

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, November 28, 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, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Dog Control Officer David Maynard, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Allan and Jean Berry, Jennifer Berry, Vitalie Jomir, and Jonas Jomir.

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:

Supervisor Johnson invited Councilperson Humby and Dog Control Officer David Maynard to the front of the room and introduced Jennifer Berry, Jonas Jomir, and Vitalie Jomir. Mr. Johnson presented and read the following Certificate of Recognition:

WHEREAS, in October of 2023, a young brown and white Boxer was spotted by many residents roaming loose in the Village of Brockport, in the Town of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Dog Control Officers, Dave Maynard and Caroline Thompson made numerous attempts over the period of a month to catch the dog who was in danger from traffic, other animals, and a lack of food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, one family's tireless help resulted in the young Boxer being trapped in their garage and held until Sweden's Dog Control Officers could take him safely to their shelter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sweden recognizes Jennifer and Jonas for their commitment and persistence in catching "Winston", as the Boxer is now known, so that he may be safe and cared for in a new home.

Signed by Supervisor Johnson and the members of the Sweden Town Board

Supervisor Johnson thanked the family for going out of their way to help the dog. Councilperson Humby added that this was a daily challenge for Dog Control for approximately a month.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilperson Humby reported that over 50 veterans attended the Veterans Day luncheon at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center. The pickleball/basketball court is finished.

Councilperson Sullivan reported that Buildings and Grounds are finishing several projects, and the Town Park is shut down for the winter season.

Councilperson Hayles announced the 2024 Harvest Festival date of September 21st. The Seymour Library Board has opted to invest in CDs.

Supervisor Johnson updated the board on some delays in product for the Town Hall renovation and shared information on the Route 31 project.

Supervisor Johnson shared Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham’s report. They are almost done collecting leaves and are getting ready for the snow and ice.

Town Attorney Jim Bell is working on a settlement of the Real Property Tax Law litigation with CVS. He informed the Board of a dangerous dog case in the Village of Brockport. Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on November 14, 2023.
- RESOLUTION NO. 144 Encumbrances

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Director of Finance be authorized to establish accounts payable and encumber the applicable appropriation account balances to apply to unpaid obligations as filed with her at the close of the 2023 fiscal year by the heads of administrative units of the Town and to amend the 2023 budget by increasing the proper appropriations per any encumbrances so filed.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 145 Approving Bond for Receiver of Taxes and Assessments

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves the surety, form and amount of the official undertaking for the faithful performance of the duties of the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, as follows:

Type of Undertaking: public employees dishonesty bond including faithful performance

Insurance company: Travelers Insurance Company
Amount: \$200,000

Sec. 2. A true copy of this resolution shall be affixed to the undertaking to indicate this Board’s approval thereon in accordance with Town Law Section 25.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 146 Appoint Seasonal Laborer– McGuire

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended hiring Liam McGuire for seasonal snow operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Liam McGuire as a seasonal laborer for snow operations not to exceed 32 hours per week beginning on or after December 9, 2023 and ceasing on or before April 12, 2024.

Sec. 2. That the appointment does 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 \$16.50 per hour.

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. Supervisor Johnson asked that the voucher for Clarkson Veterinary Hospital be removed. Councilperson Hayles made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby authorizing payment of the bills AS AMENDED in Abstract 11 dated November 29, 2023 in the amount of \$741,574.47.

General Fund: In the amount of \$202,617.77 as set forth in Abstract 11 dated November 29, 2023.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$194,011.39 as set forth in Abstract 11 dated November 29, 2023.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$5,320.56 as set forth in Abstract 11 dated November 29, 2023.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$339,624.75 as set forth in Abstract 11 dated November 29, 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

Aye

Adopted

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements noted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Hayles moved to adjourn the November 28, 2023 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:37 p.m. Councilperson Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk