

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, December 29, 2020.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Randall Hoke, and Councilperson Rhonda Humby. Councilperson Patricia Hayles was present telephonically. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitor present was Karen LoBracco.

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence to remember our first responders, those treating those with COVID and our fighting men and women around the world.

Supervisor Johnson waived “privilege of the floor” and “reports”. Mr. Johnson introduced Steve Savage from the Monroe County Water Authority (present via online). He is here at the invitation of the Board to provide information regarding the recent water breaks and to address resident concerns with communication of same.

Mr. Savage presented information on the history of the MCWA, the responsibilities and agreement with the Town. He detailed the water in the Town of Sweden and surrounding areas; sections of the NYS Public Health Law pertaining to the definition of public health hazard and notification requirements; and the recent water breaks on November 27 and December 9.

Supervisor Johnson opened for any questions from the Board and any residents participating through Facebook. Mr. Johnson wanted to confirm that the only broad-based notification was through what the Supervisor did through Facebook and the news media broadcasts. The MCWA decided not to do a broad-based Boil Water Notification (BWN) because they did not want to alarm residents that were not within the area of concern. Mr. Savage explained the notification process and boundaries of concern. The BWN is an important tool when there is a concern and the MCWA must be careful with when to issue it.

Supervisor Johnson asked why the Village of Brockport issued a BWN before the MCWA. Mr. Savage explained that the Village experienced low pressure and contacted the Health Department. The MCWA did not show any low-pressure areas of concern. Mr. Johnson asked what tools the MCWA had to notify residents. Mr. Savage explained that their mapping programs indicate the areas of concern. They contact the Supervisors and the news media. A message was included on their voicemail and they can send blast emails to the customers with emails on file with MCWA.

Councilperson Hayles asked if our residents can or should contact MCWA to make sure an email address is on file for these situations. Mr. Savage stated, absolutely. Any resident with an email address on file will receive an immediate email blast if they are within an area of concern.

Supervisor Johnson asked what the reasons were for the recent breaks – any information the MCWA can provide to give our residents a sense of comfort. Mr. Savage explained that the MCWA continuously examines the water lines. If the frequency elevates, they can get that area on the list for updates. The presentation will be posted to Facebook. No other questions or comments.

Supervisor Johnson adjourned at 6:44 p.m. for a brief recess to move the camera. The meeting was reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Monroe County Legislator Robert Colby regarding Boil Water Advisory
2. Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson appointing Robert Muesebeck Deputy Supervisor
3. Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson appointing Leisa A. Strabel Budget Officer and Secretary to the Supervisor
4. Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham appointing Ruth A. Kruppner Secretary to the Highway Superintendent
5. Town Clerk Karen Sweeting appointing Kathleen Roberts and Phyllis Brudz Deputy Town Clerks
6. John and Sandra Cassin – Gary Drive Extension

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to approve **all** Consent Agenda items as listed below.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Hoke	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Humby	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED

- RESOLUTION NO. 159                      Sell Dog Control Truck to Town of Perinton

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1.            That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden declares the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado Dog Control Truck to be excess equipment.
- Sec. 2.            That the Town of Perinton has agreed to purchase the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado Dog Control Truck for the purchase price paid by the Town of Sweden, the sum of \$32,653.45.
- Sec. 3.            That the Supervisor is authorized to sign all necessary paperwork to complete the sale.
- Sec. 4.            That the proceeds of the sale of the truck will be deposited into the Reserve for Town Vehicles.
- Sec. 5.            That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 160                      Authorizing Assessor to Automatically Renew 2020 Exemptions for 2021 with Exceptions

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 202.83 suspending and/or modifying Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real

Property Tax Law, to the extent necessary to permit the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons. Provided however, that the governing body may, at its option, include in such resolution procedures by which the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby directs the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for the assessor to mail renewal applications to such persons.
- Sec. 2. That the assessor shall require a renewal application to be filed when she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately and be limited to only renewals for 2021.

- RESOLUTION NO. 161

Budget Modifications

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to make the following modification to the 2020 Town Budget:

\$290 from A1355.4 Assessment Contractual to  
A1330.1 Tax Collection Personal Services

\$1 from A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual to  
A1220.1 Supervisor Personal Services

\$575 from A1355.4 Assessment Contractual to  
A1420.4 Attorney Contractual

\$500 from A1610.402 Buildings and Grounds Contractual to  
A1610.4 Buildings and Grounds Administration

\$1,500 from A1680.2 Central Data Processing Equipment to

A1680.4 Central Data Processing Contractual

\$3,000 from A3510.1 Dog Control Personal Services to  
A3510.4 Dog Control Contractual

\$29,500 from A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$10,000 from A1930.4 Judgments & Claims to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$55,000 from A1990.4 Contingent to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$15,000 from A3510.2 Dog Control Equipment  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$23,500 from A1440.4 Engineer Contractual to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$16,000 from A7110.2 Park Equipment to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$12,000 from A8810.2 Cemetery Equipment to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$24,000 from A9060.8 Hospital Insurance to  
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$15,400 from B1420.4 Attorney Contractual to  
B5411.4 Sidewalk Construction Contractual

\$1,000 from B8090.4 Environmental Control Contractual to  
B8020.1 Planning Personal Services

\$4,900 from B9060.8 Hospital & Medical to  
B8020.4 Planning Contractual

\$32,000 from B1990.4 Contingency to  
B1440.4 Engineer Contractual

\$500 from DA5130.1 Machinery Personal Services to  
DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Services

\$39,000 from DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to  
B5110.1 General Repairs Personal Services

\$6,000 from DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to  
DB5130.4 Machinery Contractual

\$41,000 from DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to  
DB9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

\$250 from DB5130.402 Machinery Contractual to  
DB5140.4 Misc. Brush & Weeds Contractual

\$68,000 from DB5130.2 Machinery Equipment to  
DB9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds

Increase A2026 Senior Center Facility	\$13,500
Increase A2089 Recreation Fee New Building	\$22,000
Increase A2650 Sale of Scrap	\$12,000
Increase A2701 Refund Prior Years Expenses	\$48,000
Increase A2268 Dog Control Services to Others	\$ 5,000
Increase A3005 Mortgage Tax	\$44,500
Increase A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds	\$145,000
Increase B1440.4 Engineering Contractual	\$260,000
Increase B0909 Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$260,000
Increase B2705 Gifts & Donations	\$ 68,000
Increase B1440.4 Engineering Contractual	\$ 68,000
Increase DB2300 Services to Other Governments	\$ 61,000
Increase DB9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 61,000
Increase V0599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$129,999
Increase V9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds	\$129,999

Sec. 2 That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- Approval of motion authorizing payment of insurance invoices.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2020.

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2020.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Hoke	<u>Aye</u>

Councilperson Humby	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED

- The Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 12B dated December 30, 2020 in the amount of \$52,914.60.

General Fund: In the amount of \$28,617.66 as set forth in Abstract 12B dated December 30, 2020.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$19,795.32 as set forth in Abstract 12B dated December 30, 2020.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$41.34 as set forth in Abstract 12B dated December 30, 2020.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$4,460.28 as set forth in Abstract 12B dated December 30, 2020.

VOICE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Hoke	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Humby	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Muesebeck	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>

Adopted

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Hayles moved to adjourn the December 29, 2020 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:53 p.m. Councilperson Humby seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk