March 4, 2009

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were:

Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Town Council members:
Paul H. Pettit
Mark C. Crocker
Cheryl A. Antkowiak
Paul W. Siejak

Also present: Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney, Judith A. Newbold, Deputy Town Clerk.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith opened the meeting for the following business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

   MOTION: to approve the minutes of 02/02/2009, 02/04/2009, and 02/18/2009 was made by Councilwoman Antkowiak, seconded by Councilman Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.

2. Approval of payment of bills

   MOTION: to approve the payment of bills for the month of March was made by Councilman Pettit, seconded by Councilman Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.

   The bills for the month of March include Vouchers #18601 - 18761 in the amount of $297,292.15.

3. Clerk/Communications

   The Deputy Clerk reported a receipt of correspondence from the Fire Prevention Bureau which states the submitted individuals have passed the required physical and other requirements for acceptance into the fire service.

   MOTION: to approve the following candidates for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Councilwoman Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.

   Bernisky, Daniel  Gasport Fire Co.
   Whitmore, Ryan    Terry’s Corners
   Reid, Derek       Wrights Corners
   Quast, Patricia  Wrights Corners

4. Building Inspector’s Report - None


   MOTION: to accept the Supervisor’s Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009 was made by Councilwoman Antkowiak, seconded by Councilman Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.
6. Resolution to adopt Town of Lockport Key Policy

**MOTION:** to adopt a Town of Lockport key policy presented by Nancy Brooks, Town Clerk, which would establish the Town Clerk as depository of any new keys or lock changes within the Town, master keys, and would also place responsibility on department heads to track possession of keys for their department, was made by Councilman Siejak, seconded by Councilman Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.

6.5 Payment of Pump Station Rehabilitation Invoice

**MOTION:** to authorize payment of Pay Request #4 to Tunney Electric for the Lockport Pump Station Rehabilitation Project in the amount of $61,172.33, as reviewed by the Town Engineer and approved as an interim payment, was made by Councilman Pettit, seconded by Councilwoman Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak and Siejak.

7. Town Board Comments

**Councilman Crocker** reported that the Town is actively working with Wendel-Duchscherer to take measurements of properties that are close to the flood plain areas that FEMA has now designated with their updated maps. Residents should contact the Town Hall if they have any questions.

**Councilman Pettit** welcomed the Participation in Government students. He also expressed his delight in seeing four new volunteer firefighters added to the roster this evening. He wished to point out to all that the “emergency response system” works, as proven in the tragedy of Continental Airlines Flight #3407. He wished to thank all of the firefighters and first responders for a job well done.

**Councilman Siejak** recognized the 185th birthday of the Town of Lockport which was enacted as a separate town in 1824. He reminded everyone the Town newsletter should be delivered to residents the first week of April; asking them to pay special attention to the brush pick up schedule.

**Councilwoman Antkowiak** wanted to point out the importance of having your dog licensed and properly tagged to avoid stress to yourself and your dog if he/she were to get lost. She informed the public of an upcoming event which will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The Dale Association and the Town of Lockport will sponsor a program called “Reach to the Dale” which will focus on the elderly and those affected with Alzheimers. She would like the residents to watch the newsletter for the Town Garage Sale. She encouraged them to take advantage of the Briarwood Swimming Lessons and the Outstanding Youth Scholarship.

8. Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Smith thanked Deputy Supervisor Crocker for all of his efforts in reducing the number of residents affected by the new FEMA flood plain maps. He gave a quick synopsis of the project. The original plans call for an addition of one hundred and six new structures added to the designated flood plain areas. The Town, along with our engineering firm Wendel-Duchscherer, will be measuring base elevations of ninety-eight of these properties to attempt to remove them from the designated area. At that point they can file the necessary paperwork with FEMA.
Another important issue is the economy and the effect it is having on the Town of Lockport. The Town Board is working to keep the budget level. They are tracking sales revenue and although there has been a slight dip, he believes the Town's budget will remain stable. Maintaining solid reserves, utilizing solid budgeting practices, as well as a conservative Town Board allow him to feel confident that Lockport will weather the storm better than other municipalities.

9. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: to adjourn was made by Councilman Pettit, seconded by Councilman Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Smith, Crocker, Antkowiak, and Siejak.

The meeting ended at 7:49 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Newbold  
Deputy Town Clerk