

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 24, 2023.

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

Visitors present were Chris Hamlin and Suzie Lim.

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 especially those mobilized in the Middle East.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilperson Humby announced the upcoming Halloween event at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center, Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the Veterans Lunch on November 10, 2023 at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:04 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 2024, 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 2024 Budget. He detailed Town services provided and the categories within the budget. He detailed the summary showing the breakdown for the Village and the Town outside the Village. Mr. Johnson shared the tax rate history which has been relatively stable over time. He shared a list of all the various tax exemptions in the Town. The most common being Veterans 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 \$10,398 below the tax cap. This budget anticipates a decrease in mortgage tax, increase in retirement contributions, increase in minimum wage, and increase in health insurance. This budget preserves all current services.

Supervisor Johnson reported one additional change to the 2024 Budget – an addition of \$11,000 for the purchase of Building Department software. Finance Director Leisa Strabel said the change does not affect the tax cap or the fund balance.

Supervisor Johnson thanked the board and especially Leisa Strabel for all the work on this budget.

No other comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on October 10, 2023.
- RESOLUTION NO. 134 Approve Inter-municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with Monroe County

WHEREAS, Monroe County and the Town of Sweden desire to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 with annual renewals upon mutual consent for up to four (4) additional years.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways recommends that the Town Board enters into the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the Inter-municipal Agreement for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 with annual renewals upon mutual consent for up to four (4) additional years.

Sec. 2. That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 135 Amend Investment Policy

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden originally adopted an investment policy in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden is committed to reviewing and updating its investment policy as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden amends its investment policy as attached.

Sec. 2 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 Sullivan authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 10 dated October 25, 2023 in the amount of \$253,750.74.

General Fund: In the amount of \$67,749.42 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 25, 2023.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$46,637.17 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 25, 2023.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$5,770.62 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 25, 2023.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$133,593.53 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 25, 2023.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 136 Adopting 2024 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 2024 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Preliminary Budget for 2024, 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

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 2024, and that salaries of elected officers as stated shall be fixed at the amounts shown effective January 1, 2024.

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.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Humby
Seconded by Councilperson Hayles

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Hoke	<u>Absent</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 Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to go into executive session at 6:15 p.m. subject to Public Officer’s Law Section 105 (f) employment of a particular person, Public Officer’s Law Section 105 (h) proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of property, and Public Officer’s Law Section 108 (3) confidential consultation with the Town Attorney. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Sullivan made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sullivan moved to adjourn the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:26 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