

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, March 12, 2024.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Tyler Sharpe, Councilperson Adam Staskiewicz, and Councilperson Gary Sullivan. Councilperson Scott Maar was absent. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Joshua Sentiff, Jessica Davis, John and Sandra Cassin, Karen LoBracco, Mike Cunningham, and Jan Preston.

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 for our first responders, and to remember the families of the Genesee County Sheriff killed in the line of duty over the weekend and the New York State Trooper killed while serving in the National Guard.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Resident Sandra Cassin addressed the board expressing concerns on the Gary Drive Extension stating that the decision changed their living environment and property. They purchased their property on Gary Drive for the residential atmosphere. They are now concerned with the Town Board's potential decisions regarding parking on Gary Drive during the eclipse event on April 8, 2024. If the parking ban is approved, it would negatively impact family gatherings in that area – limiting the number of guests families can accommodate due to parking. Ms. Cassin suggested allowing parking on one side and utilizing law enforcement by enforcing speed limits and traffic safety instead of towing cars.

Resident John Cassin addressed the board opposing prohibiting parking at the Town Park and Sweden Clarkson Community Center during the eclipse event on April 8, 2024. You are mandating those that want to view the eclipse from the Town Park or SCCC to walk. It will be dangerous to walk along Redman Road or Lake Road to access these locations – forced to walk in the road, no sidewalks. It is unreasonable, unnecessary, and unsafe.

Joshua Sentiff signed up to speak, but said he agreed with the comments offered by Sandra and John Cassin and had no other comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Hayles received the draft of the Town audit and met with Finance Director Leisa Strabel and the managing partner to discuss the draft. The Town is in good shape, the audit indicates no gaps in our internal controls. The final draft will be forthcoming.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Reports to be given at the meeting of March 26, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Absent</u>	
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>	
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	ADOPTED

- Approval of regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2024
- RESOLUTION NO. 55 Recreation Assistant FT – Peterson Return to Duty

WHEREAS, Full-time Recreation Assistant Cara Peterson has returned from Active Duty in the United States Army and applied for reinstatement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby re-appoints Cara Peterson to the position of full-time Recreation Assistant at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center.

Sec. 2. That the rate of pay will be \$23.46 per hour beginning March 25, 2024.

Sec. 3. That all benefits have been accrued during Peterson’s deployment as required by law.

- RESOLUTION NO. 56 Annual Tri-Municipal Seymour Library Meeting

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That regular Sweden Town Board Meeting of March 26, 2024 will be held at 6 pm at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport.

Sec. 2. That following the regular meeting, the Sweden Town Board will join the Clarkson Town Board, the Brockport Village Board and the Seymour Library Board for a joint meeting at the Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport.

Sec. 3. That the purpose of the meeting is for the Seymour Library to present the annual update to the municipalities.

Sec. 4. That the approximate start time of the library meeting is 7 pm.

Sec. 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 57 Declare Surplus Item for Disposal Shed

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board adopted the Scrap Materials Policy and Procedures on February 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of such policy and procedure states that prior to disposal, assets must be declared as surplus items by the Sweden Town Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby declares as surplus the following item that has fallen into disrepair at the Community Center and directs the department to dispose of:

2005 36' x 14' Deluxe Shed

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 58 Appoint Member to the Environmental Conservation Board – DiGiaccio

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town of Sweden Environmental Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy was duly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Nicholas DiGiaccio to the vacancy on the Environmental Conservation Board.

Sec. 2. That this term of membership will begin March 13, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 59 Award Bid for Used Tandem Roller

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2024 the Town Board of the Town of Sweden authorized bidding for a used tandem roller; and

WHEREAS, the bid notice was duly advertised and one sealed bid was received.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby awards the bid for a 2018 Hamm HD 120 tandem drum roller with 2,051 hours to Monroe Tractor 1001 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467 at a bid price of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 60 Authorize Purchase of 2018 Hamm HD 120 Tandem Drum Roller from Highway Equipment Reserve

WHEREAS, a Reserve was established for Highway Equipment on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden has awarded a bid of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to Monroe Tractor for the purchase of a 2018 Hamm HD 120 tandem drum roller.

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance confirms there are funds available in the Highway Equipment Reserve for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for a 2018 Hamm HD 120 Tandem Drum Roller from the Highway Equipment Reserve.

Sec. 2. That pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, this expenditure is subject to permissive referendum.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a public notice as required by law.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:15 p.m. Supervisor Hayles called to order the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons regarding the prohibition of parking for one day, April 8, 2024 on the Town Streets and Roads listed on Exhibit A:

EXHIBIT A
Temporary Prohibited Parking for April 8, 2024

All Streets in Sweden Village Subdivision

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| Crestview Drive | Old Elm Drive |
| Fairview Drive | Rogers Parkway |
| Gary Drive | Sherry Lane |
| Hickory Way | Sweden Hill Road |
| Highview Circle | Sweden Lane |
| Hollybrook Road | Timber Trail |
| Keystone Court | Tracy Terrace |
| Lancet Way | Trefoil Lane |
| Ogee Trail | Tudor Road |

All Streets in Northview Subdivision

- Golden Hill
- Long Point Lane

All Streets in Brandonwood Subdivision

Talamora Trail
Nathaniel Poole Trail
Wood Trace

Other Streets and Roads

Bader Way	Hartshorn Place
Campbell Road	Holley Street
Canal Road East	Owens Road
Canal Road West	Royal Garden Way
Duryea Drive	Transit Way
Eisenhauer	Gallup Road South
Ellis Drive	Gallup Road North

Supervisor Hayles waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Hayles shared the rationale for this proposal. Temporary parking on certain Town roads is being considered for public safety and the ability for emergency vehicles to reach homes if necessary, during the April 8, 2024 eclipse event. It was recommended by public safety officials due to the excessive number of visitors to the area for this event. Mrs. Hayles received updated traffic information at a meeting with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office held on February 6th regarding traffic patterns during the event. It was suggested at that meeting, and encouraged, to adopt temporary parking restrictions. The proposal is for parking restrictions, not closures in high density areas. The Monroe County Sheriff is in favor of any restrictions imposed by municipalities to keep people safe.

Town Attorney Jim Bell detailed Section 170 of the Sweden Town Code pertaining to current parking restrictions and enforcement on Town roads. The Sheriff's Department has the authority to remove cars or issue parking tickets to those in violation of this section.

Supervisor Hayles opened the hearing for comments.

Resident John Cassin addressed the board opposing the temporary parking restriction. Many of the roads listed are in residential neighborhoods and will impact the enjoyment of your residents to view the eclipse with others. Mr. Cassin stated that no other municipality has announced such excessive restrictions. The Sheriff has announced they will focus on major routes, not residential streets. The Town has not demonstrated that Sweden will be affected more than any other Monroe County Town and asks that the Board vote this resolution down.

Resident Joshua Sentiff addressed the board stating that people are coming, you can tell them where to park or not to park. He suggested allowing parking on one side of the street.

Resident Karen LoBracco addressed the board. She stated she lives in the Village, so the streets listed do not apply to her. It would be difficult if parking were allowed on both sides of the street for public safety. This proposal is too much, too late. Many residents have made plans with family and friends, and we should be here to welcome them. Ms. LoBracco suggested prohibiting parking on one side of the street only. Both sides would be an imposition to those that try to follow the rules.

Resident Mike Cunningham addressed the board stating that in the name of safety, he feels it is a good idea, but not enforceable. He asked if fire trucks would be staged around the Town. Supervisor Hayles answered that they will be stationed at their fire stations within the

Town. Mr. Cunningham confirmed that the Brockport Elks Lodge is offering parking during the eclipse event.

No other comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Staskiewicz made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sharpe to go into executive session at 6:33 p.m. subject to 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 Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

*Supervisor Hayles requested the removal of Resolution – Adopt Temporary Parking Prohibitions for Eclipse Event April 8, 2024 from the agenda.

The following resolution was presented for consideration:

- RESOLUTION NO. 61 Call Special Town Board Meeting for Tuesday, March 19, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby calls a Special Town Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6 pm at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport.

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.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Sharpe
Seconded by Councilperson Staskiewicz

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance Director Leisa Strabel continued to review financial reports for 2023 – debt service (limits), tax rates inside and outside the Village, snow removal costs including road salt, costs for annual Spring and Fall pick up services, SCCC quarterly report for December 2023, annual retirement contributions, and interest earnings from operating funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Staskiewicz moved to adjourn the March 12, 2024 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:36 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