

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 26, 2021.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson, Councilperson Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Randall Hoke, Councilperson Rhonda Humby, and Councilperson Gary Sullivan. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney James Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Chris Hamlin, Kevin M. Johnson, and 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 fighting men and women around the world, our first responders, and those affected by COVID.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Resident Karen LoBracco said she took advantage of early voting yesterday at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center and shared comments that she heard from the inspectors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilperson Hayles reported that the SCCC pumpkin walk is tonight, and Thursday night is the usual Halloween festivities. Mrs. Hayles commented on the third quarter financial report and feels they are quickly approaching a pre-COVID level. Jill and her staff are controlling their budget very well.

Councilperson Hayles reported that the Seymour Library has come a long way since the preliminary budget presentation on August 24th. They are committed to restoring the hours of operation to 53. Mrs. Hayles discussed the grants and funding levels. She asked if the annual four-board meeting should be scheduled. Supervisor Johnson suggested that meeting be scheduled after the first of the year.

Councilperson Sullivan reported that repairs on the Nietopski scoreboard have been completed, new paint and lettering. The wind-weighted weather tarps for home plate and the pitcher's mound have been ordered. The batting cage flooring will be replaced. They are advertising for a field groomer. Supervisor Johnson explained that the position is a third position that has been left unfilled. They would like to hire an individual with field grooming experience to perform annual maintenance. The Lodge rentals continue.

Councilperson Humby complimented Jill Wisnowski on her job performance. Mrs. Humby reported that Dog Control has been busy. The cemetery map project is complete. Thank you to Ruth Kruppner at the Highway Department for helping with the project. The Farmers Museum Committee met and will form a Harvest Festival committee to plan the 2022 event. The Farmers Museum is now closed for the season. The committee will be organizing the items in the house.

Councilperson Hoke reported nothing notable going on with the court. Mr. Hoke informed the board of a property maintenance situation on Brockport Spencerport Road. The

building department has flagged the house for safety reasons, and they have been in contact with the owner. Mr. Hoke reported that the new phone system installation is moving forward.

Supervisor Johnson said that he would like to form a committee to draft short-term rental legislation. Mr. Johnson mentioned the new law pertaining to open meetings. The meeting agenda and packet will be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. He asked the board members to review resolutions by Monday at noon.

Supervisor Johnson attended the Town/Gown Committee meeting. He was asked to provide Town updates at those meetings. Mr. Johnson met with David Strabel regarding the plan for the senior addition. Mr. Johnson participated in the annual Walk-to-School event and welcomed the Monroe County Town Clerks to the Town of Sweden for their association meeting. Mr. Johnson met with the Highway Department and with members of the Sweden Senior Association. He attended the Sweden Community Foundation meeting. The topic of discussion was the skate park. Fundraising letters will go out over the next couple of months.

Supervisor Johnson announced that the Village of Brockport is holding a public hearing on the cannabis legislation this coming Monday at the Oliver Middle School.

Supervisor Johnson provided updates on the current and future water projects. The Town received the completion letter from the Department of Health – water is flowing. Based on the report from MRB Group, the Town is unable to install lateral stubs on all the roads, so the east/west connections were prioritized. They determined that Beadle Road west intersection, LaDue Road intersection, and Swamp Road intersection are the best options at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:26 p.m. Supervisor Johnson called to order the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the budget, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2022, or any item therein to include the compensation to be paid to all elected Town Officials, pursuant to the requirements of Section 108 of the Town Law.

Supervisor Johnson waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Johnson presented the 2022 Budget. He detailed Town services provided and the categories within the budget. He detailed the summary showing the breakdown for the Village (\$2.436385 tax rate) and the Town outside the Village (\$4.038265 tax rate). Mr. Johnson shared the tax rate history showing a stable tax rate over time. He explained tax levy trends, the taxable assessed valuation summary, and detailed the exemptions. Mr. Johnson shared the list of special districts, elected official salaries, bond indebtedness and the tax cap calculations. This year the cap is 2.0%. The Town is \$16,504 below the tax cap.

No comments. Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Hayles

Aye

Councilperson Hoke

Aye

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

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on October 12, 2021.
- RESOLUTION NO. 117 Adopting 2022 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 2022 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Preliminary Budget for 2022, 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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

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 2022, and that salaries of elected officers as stated shall be fixed at the amounts shown effective January 1, 2022.

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.

- RESOLUTION NO. 118 Appoint Seasonal Laborers – Duthoy and Duthoy

WHEREAS, there is a need for seasonal laborers for snow operations; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended hiring John P. Duthoy and John L. Duthoy for seasonal snow operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint John P. Duthoy and John L. Duthoy as seasonal laborers for snow operations not to exceed 24 hours each per week beginning on or after November 20, 2021 and ceasing on or before April 8, 2022.

Sec. 2. That the appointments do not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.

Sec. 3. That the rate of pay will be \$14.00 per hour.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 119 Authorizing 2021 Town Funds & Single Audit

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Wager, Certified Public Accountants, a division of Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., LLP, has submitted a proposal for a Town Funds Audit and a Single Audit for year-end December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the proposal of Raymond F. Wager, Certified Public Accountants, a division of Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., LLP, for a Town Funds Audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, at a cost of \$11,150.
- Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the Single Audit proposal at a cost of \$2,650.
- Sec. 3. That the Supervisor is authorized to execute the necessary documents.
- Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 120 Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Service Contract with COP Security, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Justices have recommended that COP Security Inc. be engaged to provide security operations during certain court proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor to sign the services contract with COP Security Inc.
- Sec. 2. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on January 1, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2022.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 121 Re-schedule November 23, 2021 Town Board Meeting To November 30, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby reschedules the November 23, 2021 Town Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6 pm.
- Sec. 2. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a notice of the meeting in the official newspaper.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 122 Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Lake Road Redman Road Water District Change Order Decreasing Contract Price

WHEREAS, Villager Construction, Inc. has substantially completed the Lake Road Redman Road Water District installation and has agreed to a reduction in the contract price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves a Change Order reducing the Villager Construction, Inc. contract by \$218,396.65.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Change Order and any other necessary documents related to same.

Sec. 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Humby made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 10 dated October 27, 2021 in the amount of \$76,771.49.

General Fund: In the amount of \$48,120.71 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 27, 2021.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$18,902.69 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 27, 2021.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$9,748.09 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 27, 2021.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Hoke	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Humby	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>	
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>	Adopted

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Sullivan made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hayles to go into executive session at 6:46 p.m. subject to Public Officer’s Law Section 105(h) proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property; Public Officer’s Law Section 105(d) proposed, pending or current litigation; and Public Officer’s Law Section 108(3) confidential consultation with the Town Attorney. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Sullivan made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sullivan moved to adjourn the October 26, 2021 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 8:25 p.m. Councilperson Hoke seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen M. Sweeting, Town Clerk