

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, January 22, 2002.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Nat O. Lester, III, Councilperson Robert Carges, and Councilperson Carl Wheat.

Councilpersons Patricia Connors and Danielle Windus-Cook were excused to attend a training session.

Also present were Assessor Alan Bader, Director of Finance Elaine Jones, and Town Attorney Jim Bell.

Visitors present were Lauren McCracken, 650 White Rd., Kenneth Heinlein, 58 White Rd., Frank and Julie Lapinski, 4016 Sweden Walker Rd., James Heinlein, 46 White Rd., Nancy and Tim Hussong, 3449 Sweden Walker Rd., Frank Hillman, 100 White Rd., Norm Frisch, 94 White Rd., Jim Hamlin, 50 Park Ave., Eric McCracken, 660 White Rd., Kayleen Burgio, 35 Fairview Dr., Keith Beadle, 35 Fairview Dr., Collin Martin, 350 Willowbrook Dr., Roy & Steve Huscher, 32 Woodlands Way, Mike Manning, 275 Owens Rd., Kathy Beaumont, 4200 Sweden Walker Rd., Rob Sweeting, 40 Crestview Dr., Mary Battisti, 2730 Colby St., Marty & Jane Herrmann, 82 White Rd., Steve Huscher, 32 Woodlands Way.

Supervisor Lester called the meeting to order at 7:55 P.M. and asked that everyone present say the Pledge to the Flag. He then acknowledged all visitors and asked for comments. Mr. Gerry Dowd asked three questions. He understands that the water line on White Rd. is being paid for by the Town of Clarendon. He then asked "Did the Town of Sweden reimburse Everett Peake for the part he was supposed to have paid for?" Next question is "Why is the Town selling the water department? Shouldn't there be a public referendum if the Town is selling the water department? If the Board makes the decision (to sell) this does not have the taxpayers in mind. As tax payers why are we not allowed in the Town barn? The Superintendent's secretary asks me to leave".

Mike Manning representing Baldwin Real Estate Corporation and manage the property at 275 Owens Rd., Woodlands Condominiums spoke next. Approximately three months ago he made a request of the highway department for ditching along the side of the road in the Town's right-of-way. At this time it is half completed. After numerous phone calls he has not had a completion date. There is a water problem. Mr. Lester said for Mr. Manning to leave his business card and he will call tomorrow and make some arrangements to see that the matter is taken care of.

Mr. Dowd requested answers to his questions. Mr. Lester said he would research his question about Mr. Peake. No Board members or Mr. Huscher were aware of any reimbursement made to Mr. Peake. Regarding the Town barn, Mr. Lester asked the Town to put up a gate and the sign not admitting people into the yard for liability purposes and cut back on the possibility of any damage to vehicles or equipment, or theft of equipment. The direction comes from the Supervisor. Regarding a referendum. The Water Authority does not buy water systems. The Water Authority charges us a certain rate for water. The Town then has to mark it up to cover our expenses such as salaries and maintenance. We have to look into savings for the residents and what's best for the Town. The Board is in negotiations with the Water Authority

and when and if a decision is reached the residents will know. The Town Attorney said that the Board is not in a position tonight to indicate that there will be a public referendum.

Mr. Dowd spoke and said the Town needs better communication. He brought up the Clarendon Gazette as an example. Mr. McCracken said I am not that smart and I have trouble reading the paper. He looks in the papers and can't find anything about the things that are happening in the Town. We need to have a little more to let the people know what's going on.

David Paul wanted to know what would happen to the Water Dept. employees if the Town gets rid of the water? Mr. Lester mentioned that when the Village sold their water plant to the Monroe County Water Authority, some of the employees transferred to the Water Authority and some chose to make lateral moves. Mr. Huscher is a highly qualified individual who in Mr. Lester's opinion, the Water Authority would want in their employ. Mr. Paul said that the employees should be given consideration when making the decision. Mr. Lester said that the Board has to look at what is best for all the residents.

Councilperson Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Wheat to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2002. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

	Received From:	Comments:
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*1	Marleen M. Cain, Deputy Town Clerk 01/07	Town of Sweden/Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan – Schedule of Meetings and Hearings to complete the plan.
2	Leisa A. Strabel, Planning Board Clerk 01/09	Copy of letter sent to County Wide Coalition for Parks. Request to share our park plans in "The Parks Report"
*3	A. T. Hoy, Activity Center Committee	Minutes of January 9, 2002 meeting
*4	Canalways Trails Association, 01/11	Next meeting of Regional Trail Group for Monroe Co., 01/30/02 Brighton Town Hall
*5	Robert B. Westbrook, 01/14	Letter of thanks regarding action taken on town resident's illegal business.
*6	Carolyn Vitale, Urban League of Rochester Economic Development Corp. 01/15	Sweden Development, NYS Affordable Housing Corporation Application – Grants to allow home ownership for low and moderate income families. (25 in Town of Sweden)
*7.	Nat O. Lester III, supervisor, 01/11	Board appointments to committees for 2002
*8	Thomas M. Tortora & family, 01/18	Thank you and discussion of meeting on stop signs on Gary Drive.
*9	Shirley Mercer, Tax Receiver, 01/18	Appoint Leisa Strabel Deputy Receiver of Taxes 01/22/02 to 12/31/02.
10	Don W. Marenus, 01/18	Minutes of Brockport Fire Dept. 2325 Truck Committee meetings 7/31/01 to 11/28/01
11	Edward C. Heinlein, 01/22	Letter of resignation effective immediately
*12	William W. Campbell, Chief Examiner of Municipal Affairs Office of State Comptroller 01/22	Findings and Conclusions re: refuse collection services in the Town of Sweden. Respond by 02/15/02

- *13 Josephine C. Matela, Mayor Village Swearing in Ceremony of Officers, inspection
of Brockport of equipment and facilities 01/31/02
* Board has copies

Re: No. 11 Councilperson Carges made a motion seconded by Councilman Wheat to accept the resignation of Edward C. Heinlein. All voted in favor.

REPORTS

Mr. Bader reported that the steel is up on the ES&L building. The old "Bells Plaza" cleanup is completed.

Attorney Jim Bell reported on the tax certiorari matters regarding Niagara Mohawk that will take place on February 23rd through the 27th at offices in Rochester.

Supervisor Lester reported that the District Attorney's Office has completed an investigation into a matter at the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Craig Smith has tendered his resignation. The title to the jeep is to be returned to the Town of Sweden. Town Attorney Jim Bell said that is the totality of the action. There will be no further action by the District Attorney's Office or by the Town of Sweden against Mr. Smith. Councilman Wheat made a motion seconded by Councilman Carges to accept the resignation of Mr. Smith effective 1/25/01 at 11:59 PM and conditioned upon the receipt of the title to the 1984 jeep. Ayes all. The motion was amended to state the date of 01/25/02. Councilman Wheat made the amended motion and Councilman Carges seconded it. Ayes all. Adopted.

Councilman Wheat had no report.

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RESOLUTIONS

None.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Wheat made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Carges authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

General Fund: In the amount of \$105,517.53 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$42,247.24 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002.

Recreation Fund: In the amount of \$14,537.07 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002.

Special District: In the amount of \$22,138.92 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$8,311.93 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 22, 2002.

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting with a Boy Scout on and Eagle Scout project, Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at 7:00 PM. A work meeting is to follow at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Wheat made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of January 22, 2002 at 8:20 PM. Councilman Carges seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. DeToy
Town Clerk