

June 1, 2009

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

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

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney and Robert Klavoon of Wendel-Duchscherer.

Supervisor Smith welcomed everyone at 1:03 p.m. and opened the meeting for the following business:

1. **Clerk**

The Town Clerk reported receiving correspondence as follows:

Niagara Community Action Program – letter of thanks for items contributed to their annual professional development conference to be held in Niagara Falls, NY.

Niagara County Dept. of Public Works – letter acknowledging the Town's request for a speed study on Rapids Road (between 6309 Rapids Road and Suburban Acres Mobile Estates).

2. **Attorney**

Mr. Seaman stated he had prepared the paperwork for the 202b Public Hearing on improvements to Town of Lockport Sewer District No. 3 and requested the item be placed on the agenda for Town Board action on June 3, 2009.

3. **Engineer**

**Bartz Road Bridge Replacement** - Mr. Klavoon reported that the contractor is currently preparing shop drawings to be reviewed by the engineer and the attorney. The project is still on target for commencing in July.

**Sewer Rehab Project** - Mr. Klavoon stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

4. **Town Board Comments**

*Councilman Pettit* – Stated that he requested that the portable toilets at the Day Road Park be braced up so that they cannot be toppled over.

*Councilwoman Antkowiak* – Reported that the 2009 Outstanding Youth Award is scheduled to be awarded at the June 3, 2009 Town Board meeting and requested that this be added to that night's agenda.

She also requested for the June 17, 2009 Town Board work session to take place in the Snyder Room as the Dale Association's presentation on Alzheimer's disease will be taking place the same day in the main meeting room.

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Additionally, she listed the summer 2009 Recreation events as follows:

June 26, 2009 – Town Movie Night - "The Tale of Desperado" will be shown.

July 19, 2009 – Town Community Day at the Town Hall

August 7, 2009 – Town Movie Night – "Hotel for Dogs" will be shown.

She also briefly looked into the issue of a "dog park" and reported that this type of park typically does much better in an "inner city" environment, where there is not a lot of open areas to walk or run dogs. She stated that while a "dog park" is a good concept, she feels that the Town provides so many areas with space to play and walk with dogs, that a park may not be needed. Additionally, the issue of liability was brought up. She noted that most dog parks operate on an "owner responsibility" method but that other issues, i.e. cleanup, can be an expense.

#### *Councilman Crocker*

Day Road Park – He reported that work on the Day Road Park soccer fields is progressing nicely. The Town Water Dept. crews are currently working in the park. Additionally, Supervisor Smith stated that some of the shrubs in the park will need to be replaced.

Eagle Scout Project #1– Councilman Crocker stated that an Eagle Scout has presented a plan to landscape after the installation of culvert (approx. 180 linear feet) along E. High and Day Road. Councilman Crocker would like the Town to invest ½ the cost of the culvert for this project, which is estimated at \$500.

**MOTION:** to authorize the Town of Lockport to pay ½ the cost (not to exceed \$500) for culvert to be placed along E. High St and Day Road was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

Eagle Scout Project #2 – Supervisor Smith stated that another Eagle Scout has proposed to cleanup around the Shaeffer Cemetery. The scout's plan calls for him to remove the brush around the fencing which surrounds the cemetery, to use restoleum on the iron fencing and then will paint the fence. Supervisor Smith asked that the Town Board consider the cost of repairing the iron gate.

*Councilman Siejak* – Reported that the Niagara County Comprehensive Plan Committee has **finally** updated the Town of Lockport's community profile on the web site.

#### **5. Supervisor's Comments**

Presentation for Gene Nenni - Supervisor Smith reminded Board members that the Town will be presenting a proclamation and gift to retired Building Inspector, Eugene Nenni, at the June 3, 2009 Town board meeting.

#### **6. Executive Session Entered**

**MOTION:** to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Town Hall security issues and to consult with the Town Attorney was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.

**7. Exit Executive Session and Reconvene Work Session**

**MOTION:** to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The Town Board exited Executive Session and reconvened the work session at 2:07 p.m. with no action taken during the Executive Session.

**8. Resolution to Authorize Contract with Federal Electronics**

**MOTION:** to authorize the payment to Federal Electronics in the amount of \$500.00 for undisclosed security items at Town Hall, was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

**9. Resolution to Authorize the 2009 Summer Recreation Agreements**

**MOTION:** to approve the 2009 Summer Recreation Agreements as prepared by the Town Attorney was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith. The list of agreements is as follows:

Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises  
Briarwood Pool  
Niagara Co. Historical Society – One Day Summer Youth Program  
Niagara Co. Historical Society – Discovery Center  
Historic Palace Theatre  
Lockport Little League  
An Jo Baseball League  
Central Niagara Baseball & Softball Association

**10. Adjournment**

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

The meeting ended at 2:10 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC  
Lockport Town Clerk