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Muesebeck to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on June 23, 2015. All voted in

favor of the motion - three ayes. Councilperson Windus-Cook abstained due to her absence from such meeting. Motion adopted.

SUPERVISOR’S CORRESPONDENCE

(\*Board has copies)

2015 Received From:

Comments:

- \*1. Senator Robert G. Ortt, 62<sup>nd</sup> District      Satellite Office Hours @ Sweden Town Hall –  
Second Thursday Each Month 11 am to 2 pm

RE: #1 Supervisor Carges mentioned that Jack Merritt would be available for residents to bring forth concerns and questions for Senator Ortt.

REPORTS

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported work on several drainage projects on Talamora Trail, Campbell Road and Gallup Road. County work on Swamp Road to begin – several delays due to weather.

Supervisor Carges reported that the Brockport Soccer Club tournament was a success and was very impressed with the clean-up efforts of the club. Mr. Carges also stated that he was happy with the attendance numbers of the summer recreation program.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 63

REQUEST BY THE TOWN OF SWEDEN FOR GOVERNOR CUOMO TO NOT SIGN NYS LEGISLATION A-7735 AND S-5942 CREATION OF SEYMOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, NYS Assembly Bill A-7735 and NYS Senate Bill S-5942 calling for the creation of the Seymour Public Library District were passed on June 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden believes that the creation of a new taxing authority to wit, the Seymour Public Library District, is not in the best interests of the taxpayers of the Town of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation was submitted to the Assembly and Senate without the prior knowledge of the elected representatives (Sweden Town Board) of the residents of the Town of Sweden it being noted that any portrayal by the Seymour Library, or its representatives, to the contrary is inaccurate, untrue and/or misleading; and

WHEREAS, when similar legislation proposing the creation of a Seymour Library District was discussed in 2014, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden unanimously opposed such legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden has historically met the funding requests of the Seymour Library as a part of the Town of Sweden’s annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden is committed to meeting the Seymour Library’s reasonable budget requests in the future without the creation of an unnecessary taxing authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby requests that Governor Cuomo **not** sign NYS Assembly Bill A-7335 and NYS Senate Bill S-5942, Creation of the Seymour Public Library District.
- Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden calls upon its partners, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson and the Village Board of the Village of Brockport, to continue the long history of cooperatively funding the Seymour Library so as to prevent the creation of an unnecessary taxing authority.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Donohue	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Roberts	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – July 28, 2015

Adopted

\*Councilperson Roberts stated that the Town has funded the amount requested by the library each year, unlike the other municipalities. Mr. Roberts doesn't believe that forming a district is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Sweden.

\*Supervisor Carges read the following prepared statement:

“Sadly I am disappointed that I have to vote in the affirmative for this resolution. For the last two years this Board saw the need to support the Seymour Library with additional monies that were requested by them. Unlike both the Village Board and the Town of Clarkson Board who did not support the Seymour Library Board’s budget requested increases for 2014 & 2015. Giving the library board their requested monies was no easy task for my Board, considering the past history of the way the Seymour Library’s budget requests were decided upon by the three municipalities. This Board stuck its neck out and gave the library what they asked for. If a library district is formed Sweden Taxpayers will have an additional tax on their January tax bills. As it stands now, Sweden Taxpayers outside the Village of Brockport pay no additional fee for their share of the budget for the library as this cost is covered by sales tax revenue. As Town Supervisor I cannot support creating another taxing authority in our Town.”

RESOLUTION NO. 64

Budget Modifications

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to make the following modifications to the 2015 Town Budget:

\$736 from A5010.400 Highway Superintendent Contractual to

A5010.200 Highway Superintendent Equipment

\$1,681 from A7020.400 Comm. Center Admin. Contractual to  
A7020.200 Comm. Center Admin. Equipment

\$9,000 from DB5112.400 Road Construction Permanent to  
DB5112.200 Chips Project

\$2,000 from DB9040.800 Workers Compensation to  
DB9050.800 Unemployment

Sec. 2 That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Donohue	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Roberts	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – July 28, 2015

Adopted

\*Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair Pat Connors stated that the 2002 Comprehensive Plan is still the active plan. The consultant’s time frame of the 2002 plan was twenty (20) years. The amendments proposed update the look of the plan and bring it up to date. The review committee went page by page to determine the relevancy of the information contained in the plan. The amendments should “carry” the plan until such time that a consultant can be hired, surveys can be done and public information meetings can be held. There was a question whether to keep the “Village of Brockport” in the plan at this time. The 2002 Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Village, is intact until such time that the Village adopts their own.

Supervisor Carges thanked Mrs. Connors for all her hard work.

RESOLUTION NO. 65

SEQR Determination Regarding the 2015  
Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee has submitted recommended revisions to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden declared Lead Agency Status for purposes of SEQR Compliance on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden held a Public Hearing on May 26, 2015, to obtain public input and concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden, as Lead Agency, has duly reviewed the proposed amendments, other documents and comments submitted with respect to the above-referenced amendments, and has duly considered the impacts which may be expected from the proposed amendments and compared the same with the criteria set forth in the applicable SEQRA Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby declares that it is acting as Lead Agency concerning the adoption of amendments to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form regarding the amendments to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan.

Sec. 3. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to execute and file a Negative Declaration in the form attached hereto and to sign and date the Short Environmental Assessment submitted for consideration, confirming that the proposed amendments themselves, as part of a planning tool, will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Sec. 4. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk for the Town of Sweden to forward copies of this Resolution and the Negative Declaration to all appropriate agencies.

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

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Donohue	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Roberts	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – July 28, 2015

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 66 Adoption of Amendments to the Town of Sweden  
Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board has completed its review of the proposed amendments to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form and Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Plan and has considered all written comments regarding the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby adopts, in accordance with the provisions of Section 272-a of New York Town Law, the amendments attached hereto as Schedule A to the document entitled Town of Sweden/Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan.

Sec. 2. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to update all copies of the Comprehensive Plan with the amendments and resolutions pertaining to their adoption.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Donohue	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Roberts	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Carges	<u>Aye</u>

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Monroe Ambulance representative Mike Bove addressed the Board. He presented a year-end report to the Board. He explained that with the current provisions of healthcare, the ambulance must run as a business with a plan to satisfy the needs of today as well as plan for the future. All costs of business are increasing. Mr. Bove shared examples of equipment costs and the limited life span of equipment with replacement costs. He shared that several providers with Monroe Ambulance reside within the Town and several frequent businesses here – many on staff have a vested interest in this community.

Mr. Bove provided statistics of service, calls and response times. He explained the current standards that are in place for providers and how Monroe has met those standards. Mr. Bove discussed several examples, backed up by 911 Center data, of Brockport’s coverage. He felt the need to clarify some issues due to the recent articles and social media.

Mr. Bove explained that because of ObamaCare more people have health insurance but also have to pay more out-of-pocket for high deductible plans. Currently there is proposed legislation in the assembly and senate that will allow paramedics to perform non-emergent care without taking the patient to the hospital. Monroe Ambulance is implementing that process and currently have two providers in the program. Mr. Bove anticipates to have this in place by fall.

Mr. Bove thanked the Board for their time and stated that he understood the difficult decisions that Town Boards’ have to make.

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 Roberts authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 7 dated July 28, 2015 in the amount of \$310,956.59. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

General Fund: In the amount of \$114,610.59 as set forth in Abstract 7 dated July 28, 2015

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$72,828.51 as set forth in Abstract 7 dated July 28, 2015

Special Fund: In the amount of \$9,479.26 as set forth in Abstract 7 dated July 28, 2015

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$114,038.23 as set forth in Abstract 7 dated July 28, 2015

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No discussion or announcements

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Muesebeck moved to adjourn the July 28, 2015 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:45 p.m. Councilperson Roberts seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk