

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sweden was held at the Sweden Farmers' Museum, 4988 Lake Road, Brockport, New York, on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

Town Board members present were Supervisor John Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Councilperson Tom Ferris was absent.

Also present were Town Attorney Jim Bell, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeremy Oakden and daughter Carley, Deputy Superintendent of Highways Keith Beadle and Highway Foreman Brian Ingraham.

Visitors present were Jim Hamlin, Christine Hamlin, Cora Schrader, Timothy Bates, James and Tammy Carter and son Boy Scout Michael Carter, Alvin Anheieir, Ray and Jackie Morris, Mike Rockow, Marion and Hank Dilger, Barb and Walt Windus, Kayleen Beadle, Cindy Ingraham, Dan and Donna Scheg, Don Shetler, Leanne Hale, Mary-Louise Bater, John and Eileen Jungbluth, Marsha and Jerry Hickey, Marie Bell, Don Grentzinger, Richard Mault and Bruce Hovey. Others were present but did not sign in.

Supervisor Milner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Milner acknowledged the visitors and asked if anyone wanted to speak. No one spoke. Mr. Milner welcomed everyone to the Sweden Farmers' Museum and recognized all the hard work that has been done to restore both the house and barn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilperson Connors made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing – Lighting District No. 9 – Villas at Brandon Woods held on April 28, 2009. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Councilperson Carges made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on April 28, 2009. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

2009 Received From:

Comments:

- *1. Fred Perrine, Superintendent of Highways

Request to attend 2009 Highway School – June 2009

*Board has copies

RE: #1 Supervisor Milner made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook to grant the request of Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine to attend the 2009 Highway School in June 2009. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

April 2009 departmental reports were received and reviewed by the Town Board from the following departments: Town Clerk, Karen Sweeting; Finance Director, Leisa Strabel; Building Inspector, Jim Butler; and Dog Control Officer, Kathy Beaumont.

REPORTS

Councilperson Carges met with Director of Buildings and Grounds and Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine to discuss a proposed project at the Sweden Town Park. Supervisor Milner added that a grant had been secured for continued development in the park.

No other reports.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 46

Award Bid Street Sweeper

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkson, acting as lead agent for a Shared Municipal Services Grant awarded by the State of New York for the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin, Parma and Sweden, advertised for bids pursuant to law for the purchase of a street sweeper and the following bids were received on April 28, 2009:

| Supplier | Amount of Bid |
|--|---------------|
| Cyncon Equipment, Inc. 7494 W. Henrietta Road Rush, NY 14543 | \$194,655.00 |

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| Joe Johnson Equipment, Inc. | \$189,646.00 |
| 62 LaGrange Avenue | |
| Rochester, NY 14613 | |

WHEREAS, after review, the Joe Johnson Equipment, Inc. bid documented 27 exceptions to the minimum specifications set forth in the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, after review by the four Highway Superintendents, they recommend awarding the bid to Cyncon Equipment, Inc. for \$194,655; and

WHEREAS, the net cost to the Town of Sweden, after the grant has been received, will be \$5,279.73.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board, upon the recommendation of the four Highway Superintendents, awards the bid for the street sweeper to Cyncon Equipment, Inc. for a total bid price of \$194,655.
- Sec. 2. That upon delivery of said equipment the Supervisor shall pay the Town of Sweden’s share of the purchase from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Milner | Aye |

Submitted – May 16, 2009 Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 47 Authorize Purchase of Street Sweeper From Reserve

WHEREAS, a Reserve was established for Highway Equipment on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a street sweeper through a Shared Municipal Services Grant with the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin and Parma; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a street sweeper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$48,663.75 from the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of the street sweeper.
- Sec. 2. That the Town of Sweden expects to be reimbursed by the Shared Municipal Services grant the sum of \$43,384.02; the net cost of the street sweeper being \$5,279.73.
- Sec. 3. That the Supervisor is directed to deposit the funds from the Shared Municipal Services grant into the Highway Equipment Reserve upon receipt.
- Sec. 4. That pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, this expenditure is subject to permissive referendum.
- Sec. 5. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a public notice as required by law.
- Sec. 6. 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:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Milner | Aye |

Submitted – May 16, 2009

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 48

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Deposit Agreement with McLean Development Waterline Construction

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that the Town of Sweden enter into an agreement with McLean Development, LLC regarding the construction of a waterline located in the Sweden Town Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Sweden Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a deposit agreement with McLean Development, LLC.
- Sec. 2. That the agreement is subject to the written approval of the Town Attorney.
- 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:

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| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Milner | Aye |

Submitted – May 16, 2009

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 49

Appoint Student Helpers PT – Vandenburg and Raleigh

WHEREAS, there are vacancies for a part time Student Helpers; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director David Scott has recommended Emma Vandenburg and Austin Raleigh for the positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Emma Vandenburg and Austin Raleigh as Student Helpers PT for a maximum of 32 hours per week.
- Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is \$7.25 with a start date of May 18, 2009.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Milner | Aye |

Submitted – May 16, 2009

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 50

Appoint Recreation Assistant PT - Berlin

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a part time Recreation Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director David Scott has recommended Nick Berlin for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Nick Berlin as Recreation Assistant PT for a maximum of 24 hours per week.
- Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is \$8.00 with a start date of May 11, 2009.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Milner | Aye |

Submitted – May 16, 2009

Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 51

Authorize Bids for Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Enclosure

WHEREAS: the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a fiberglass reinforced plastic enclosure to house the sewer lift station located at the Sweden Town Park, 4745 Redman Road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to submit the necessary specifications for the purchase of a fiberglass reinforced plastic enclosure.
- Sec. 2. That upon receipt of said specifications the Town Clerk is directed to advertise for bids for said equipment as required by law.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Councilperson Carges | Aye |
| Councilperson Connors | Aye |
| Councilperson Ferris | Absent |
| Councilperson Windus-Cook | Aye |

Supervisor Milner

Aye

Submitted – May 16, 2009

Adopted

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook read:

Welcome to the Sweden Farmers Museum. From the time settlers began arriving here in the 1700's right through today, farming has been an integral part of our community.

In 1807 Nathaniel Poole became one of Sweden's first permanent settlers. He farmed a plot of land on the east side of a trail, which ran north and south through our Town. The trail, right out front, eventually became Lake Road. If you leave here heading south, you'll see that Lake Road is still lined with farms. And if you take a drive down any of the roads that shoot off of Lake Road, you will see acres and acres of active farmland.

In 1993, the Sweden Town Board, led by Supervisor John Henion, recognized the importance of agriculture to our community and passed a Right To Farm Law that would help protect Sweden farmers from encroaching development.

The Right to Farm Law reads in part, "It is the policy of the Town of Sweden to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other products and also for its natural ecological value." The current Sweden Town Board stands behind those words.

In 2001, the Town of Sweden "inherited" Lakeview Cemetery including this circa 1840s farmhouse and the barn behind us. The Town Board was faced with the challenge of what to do with the properties. We discussed many options and even appealed to the public about what the most appropriate use would be.

We finally settled on developing a Farmers Museum that would preserve the Town's agricultural history; would educate adults and children about that history; and would celebrate the successes and importance of local farming.

We want this Museum to be a vibrant facility. We want it to host all types of educational activities, to be a place where community members can hold meetings and small functions and we also want it to serve as an office for our Town Historian and cemetery records.

Returning the house to a typical 1840s house and saving the barn have been our primary focuses. We've restored these two front parlors to a typical farmhouse look from the 1800s. We've moved the modern kitchen to the back of the building as a practical matter so that events held here can have the conveniences of today. And we're in the process of creating a period kitchen in the next room.

The barn received a major overhaul last summer. In fact, the barn had been close to collapsing. We received two grants to rebuild the foundation, to shore up the framing, replace the roof and the barn floor. We've installed new doors and period lighting – a modern, but necessary convenience. The barn needs paint, as I'm sure you've noticed, and we're working on that. We're here today to recognize and thank all the individuals who have helped make this restoration project a reality in just three short years.

I'd like to start by thanking my fellow board members Rob Carges, Pat Connors, Tom Ferris, Supervisor Jack Milner and former Supervisor Buddy Lester. Without their commitment, we'd be looking at two empty buildings in a state of disrepair that served no purpose for our community.

Thank you to Senator George Maziarz and Assemblyman Bill Reilich for securing \$15,000 in grants for the barn.

Thank you to the Farmers Museum Committee that meets on Mondays and has performed much of the work on the house as volunteers – Kathy Goetz, Don Grentzinger, Marie Bell, John and Eileen Jungbluth, Gerry and Marsha Hickey.

To the Sweden Highway Department and the Sweden Buildings and Grounds Department who have done the all the barn repairs and some of the heavier work on the house.

To Eagle Scout Candidate Mike Carter for his work on building a path to the front of the house.

To the Harvest Festival Committee that has put together 3 successful events and is busy at work on Harvest Festival 2009 – Jamie, Cindy, Kory, Kristen, Kayleen and Kim. To all the volunteers who work on the day of the festival, especially at the 5K Race.

To everyone who had donated money or an artifact or piece of equipment to the museum. Thank you. I'd especially like to note Hank Dilger who made possible the purchase of the salesman's sample of a reaper and the Gene Bater family who has designated the Sweden Farmers Museum as the recipient of memorials in Gene's memory.

Our community has long been mindful of honoring people and organizations and events that have molded our collective identity. Preserving our agricultural history and honoring those who have contributed to it is an important piece of our community's identity. Thank you for joining with me in accomplishing the preservation of our agricultural history.

Now I'd like to invite everyone to look around the house and then head out to see the barn where our Recreation Department has set-up refreshments. Thank you all for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Connors moved to adjourn the May 16, 2009 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 9:30 a.m. Councilperson Carges seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk