

July 1, 2009

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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  
Paul W. Siejak

Absent: Mark C. Crocker

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney, and Deputy Town Clerk, Judi Newbold.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith welcomed those in attendance, including members of Boy Scout Troop #554 and Troop #4.

The public meeting was conducted as follows:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Donna Johntson of Old Beattie Road read a statement expressing her excitement that the Yahoo, Inc. project was coming into the Town of Lockport I.D.A. Park as well as for other projects that the Town of Lockport has been successful in securing such as the two new Town parks, and the Transit North project. She thanked the Town Board, the Town I.D.A. Board for the great exposure that the Town of Lockport has experienced due to their hard work.

Laurence Haseley, Town of Lockport Historian, displayed the "Historic Trails of Niagara County" book which is on sale for \$15 each and is available by contacting him. Supervisor Smith thanked Larry for all his hard work that went into the Town of Lockport section of the book.

Additionally, Mr. Haseley reported that the Rapids "Owl sign", a long time land mark in the hamlet of Rapids which has been conspicuously missing for several years, has been restored and will be on display at the Town Community Days Celebration on July 19, 2009. The "owl" sign, restored by a Town of Lockport resident, will then be given back to the Rapids Fire Co. who in turn, will erect the sign in a prominent place within the Rapids.

Deborah Gaskill of Rochester Road read a statement thanking the Town Board, the Town I.D.A. Board as well as previous members of these boards, for their hard work and foresight in preparing the Town I.D.A. Park and having it "shovel ready" for such projects as the Yahoo! project. Mrs. Gaskill stated she disagreed with the local paper's editorial which criticized local officials for not insisting that the Yahoo! press conference be conducted within the Town of Lockport, not in Buffalo, at the Empire State Development Office. She reminded everyone that the important fact regarding the \$150 million dollar Yahoo! project, was that the ground breaking, scheduled for some time in August 2009, will take place in the Town of Lockport I.D.A. Park, as will the 250+ temporary construction jobs and the 75 permanent high-tech computer jobs that will be available when the project is completed.

There being no other persons to address the Town Board, Supervisor Smith opened the business meeting as follows:

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1. Approval of Town Board Minutes

**MOTION:** to approve the Town Board minutes of 06/01/2009 and 06/03/2009, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Siejak and Smith.

2. Approval of Payment of the Bills

**MOTION:** to approve the payment of the bills for the month of July 2009, was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Siejak and Smith.

3. Town Clerk/Communications

The Town Clerk reported that two Notices of Public Hearings for the Town of Royalton were received; one regarding their proposed Town Master Plan and one on proposed amendments to the Town of Royalton's Water and Sewer regulations. Both Public Hearings are scheduled for July 13, 2009 at the Royalton Town Hall.

Additionally, the Town received notice from the Dale Association of an American Red Cross Blood Drive, to be held at their location, 33 Ontario St., Lockport, NY, on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. They urged all area residents to take part. The event will be sponsored by the Niagara County Sheriff's Department and the City of Lockport Police Department. Refreshments will be sponsored by Friendly's and Papa Leo's Pizza. Ice cream will be available to donors throughout the day.

4. Building Inspector's Report

Supervisor Smith stated that the good news for the Town of Lockport continues, as he read that 69 building permits were issued in the month of June; \$33,104.90 was collected in building permit fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$3,628,583.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

The monthly fiscal report for the period ending June 30, 2009, was previously distributed to the Town Board at the work session on June 29, 2009.

**MOTION:** to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2009, was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Siejak and Smith.

6. Town Board Comments

*Councilman Pettit* reminded residents of the Town brush pickup dates and that the refuse pickup schedule for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> would not be changed due to the holiday.

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Additionally, Councilman Pettit thanked the two women speakers for their kind words on the Yahoo! project. He stated that this project is a tribute to a variety of groups working within the Town of Lockport that have helped to make this happen. Yahoo! was looking to establish itself in the State of New York. Town officials, having previously gathered information concerning the Town I.D.A. Park, in particular, weather data, including wind speed, had the forethought of the possibly of attracting businesses with that type of data. The I.D.A. Park, with the information on the prevailing winds, met the needs for Yahoo's large volume of electronics that they utilize. Along with the weather data, Park's director, David Kinyon, worked hard to make the Park a perfect fit. He also stated that the Town of Lockport must be doing something right because an engineer made the trip all the way from Connecticut to attend the Public Hearing just to see first-hand, the process that was undertaken by the Town to attract and successfully gain the business of such a large firm as Yahoo! Councilman Pettit stated "kudos" to all involved.

*Councilman Siejak* thanked both Supervisor, Marc Smith, and David Kinyon, the director of the Town of Lockport I.D.A. for all their hard work in attracting Yahoo! to the Town of Lockport.

*Councilwoman Antkowiak* thanked the Town Recreation Committee for a successful "Movie Night" on June 26<sup>th</sup> and reminded residents that the next free movie, "Hotel for Dogs" will be shown on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Town Hall. Additionally, she thanked the Lockport Federation of musicians for providing entertainment for the "Movie Nights". She also reminded residents that the Town's "Community Day" celebration will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at the Town Hall. This year's event will be a special celebration of the Town's 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary, featuring the American Legion Band of the Tonawandas. There will also be displays by the Town Historian and the Town Clerk, as well as, the Town Volunteer Fire Companies, refreshments, and games for the children. She encouraged all residents to participate.

Additionally, Councilwoman Antkowiak thanked the Dale Association for their presentation on Alzheimer's Disease. She noted that the presentation was well received and well attended.

Lastly, she thanked Donna Johnston and Deborah Gaskill for their comments on the Yahoo! project and thanked all the Town officials, especially Supervisor Smith and Dan Seaman, the Town attorney, for all their help to bring this venture to the Town of Lockport, stating it was very gratifying to see all the Town's efforts result in such a successful undertaking. She also thanked Deborah Gaskill, as a past Town Board member, who previously served on a board and who fully understands the hard work that goes into such an undertaking. She wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **7. Supervisor's Comments**

In addressing the recent Yahoo! announcement, Supervisor Smith stated that it had been the culmination of great team work by current and past Town Board, I.D.A. Board members, Planning Board members, a top-notch Town Attorney, and an energetic and persistent I.D.A. Director. He stated that every employee in the Town has contributed and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that the Town of Lockport residents are taken care of. He said he hoped that the Town residents were pleased by the announcement. He stated he will go anywhere to make such announcements as long as it's a plus for the Town of Lockport. He publicly thanked NYS Senator Schumer and Gov. Patterson for helping to bring the power needed to attract Yahoo to the Town of Lockport.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** to adjourn was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Siejak and Smith.

The meeting was ended at 7:53 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC  
Lockport Town Clerk