

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, February 23, 2021.

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

Visitors present were Don Pophal and Douglas Tackley.

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, all the families and people affected by COVID, and our fighting men and women around the world.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Town Attorney Jim Bell reported that the committee drafting the Battery Energy Storage Systems local law has met several times. Mr. Bell indicated that he had some minor changes and typographical errors to correct before the draft is presented for the public hearing.

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported on snow and ice removal, salt and anti-icing liquid usage, equipment maintenance, building maintenance, and they are getting equipment ready for the Spring/Summer construction season.

Councilperson Hayles reported that the SCCC, following DOH guidelines, is opening things back up. The house basketball league will be limited, for COVID safety reasons, to Brockport School residents and open basketball will start mid-March. The SCCC is technically closed, but open to program and fitness center participants. The seniors feel a little safer, so the quilting group and card groups are back and SilverSneakers class participation has increased. Ongoing registration for the soccer and baseball leagues, no changes. The URMC Healthy Living classes are in progress now. They will offer more classes in the Spring. The Toddler Gym is open. Pickleball has attracted more players and they are adding a third court. They have received no guidelines for Summer Camp yet. Mrs. Hayles reported on upcoming events – virtual jelly-bean count for Easter. Easter Egg Hunt kits will be handed out. The door counts will be looked at to see if they can use that as a revenue indicator.

Supervisor Johnson shared that he received a request to paint pickleball lines on the outside basketball courts. Discussion.

Councilperson Hayles shared the monthly meeting summary prepared by Patricia Galinski and the monthly financials for the Seymour Library. Discussion. The library hired a cleaning service which is a little more expensive, but the Foundation is covering that additional cost. Mrs. Hayles shared some invoices for the HVAC – the first capital repairs that have been received since the MOU. She would like to have an updated building assessment done and

reviewed to determine any current and/or long-term capital repairs. Discussion of the HVAC system, quote received, and the MOU. Supervisor Johnson recommended that the municipalities pay for the repairs/maintenance of the HVAC systems. Mrs. Hayles suggested they obtain one more quote.

Councilperson Muesebeck reported that Buildings and Grounds have been busy with snow removal at the Town Park and the installation of wainscoting in the Lodge. Mr. Muesebeck informed the board that Dennis, in charge of snow removal on the weekends, is doing a great job. They are obtaining material quotes for several upcoming projects if time and budget allows. Lodge rentals are increasing. The Sweden Community Foundation met. Mr. Muesebeck announced that Richard Booth stepped down and Michelle Hill will be taking his place. The gazebo dedication is scheduled for July 10th. Mr. Muesebeck shared drawings done by David Strabel of a proposed sign board for the Town Park.

Councilperson Humby reported the free rabies clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She intends to coordinate the clinic as it was in September 2020 – drive-through at the SCCC.

Councilperson Hoke briefly discussed connecting the SCCC to the town domain – he was under the impression that the staff did not want or need that. Councilperson Hayles will confirm this with Jill Wisnowski, Recreation Director. Mr. Hoke reported on an upcoming meeting with an IT provider to discuss services. The court received notification from the state that they can re-open again for proceedings. Mr. Hoke shared that NYS will no longer be suspending licenses for failing to pay fines. Discussion.

Supervisor Johnson reported that prep work for the sidewalks has been done on Owens Road – contractor moving forward to finish the project. Still waiting to hear back regarding the skate park grant application. Mr. Johnson has received inquiries on the ice rink at the Town Park, unfortunately, the rink requires some minor repairs. They will consider this for next season. Mr. Johnson announced three opportunities for those located within the new water district to sign up and ask questions. The Sweden Village Safety Committee, chaired by Councilperson Hoke, will be scheduled once a month. A survey to gather information from area residents was suggested. The street light project is underway in the commercial district.

Supervisor Johnson announced new liaison assignments: Councilperson Muesebeck - Town Hall, Supervisor Johnson - Highway Department, and Councilperson Hoke - Building/Code Enforcement Department.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

*Discussion regarding Resolution No. 31 – proposed Local Law – Battery Energy Storage Systems. Town Attorney Jim Bell indicated that the committee met several times and is comfortable with the proposed draft. Committee member Don Pophal addressed the board. He stressed the need for the law, described the difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2 systems, and explained that the technical and safety requirements are set forth in other NYS laws. The Town's responsibility with this law is siting where we want these systems to be – what zones. The committee followed the current solar farm law for placement/setbacks in each zone. Discussion.

for the above-entitled matter.

Sec. 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 31 Authorizing a Public Hearing Adding Chapter 176 to the Sweden Town Code

WHEREAS the Sweden Town Board is desirous of adding Chapter 176 to the Sweden Town Code concerning Battery Energy Storage Systems; and

WHEREAS a proposed Local Law has been drafted in relationship to adding this Chapter 176 to the Sweden Town Code; and

WHEREAS the Sweden Town Board is required to hold a Public Hearing on the matter before passage of this Local Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Sweden Town Board calls a Public Hearing to hear all persons for or against the adoption of adding a new Chapter 176 to the Sweden Town Code concerning Battery Energy Storage Systems on March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, 14420.

Sec. 2. The Sweden Town Clerk is authorized and directed to cause an appropriate Notice of this hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town in accordance with Town Law §265.

Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Hoke made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hayles authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 2 dated February 24, 2021 in the amount of \$1,116,827.44.

General Fund: In the amount of \$1,005,294.41 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 24, 2021.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$86,802.46 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 24, 2021.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$5,819.56 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 24, 2021.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$18,911.01 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 24, 2021.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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:

Town Attorney Jim Bell informed the Board that he is working on the operating agreement with the Seymour Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to go into executive session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss town-wide employment issues under Public Officers Law Section 105 (f). All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Muesebeck made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:13 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Muesebeck moved to adjourn the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 8:14 p.m. Councilperson Humby seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk