

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, October 13, 2020.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Patricia Hayles, and Councilperson Rhonda Humby. Councilperson Randall Hoke was absent. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Attorney James Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Chris Hamlin, John and Sandra Cassin, Christine Mayer, Bill Johnson, Don Pophal, and Debbie Burke-Gravetter.

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 and our fighting men and women around the world defending our freedoms.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Resident John Cassin addressed the board stating he is looking forward to the completion and release of the NYS DOT traffic study. He informed the board of three accidents that have taken place on Route 31. Mr. Cassin commended the Town of Sweden Code Enforcement Officer for continuing to address the issues at 4 Tracy Terrace.

Resident Sandra Cassin shared quotes from the Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan relative to neighborhoods and traffic, thorough roads, speed and barriers. She asked the Board to follow the objectives of the plan and vote no to the Gary Drive Extension project.

Resident Debbie Burke-Gravetter addressed the board opposing the Gary Drive Extension project due to traffic, noise, safety concerns and devaluation of property.

Resident Don Pophal addressed the board as a past member of the solar committee. He supports the moratorium on battery storage facilities.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Reports to be given on October 27, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on September 22, 2020

- RESOLUTION NO. 116 Approving 2021 Preliminary Budget and
Ordering Hearing on General Budget &
Special District Budgets for 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has filed the Tentative budget for 2021 with the Town Clerk and the Town Board has given it due consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby approves the 2021 Budget Officer’s Tentative Budget, as amended, and filed herewith in the Office of the Town Clerk as the 2021 Preliminary Budget
- Sec. 2. That a summary of the entire proposed budget is as follows:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>
<u>Operating & Maintenance:</u>	
General Government	\$ 1,379,396
Public Safety	119,045
Health	2,500
Transportation	1,682,070
Culture & Recreation	739,502
Home & Community	197,700
Employee Benefits	885,912
Debt Service	<u>356,507</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 5,362,632
<u>Other-Special Improvement Districts:</u>	<u>153,380</u>
TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 5,516,012

- Sec. 3. That the Town Board shall hold a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. at the Town Hall, 18 State Street in said Town on Tuesday the 27th day of October 2020 for the purpose of hearing comments, either written or verbal from all interested persons in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2021 or any item therein.
- Sec. 4. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of public hearing on the Preliminary Budget, which notice shall state: (1) the time, place and purpose of the hearing; (2) Sec. 2 of this resolution; (3) that a copy of the detailed Preliminary Budget is available on the Town website and for inspection by any interested person at the office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours; and (4) the compensation proposed to be paid to all elected town officials pursuant to Town Law, Sec. 108.
- Sec. 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 117 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:

\$1,000 from A1610.402 Buildings and Grounds Contractual (Fuel) to
A 1610.400 Buildings & Grounds Administration

\$80,000 from DB5112.400 Road Construction Permanent Contractual to
DB 5112.200 CHIPS Project

Sec. 2 That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 118 Appoint Justice Court Clerk Part Time - Rath

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Clerk in the Sweden Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, Justice Anthony Perry recommends the appointment of Debbie Rath as Clerk Part Time in the Justice Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby appoints Debbie Rath as Justice Court Clerk Part-Time.

Sec. 2. That this position is for a maximum of 20 hours a week at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.00 with a start date of October 14, 2020.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 119 Amend Dog Control Officer and Deputy Dog Control Officer Per Diem Rates

WHEREAS, the Town of Sweden has contracted for Dog Control Services with experienced Dog Control Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to make a rate change for the Dog Control Officers.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does adjust the per diem rate for Dog Control Officers Dave Maynard and Caroline Thompson to \$25.34 each per day.

Sec. 3. That this change shall take effect retroactively to September 23, 2020.

- RESOLUTION NO. 120 Calling a Public Hearing re: Moratorium on the Permitting and Construction of Battery Storage Facilities

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town Sweden believes that the storage of large batteries or large quantities of batteries should be done in a manner that is safe according to various state and federal regulations, as well as the considerations of the locality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden is interested in developing a Town Code regulating the permitting and construction of battery storage facilities to insure that such facilities meet proscribed regulations, as well as the considerations of the locality; and

WHEREAS, a six-month period of time will likely be sufficient to accomplish this; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden is required to hold a Public Hearing on the matter before enacting a moratorium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden calls a Public Hearing to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a moratorium on the permitting and construction of battery storage facilities for a six-month period on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street.
- Sec. 2. That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a notice of this hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the town, in accordance with Section 265 of Town Law.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

No items

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance Director Leisa Strabel detailed several proposed changes to the Employee Handbook.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Hayles moved to adjourn the October 13, 2020 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:15 p.m. Councilperson Humby seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk