

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 Saturday, January 12, 2008.

Town Board members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Director of Finance Leisa Strabel, Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeremy Oakden and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were residents Jim Hamlin, Martin Weezorak, Donald Hibsich, Marilyn Lafferty, Mark Rabjohn, Manmadharao Kasaraneni, Linda and Francisco Borrayo and Village Board Trustee Connie Castaneda. Members of BISCO: Rob Blair, President; Robert Reusch representing Kiwanis; Roger Smith representing the Brockport Fire Department; A. Gary Zimmer representing Rotary; Kelly Smith representing Lakeside Foundation; and Greg Lund representing Lions. Also present reporter Mike Costanza from the Spencerport Hilton Post. Resident Bob Canham arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Lester called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag led by Roger Smith, member of BISCO and longtime member of the Brockport Fire Department.

Supervisor Lester opened by announcing that the Town Board is going to have four Saturday meetings in 2008 to accommodate those residents that work late or are busy with children's schedules, etc. Other Saturday meetings are scheduled for March, May and September. Saturday meetings replace the first Tuesday meeting of these selected months. Councilperson Connors is inviting county and state officials to attend the May 10, 2008 meeting to explain the water district formation process and the "hurdles" and "obstacles" involved.

Supervisor Lester welcomed the members from BISCO. BISCO has made generous contributions to the town in the past – the Skate Park was constructed using monies donated by BISCO. Supervisor Lester met with BISCO to discuss another joint venture – the baseball field at the Sweden Town Park. Mr. Lester introduced the President of BISCO, Rob Blair.

Mr. Blair was pleased to see the baseball field coming along. The field will provide an opportunity for older kids as well as adults to play on a regulation size field. Mr. Blair, on behalf of BISCO, presented the Town of Sweden with a check for \$10,000 for batting cages, bleachers and a pitching machine. Local service clubs have been approached for additional monies for the construction of fencing to protect the dugout areas.

Supervisor Lester acknowledged the remaining visitors and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Resident Francisco Borrayo thanked the Board for holding Saturday meetings. Mr. Borrayo appreciates the opportunity to participate and hopes the Board will continue to hold Saturday meetings periodically.

Resident Martin Weezorak asked who could be contacted regarding the money that taxpayers are spending to fund the court (referring to the *Snapshots* issue Winter 2007/2008 message from the Supervisor's office relative to the justice court). Mr. Weezorak was concerned that the state mandates the court system and the taxpayers of the Town of Sweden have to make up the costs not covered by the state. Mr. Weezorak didn't feel that was fair to the taxpayers.

Supervisor Lester explained that the state hands down many unfunded mandates to the towns. Legislation now allows towns to look into consolidation of neighboring courts. The Town of Sweden is open to ideas to cut costs and have already partnered with neighboring towns in several areas – recreation, library services, fire and ambulance. Mr. Lester added that the possibility of consolidation is not a reflection on the staff. The Sweden justices and clerks do a wonderful job, work long hours and have a tremendous caseload, but the Board should always consider ways to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Windus-Cook made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing – Fire Protection Contract 2008 held on December 27, 2007. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Supervisor Lester abstained due to his absence on that date. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Connors made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing – Local Law No. 4 of 2007 held on December 27, 2007. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Supervisor Lester abstained due to his absence on that date. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Ferris to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on December 27, 2007. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Supervisor Lester abstained due to his absence on that date. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Ferris made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2008. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

#### SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

2008	Received From:	Comments:
1.	David Scott, Recreation Director	Recommendation to hire Amy Merrill as Clerk PT
*2.	Whitney Autin, Environmental Conservation Board	Resignation
3.	George Maziarz, Senator, 62 <sup>nd</sup> District	Extension of public water
*4.	James Goetz, Chair, Walk to School Committee	Notice of upcoming workshop

\*Board has copies

RE: #2 Councilperson Ferris made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to accept with regrets the resignation of Whitney Autin from the Environmental Conservation Board after nearly ten (10) years of service. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

December 2007 departmental reports were received and reviewed by the Town Board from the following departments: Building Department, Jim Butler; Justice Court; Dog Control, Kathy Beaumont; and Town Clerk, Karen Sweeting.

Supervisor Lester presented a Certificate of Recognition to resident Jim Hamlin and read as follows:

#### *CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION*

*WHEREAS, James Hamlin has regularly attended Sweden Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings since 1997; and*

*WHEREAS, Joan Hamlin has regularly attended meetings of various Village of Brockport Boards during the same time period; and*

*WHEREAS, James and Joan Hamlin have made the effort, beyond that of most citizens, to be informed and knowledgeable about their local governments; and*

*WHEREAS, the community benefits when citizens are interested and involved in local government.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

*That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden, on behalf of all of its citizens, recognizes James and Joan Hamlin for the time and commitment shown in attending Town of Sweden and Village of Brockport meetings, and for participating fully in local government. As an expression of our appreciation, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden presents you with this certificate of recognition.*

**REPORTS**

Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine reported above average snow removal and salting for December 2007.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeremy Oakden reported that the Recognition Wall at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center is near completion.

Councilperson Carges had no report.

Councilperson Connors reported that she attended the Department Head meeting at the Town Hall and announced the board liaisons for each building.

Councilperson Ferris had no report.

Councilperson Windus-Cook reported that she met with Nancy Duff, Nutrition Program Site Manager for the Senior Center and will continue with monthly meetings as the new liaison for the center. Ms. Windus-Cook also reported that the furniture for the Farmers' Museum was delivered. John Jungbluth, resident and retired Brockport teacher, has joined as a member of the Farmers' Museum Committee and has volunteered his time to restore the kitchen at the cemetery house.

Supervisor Lester asked Councilperson Ferris to meet with Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine to discuss possible locations for an ice skating area and additional fields for soccer and football all to be constructed using grant monies recently awarded to the Town.

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Authorizing Transfer and Closure  
of Reserve for Town Vehicle

WHEREAS, a reserve fund known as the Town Vehicle Reserve Fund was duly established on August 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Town Vehicle Reserve Fund has served its useful purpose and no longer carries a significant balance of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has recommended the closure of the Town Vehicle Reserve Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the transfer of the balance of the Reserve for Town Vehicle Reserve Fund to the Town of Sweden General Fund.

Sec. 2. That the Director of Finance is directed to close the Reserve for Town Vehicle Fund.

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

Motion for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Connors  
Seconded by Councilperson Ferris

Discussion: \$550 remains in the reserve initially opened for Dog Control and the Town Assessor. Chris Trento, auditor for the Town, suggested closing the fund.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Carges	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Connors	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Ferris	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Lester	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 12, 2008

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 20

Appoint Clerk PT - Merrill

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a part-time Clerk at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director David Scott has recommended hiring Amy Merrill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Amy Merrill as Clerk PT at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center for a maximum of 24 hours per week.

Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is \$8.50.

Sec. 3. That the starting date will be January 9, 2008.

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

MOTION for adoption of this resolution Councilperson Ferris  
Seconded by Councilperson Connors

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Carges	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Connors	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Ferris	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Lester	<u>Aye</u>

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Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Call Public Hearing on Proposed Local

Law No. 2 of 2008 – Addition of “Peddling and Soliciting” to the Sweden Town Code

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to enact by Local Law a new chapter of the Sweden Town Code to regulate peddling and soliciting in the Town of Sweden.

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 the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. to hear all persons for or against the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2008 – Addition of “Peddling and Soliciting” to the Sweden Town Code.
- Sec. 2. That copies of the proposed “Peddling and Soliciting” law be made available in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.
- Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of this hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the town as required by Section 265 of the Town Law.
- Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion: Resident complaints are the driving force behind the addition of this law. The text of the law is modeled after the Village Code. It will enable the Sheriff’s Department to act on complaints received from residents pertaining to peddlers and solicitors.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

- Councilperson Carges Aye
- Councilperson Connors Aye
- Councilperson Ferris Aye
- Councilperson Windus-Cook Aye
- Supervisor Lester Aye

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Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 22 Granting Permanent Easement to the Monroe County Water Authority Tax Acct: 083.02-01-01

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Water Authority will install 940 linear feet of 12” water main on Lake Road in order to supply higher water pressure to the eastern portion of Fourth Section Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sweden owns property at the corner of Fourth Section Road and Lake Road identified as tax account No. 083.02-01-01; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the Monroe County Water Authority of an easement on the Town of Sweden property identified as tax account No. 083.02-01-01 is necessary for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the water main.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the easement document provided by the Monroe County Water Authority.

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

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Carges	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Connors	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Ferris	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Windus-Cook	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Lester	<u>Aye</u>

Submitted – January 12, 2008

Adopted

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion made by Councilperson Ferris and seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to accept the Letter of Credit for The Villas at Brandon Woods, Section 1 – Phase 1 in the amount of \$498,485.03. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Resident Manmadharao Kasaraneni asked for an explanation of the Letter of Credit. Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine explained that the Letter of Credit was a guarantee to the Town of Sweden that the work done (drainage, roadways, sidewalks, lighting) would be done to the standards set forth by the Town of Sweden.

A workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Carges moved to adjourn the January 12, 2008 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 9:50 a.m. Councilperson Connors seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk