

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, January 25, 2022.

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, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were retiring Town Historian Kathleen Goetz, Jim Goetz, Catherine Goetz, Sophia Edozien, Cate Edozien, Lee Schramm, and Deb Wahl.

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.

**PRESENTATION:**

Recognition of Sweden Historian Kathleen Goetz.

Supervisor Johnson read the Certificate of Recognition:

*Whereas, Kathleen C. Goetz, was appointed Town of Sweden Historian on September 26, 2000; and*

*Whereas, she has helped many people, both residents and non-residents, research family history; and*

*Whereas, she has worked tirelessly to create the Sweden Farmers' Museum and related activities; and*

*Whereas, she was instrumental in planning many of the Bicentennial events held by the Town in 2014; and*

*Whereas, she has written many informative articles regarding Town of Sweden history.*

*Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Sweden recognizes the long and dedicated service of Kathleen C. Goetz to the residents of the Town of Sweden.*

Kathy Goetz thanked the Town Board and added that she could not have done it all without the support of the Town.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence noted.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:**

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham provided a memo to the Board pertaining to truck replacement. He shared a presentation detailing current equipment and his proposed replacement plan.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel reported that the audit will resume this week.

Councilperson Hoke reported that he and Supervisor Johnson will be seeking quotes for IT services. The Building Department issued 192 permits for 2021 – about average for the year.

The department is going back through expired permits, mailing letters for renewal, and closing out those that are complete. Continuously dealing with complaints.

Councilperson Humby reported that Dog Control continues to answer calls and have been delivering food and supplies to those in need. The Sweden Farmers’ Museum and Harvest Festival planning are moving along. They are looking for volunteers for the upcoming festival September 17, 2022.

Councilperson Sullivan reported that Buildings and Grounds have been busy with inside work. He noted some fence repairs that need to be done weather permitting and several trees that must be removed. They are seeking quotes to replace a truck.

Councilperson Hayles provided her last report for the Sweden Clarkson Community Center (Councilperson Humby was appointed liaison). She provided door counts for the SCCC, noting that it does not include numbers that participate in programming outside of the SCCC. They are up over 90% of pre-COVID levels, which is good. Mrs. Hayles is looking to connect the SCCC to the Harvest Festival.

Councilperson Hayles shared the monthly financials and meeting highlights for the library. They are proposing to return to 53 hours open. She asked Councilperson Hoke for his opinions on the VOIP system at the library. She explained the reduced deficit. Mrs. Hayles announced a vacancy on the Library Board.

Supervisor Johnson reported a recent vacancy on the Environmental Conservation Board. A second design meeting for the skatepark will be held on February 10, 2022 at the Lodge. The proposals for naming rights of the skatepark are due January 28, 2022. The SCCC addition contracts have been awarded and construction should start in March. The certification was received from the Town Clerk rejecting the petitions for Local Law 6 of 2021 – Opting Out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites. Mr. Johnson is looking for residents interested in serving on a committee to discuss short-term rentals. The Board will discuss consideration of the new tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers at an upcoming workshop. There has been some additional work on the Lake Road water district – preparation for additional lines. Mr. Johnson explained the change in the process of income surveys for additional funding – may now have to use census data.

Discussion of the Sweden Village Safety Committee’s survey. Councilperson Hoke indicated the survey has been drafted and will go out soon.

Supervisor Johnson announced that the treasurer position for the library has been shifted to the Town of Sweden.

Councilperson Sullivan shared that another fifteen bricks in support of the skatepark have been sold.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke 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 Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2022.
- RESOLUTION NO. 22 Call Town Board Workshop for February 10, 2022  
For Skatepark Design Workshop

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby calls a Town Board Workshop for Thursday, February 10 at 6 pm at the Sweden Town Park Lodge, 4761 Redman Road for the purpose of attending a Skatepark Design Workshop.

Sec. 2. That no Town Board action will be taken at the workshop.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a notice of the meeting in the official newspaper.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 1 dated January 26, 2022 in the amount of \$358,497.15.

General Fund: In the amount of \$219,290.42 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 26, 2022.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$124,149.57 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 26, 2022.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$10,755.16 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 26, 2022.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$4,302.00 as set forth in Abstract 1 dated January 26, 2022.

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

- Motion made by Councilperson Humby and seconded by Councilperson Hayles to move the February 8, 2022 meeting back to the Town Hall from the Lodge due to the joint library meeting being cancelled. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. subject to Public Officer's Law Section 105(h) proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Hoke to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Hayles moved to adjourn the January 25, 2022 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 8:48 p.m. Councilperson Hoke seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk