

July 13, 2009

After due notice, a special meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2009, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

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

Also present were: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney, and Dennis Stahera and Regina Rosati of VISTA.

The purpose of the meeting, called by Supervisor Smith, was a presentation and proposal by the VISTA group for a Town-sponsored application to AMERICORE.

Supervisor Smith introduced all present and gave the floor to Dennis Stahera, of VISTA, who then gave a brief outline of their proposal.

Mr. Stahera read a mission statement of VISTA, which as a group, would act as a liaison to the Town, in the Town's application to AMERICORE for a full-time college graduate, who would be hired to gather information on area youth programs and help to make them available to Town residents. The Town would be the applicant, and VISTA would be responsible for the required paperwork and reporting to AMERICORE. Mr. Stahera emphasized that the job description for the student hired, would be developed by the Town, to suit its needs. AMERICORE, which is a federally funded program, would pay a stipend to the student for a period of one year. (the fiscal year of Oct 1st to Sept. 30th) The cost to the Town for this student, would be \$6,000. Office space for the student, would be available at the VISTA office at the House of Hope, in the City of Lockport. Mr. Stahera stated that the student's activities could include such things as researching available "life skills" activities for children, coordinating educational and recreational programs for children, and researching possible grant funding for such programs.

When asked who would administer the AMERICORE program, Mr. Stahera stated that VISTA personnel would supervise the student, but the student, would in turn, report to the Town. Mr. Stahera also emphasized the need to proceed quickly as AMERICORE had set an application deadline of July 15, 2009.

Mr. Seaman asked if the program would require a contract. Mrs. Rosati stated there would be a contract with AMERICORE, upon its approval. Additionally, when asked, she answered that there are no schools presently involved with VISTA or the application to AMERICORE. Mrs. Rosati stated that to proceed with the AMERICORE application, a Memorandum of Agreement, between the Town of Lockport and VISTA would be required.

Supervisor Smith thanked both Mr. Stahera and Mrs. Rosati for their presentation to the Town Board and asked for a motion to enter Executive Session.

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Executive Session Entered

MOTION: to enter Executive Session for the purpose of consulting 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 2:35 p.m.

Executive Session Ended and Meeting Reconvened

MOTION: to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the special meeting 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.

The Executive Session ended and the special meeting was reconvened at 2:56 p.m. with no action taken during the Executive Session.

Approval for AMERICORE Application

MOTION: for approval of an AMERICORE application for one full-time student, at a cost of \$6,000, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 1. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith. Voting NAYE: Pettit.

Adjournment

A motion for adjourn was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Councilman Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Siejak, Crocker and Smith.

The meeting was ended at 2:56 p.m.

The Lockport Town Board stands adjourned until the next regularly scheduled work session to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk