

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 Wednesday, November 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 and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting. Recreation Director David Scott arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Visitor present was Jim Hamlin.

Supervisor Lester called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag led by Finance Director Leisa Strabel. Supervisor Lester acknowledged the visitor and asked if he would like to speak. He did not.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Connors made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on October 28, 2008. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Councilperson Ferris was absent from such meeting. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Connors made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing – Budget 2009 held on October 29, 2008. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

#### SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

2008	Received From:	Comments:
*1.	Morton Wexler, Mayor, Village of Brockport	Fire Department – Equipment Replacement
*2.	Dave Scott, Recreation Director	Request to hire Student Helper

\*Board has copies

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

October 2008 departmental reports were received and reviewed by the Town Board from the following departments: Building Department, Jim Butler; Finance Director, Leisa Strabel and Town Clerk, Karen Sweeting.

#### REPORTS

Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine reported that leaf pick up would continue until the snow falls and the county job in Greece is almost complete.

Recreation Director David Scott reported that travel basketball leagues have been practicing and the house league would start in December. The travel baseball league has been utilizing space in the sports dome in Greece; the dome has been a nice setup for the town to use. Mr. Scott reported that approximately 130 people attended the Veterans Day luncheon event at the Sweden Senior Center. Leisa Strabel added that she had received a call from a senior that attended the event commenting that it was the best Veterans Day luncheon they had at the center. The event included a bugler playing taps for the first time and a great speaker. Mr. Scott stated Carrie Stutzman and Kristin Judd did an excellent job planning the event. Mr. Scott also reported that he had received a note from a senior that attends the center complimenting the town on the recent changes at the Senior Center.

Councilperson Carges reported that the Snapshots was complete and would be in the local newspaper for distribution.

Councilperson Connors reported that she attended a POD briefing with the Village of Brockport and Town of Clarkson.

Councilperson Ferris reported that he, along with Councilpersons Connors and Windus-Cook, attended the Veterans event at the Lakeview Cemetery. It was a nice event and the Highway Department did a great job on the monument located near the mausoleum.

Councilperson Windus-Cook reported that she had been working on relocating the kitchen at the Farmers Museum. Ms. Windus-Cook thanked Kathy Goetz, Don Grentzinger, Marie Bell, Gerald Hickey, and John and Eileen Jungbluth for their hard work on the project.

Supervisor Lester had no report.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 145

Adopt Local Law No.8 of 2008 – Updates to Chapter 164 “Taxation” in the Sweden Town Code – Addition of Article Entitled “Cold War Veterans Exemption”

WHEREAS, Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to grant the Cold War Veterans Exemption to qualified property owners of the Town of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden would like to amend the Sweden Town Code Chapter 164 to include the Cold War Veterans Exemption; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised Public Hearing was held by the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 265 of Town Law, at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on November 12, 2008, at 7:15 PM., to hear all persons interested in the adoption of Local Law No. 8 of 2008 - Updates to Chapter 164 “Taxation” in the Sweden Town Code – Addition of Article Entitled “Cold War Veterans Exemption”; and

WHEREAS, all persons desiring to be heard were heard and due deliberation having been had.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That Local Law No. 8 of 2008 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 164- *Legislative authority; exemption granted; application.*

- A. *Pursuant to the authority granted by § 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, real property in the Town of Sweden which meets the requirements for qualified residential real property, as defined in said section, shall be exempt from taxation by the Town of Sweden to the extent authorized therein, subject to the following maximum exemption.*
- B. *Qualified residential real property shall be exempt from taxation by the Town of Sweden to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided,*

*however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$8,000. In addition, where a Cold War veteran received compensation from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-related disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000.*

- C. Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owners of such real property on a form prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services. The application shall be filed with the Town Assessor on or before the first appropriate taxable status date for the Town of Sweden.*
- D. The Town Board may, from time to time, amend, supplement, change, modify or repeal this article pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law, the General Municipal Law and the Real Property Tax Law of New York State applicable thereto.*

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby adopts Local Law No. 8 of 2008 - Updates to Chapter 164 "Taxation" in the Sweden Town Code – Addition of Article Entitled "Cold War Veterans Exemption".

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to file a complete copy of Local Law No.8 of 2008 with the Secretary of State, as required by law.

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

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

Discussion: Councilperson Ferris abstained because he is a Cold War veteran.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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

Submitted – November 12, 2008

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 146 Adopting 2009 Town of Sweden Budget

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the Preliminary Town Budget for 2009, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Preliminary Budget for 2009, as amended, and as hereinafter set forth and filed by the Budget Officer in the Office of the Town Clerk be adopted as the Annual Budget for the Town of Sweden for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009.

Sec. 2. That the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Adopted" be and are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, that all amounts stated in the summary as "Amounts to be raised by Tax" be and are the tax levy for the year

2009, and that salaries of elected officers as stated shall be fixed at the amounts shown effective January 1, 2009.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice that a summary of this enacted budget is available for public inspection on the Town’s website and during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

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

Discussion: The board thanked Finance Director Leisa Strabel for all her hard work on the preparation of the budget.

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 – November 12, 2008

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 147 Approving Bond for Receiver of Taxes and Assessments

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves the surety, form and amount of the official undertaking for the faithful performance of the duties of the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, as follows:

Type of Undertaking: public employees dishonesty bond including faithful performance

Insurance company: Selective Insurance Company  
Amount: \$200,000

Sec. 2. A true copy of this resolution shall be affixed to the undertaking to indicate this Board’s approval thereon in accordance with Town Law Section 25.

Sec.3. 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 – November 12, 2008

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 148

Appoint Student Helper – Hutton

WHEREAS, Recreation Director David Scott has recommended the appointment of a Student Helper to replace Recreation Assistant Eva Levingrub.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby appoints Charlie Hutton to the position of Student Helper at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center.
- Sec. 2. That the rate of pay be \$7.15 per hour for a maximum of 24 hours per week with a starting date of November 7, 2008.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

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

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 – November 12, 2008

Adopted

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel in several departments. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to leave executive session 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 Carges moved to adjourn the November 12, 2008 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 8:57 p.m. Councilperson Ferris seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk