

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 22, 2022.

Town Board Members present were Deputy Supervisor Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Randall Hoke and Councilperson Rhonda Humby. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Attorney Jim Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Chris Hamlin, Christopher Martin, Don Pophal, and James Cenci.

Deputy Supervisor Hayles 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 all our military service men and women.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Town Attorney Jim Bell reported updates to the Eminent Domain legal proceeding to expand Gary Drive to Route 31. A petition was filed with the Monroe County Supreme Court on January 14, 2022 in support of the Town's acquisition of a permanent easement and a temporary easement to proceed forward with the expansion of Gary Drive. The property owners did not appear or submit any opposition. Today, February 22, 2022, the Court signed an Order granting the Town's application and petition for the acquisition of this property by way of easements. Mr. Bell explained that the Town of Sweden can move forward with the expansion.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel reported the receipt of a deposit for the Letter of Credit for the Villas at Brandwoods clearing project. Another deposit must be received before construction can begin. Mrs. Strabel provided updates on the request to apply for a second CARES grant. A reasonable draw-down of the first grant must be done prior to another grant application. Mrs. Strabel asked the board if they wanted to move forward on a grant through the Canal Corporation for signage to the park. Discussion – the Board agreed to move forward.

Councilperson Hoke reported that he spoke with a potential IT vendor to discuss a quote for services. He is gathering several quotes for consideration. Mr. Hoke shared the Building Department report and accompanying spreadsheet.

Deputy Supervisor Hayles reported they have a few people interested in the open library board position. The joint meeting with the Clarkson Town Board, Brockport Village Board, and Library Board will be held on March 22, 2022 at the Sweden Town Park Lodge. The Farmers Museum Committee continues to plan the Fall Harvest Festival. They are looking for volunteers. The second design meeting for the Skate Park was held. There was a lot of participation and construction is scheduled to start in the Spring. The senior addition at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center is also on track and construction is scheduled to start in the Spring.

Councilperson Humby reported that Dog Control is running smoothly. She reminded everyone that pet food and supplies are available to those in need through the Hamlin Dog Shelter. Mrs. Humby is getting familiar with the Sweden Clarkson Community Center as the

new liaison. She mentioned several new programs and upcoming events. The baffles in the gym are being repaired. Mrs. Humby added that she attended the Skate Park design meeting and was very impressed.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:15 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Hayles called to order the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a Local Law adding proposed Article VIII Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Systems to Chapter 164 of the Sweden Town Code.

New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-k allows for municipalities, including the Town of Sweden, to elect by local law to allow an exemption from taxation for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance personnel who meet certain criterium.

Deputy Supervisor Hayles waived the reading of the legal notice.

Resident Christopher Martin has been a member of the fire department since 1975. The Village of Brockport and the Brockport Fire District have approved this. Volunteers receive no remuneration for their services. This has been a long time coming and he hopes the Board approves it.

Resident James Cenci has been a member of the fire department since 1978. Back then you learned on the job, now you are required to attend several hours of classroom and hands-on training. Enrollment has dropped. This might be some incentive for recruits. If Brockport has to go to a paid department, it would be very costly to the taxpayers.

Councilperson Hoke said all the training regulations are strict now and have put a burden on the volunteers. It is more of a commitment now.

No other comments. Public hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Hoke made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby 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>Absent</u>	
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2022.
- RESOLUTION NO. 31 Accepting Audit of Court Records

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden retained Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., Certified Public Accountants, to perform an audit of the Sweden Town Court records and dockets for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Wager, CPA submitted a report of the 2021 court audit on February 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board has had the opportunity to review the court audit report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the findings of Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., Certified Public Accountants pertaining to the 2021 Sweden Town Court records and dockets.

Sec. 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to forward a copy of the audit report to the NYS Office of Court Administration.

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

● RESOLUTION NO. 32 Authorize National Grid Application for Service

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That National Grid is hereby authorized to do the following work in the Town of Sweden:
Install pole and 25-watt LED light fixture on the Gary Drive extension served via underground distribution (S.C.2 street lighting) and a metered service on the pole for use by a future sign to be installed by the Town.

The cost of installation will be billed to the Town of Sweden. The monthly street lighting cost will be added to Account 03310-54007, Gary Drive, Fieldstone Acres.

Sec. 2. That the Supervisor be authorized to sign the application for service and related documents.

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

● RESOLUTION NO. 33 Authorize Purchase of Exmark Mower

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has requested the purchase of a 72” Exmark Lazer LZX993EBV726X1 mower; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes have been received:

Vendor

All Weather Power Equipment	\$15,299.00
Erie Power Equipment, Inc.	\$15,299.00

Brodner Equipment, Inc. \$14,799.00; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department recommends the purchase of the Exmark Lazer X LZX993EBV726X1 from Brodner Equipment, Inc. 3918 Lyell Road, Rochester, NY 14606.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1 That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the purchase of a 72” Exmark Lazer Mower LZX993EBV726X1 from Brodner Equipment at a total cost of fourteen thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$14,799.00).

Sec. 2 That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 34 Ordering Public Hearing on Renewal of Iroquois Rock Products Excavation Permit

WHEREAS, the Excavation Permit for Iroquois Rock Products quarry on Colby Street and Sweden Walker Road, in the Town of Sweden expires on March 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Swierkos, Jr. of Iroquois Rock Products has submitted an Application for an Excavation Permit to the Town Board for review and study; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the residents of the Town of Sweden to hold a public hearing so all persons desiring to be heard for or against such renewal shall be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden shall hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. to hear all persons desiring to be heard for or against the renewal of the Excavation Permit for Iroquois Rock Products located on Colby Street and Sweden Walker Road.

Sec. 2. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town as required by law.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 35 Award HVAC Controls Replacement

WHEREAS, the HVAC control system at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center no longer functions and must be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were received:

Wolf Mechanical Service 5353 West Ridge Road Spencerport, NY 14559	\$12,500.00
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Leo J. Roth Corporation

841 Holt Road
Webster, New York 14580

\$13,500.00

Pipitone
25 East Buffalo Street
Churchville, NY 14428

\$13,415.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Architect recommends accepting the Wolf Mechanical Service proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the proposal from Wolf Mechanical Service for twelve thousand five hundred and zero cents (\$12,500.00) to replace the HVAC system controls at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 36 SEQRA Determination – Local Law - Amend Chapter 164, Taxation

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden intends to amend Chapter 164 Taxation; and

WHEREAS, such a Local Law is defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5 as a Type II action for which no environmental review is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Sweden Town Board does hereby designate the proposed Local Law as a Type II action.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 37 Adopting Local Law 1 of 2022 Adding to Sweden Town Code Chapter 164 Taxation Article VIII Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-k allows for municipalities, including the Town of Sweden, to elect by local law to allow an exemption from taxation for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance personnel who meet certain criterium; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to enact such local law to allow such exemptions; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised Public Hearing was held by the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 265 of Town Law, at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on February 22, 2022 at 6:15 pm to hear all persons interested in the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Adding Chapter 164

Taxation Article VIII Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby adopts Local Law 1 of 2022 adding Article VIII Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Systems to Chapter 164 Taxation.
- Sec. 2. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a complete copy of Local Law No. 1 of 2022 with the Secretary of State, as required by law.
- Sec. 3. 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 Hoke made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 2 dated February 23, 2022 in the amount of \$1,435,298.23.

General Fund: In the amount of \$1,075,820.17 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 23, 2022.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$67,912.17 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 23, 2022.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$6,027.21 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 23, 2022.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$285,538.68 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 23, 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>Absent</u>	
Supervisor Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	Adopted

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Humby moved to adjourn the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:30 p.m. Councilperson Hoke seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk