

January 5, 2011

The annual organizational meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 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 W. Siejak

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney, Judith Newbold, Deputy Town Clerk, Marie Bindeman, Ex. Director and Jacklyn McDonough of the Lockport Public Library.

PRESENTATION: Lockport Library

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Supervisor welcomed Marie Bindeman and Jaclyn McDonough of the Lockport Library. Jaclyn briefly spoke on two new programs, the "KEY" program and the "B Top Express" program which will soon be available at the library. Additionally, Marie Bindeman, Exec. Director of the library, gave the Town Board a personal invitation to attend the Open House for these new programs which will be held at the library on February 4, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Mongiello spoke to several topics including the traffic at the Tops Market on So. Transit Road; his claim of harassment by the Town of Lockport in several areas including the Town's requirement for permits for his in-ground pool, the issue of a tax abatement for his competitor issued by the Niagara Co. I.D.A., and his claim that the Town posted a video of him on the internet.

Paul Black read excerpts from an email he sent to Councilman Crocker on Dec. 16, 2010 concerning the Town Board's failure to address the issue of the Supervisor's comments made at an earlier 2010 Town Board meeting regarding Donna Pieszala.

Supervisor Smith then opened the regular meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (2011-05):** to approve the minutes of Town Board meetings of 12/29/2010 and 01/03/2011, 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.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills

**MOTION (2011-06):** to approve the payment of bills for the month of January 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 bills for January consists of vouchers #23399 – 23451 in the amount of \$95,775.75.

3. Communications – None to report.

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4. Building Inspector's Report

The Supervisor read the Building Inspector's report for the period ending 12/31/2010 which states that 24 building permits were issued; \$6,453.00 was collected in fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$380,345.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

**MOTION (2011-07):** to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 12/31/2010, 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.

6. Resolution to approve the 2011 Town Appointments

**MOTION (2011-08)** to approve the 2011 Town of Lockport appointments as read by the Town Clerk, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The 2011 Town of Lockport Appointment List is as follows:

2011 Town of Lockport Appointments – 1/5/2011

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
<u>Assessor</u>	John Shoemaker	09/30/13
<u>Bingo Inspector</u>	Sandra Baker	12/31/11
<u>Board of Ethics</u>	Wesley F. Arnold Mark Robinson Brian Belson	12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Budget Officer</u>	Robert Lipp	12/31/11
<u>Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer</u>	Brian Belson	12/31/11
<u>City/Town Cable Commission</u>		
Commission Member	Deborah A. Gaskill	12/31/11
LCTV –Town Representative	Mark C. Crocker	12/31/11
<u>Civil Enforcement Officer</u>	Vacancy	
<u>Account Clerical I</u>	Kate Carter	12/31/11
<u>Assessor's Information Clerk</u>	Carolyn Weber	12/31/11
<u>Clerk F/T</u>	Alice Lane	12/31/11
<u>Clerk P/T</u>	Lawrence Pease Dennis Fooks	12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Real Property Appraisal Tech.</u>	Jill Lederhouse	12/31/11

<u>Deputy Building Inspector</u>	Michael R. Brown Jason Thompson	12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Deputy Highway Superintendent</u>	Timothy Stranges	12/31/11
<u>Deputy Supervisor</u>	Cheryl Antkowiak	12/31/11
<u>Deputy Town Clerk</u>	Judith Newbold Carol Stuart	12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Dir. of Economic Development</u>	David Kinyon	12/31/11
<u>Dog Control</u>	Joan Coe	12/31/11
<u>Drainage Coordinator</u>	David J. Miller	12/31/11
<u>Fire Board</u>	Charles Black Norman Pearson Barry Kobrin James Clewell Ryan Dickinson Chris McClune-Case Stephen Spencer	12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>G.I.S. Coordinator</u>	John Shoemaker	12/31/11
<u>Head Municipal Maintenance</u>	Kenneth Banker	12/31/11
<u>Historian</u>	Laurence Haseley	12/31/11
<u>Industrial Development Agency</u>	Paul Haber	12/31/17
<u>Justice Clerks</u>	Linda Cutter Mary Anderson Barbara Ricotta Sandra Smiley	12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Planning Board</u>	Richard Forsey (Chairman)	12/31/17
<u>Zoning/Planning Secretary</u>	Jane Trombley	12/31/11
<u>Receiver of Taxes</u>	Lori L. Krug	12/31/11
<u>Assistant Tax Receiver</u>	Sandra Baker	12/31/11
<u>Records Management Officer</u>	Nancy Brooks	12/31/11
<u>Recreation Commission</u>	Donna Johnston	12/31/15
<u>Registrar of Vital Statistics</u> Deputy Registrar	Nancy Brooks Judith Newbold	12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>School Crossing Guards</u>	Marlene A. Ryndak Shelly Sterling	12/31/11 12/31/11
<u>Town Attorney</u>	Daniel E. Seaman	12/31/11

<u>Town Prosecutor</u>	Bradley Marble	12/31/11
<u>Zoning Board</u>	Timothy Lederhaus (Chairman)	12/31/15
<u>Mileage Reimbursement</u>	.50cents/mile	
<u>Legal Newspaper</u>	Union Sun & Journal	

7. Resolution to Approve the 2011 Non-Union Salaries

**MOTION (2011-09):** to approve the 2011 Non-union salaries, pursuant to a list provided by the Town Supervisor, 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.

8. Resolution Authorizing Travel by Town Officials

**MOTION (2011-10):** to approve travel by Town officials for the purpose of education or other requirements as are necessary for their positions, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

9. Resolution to approve the 2011 Mileage Reimbursement Rate

**MOTION (2011-11):** to approve the 2011 mileage reimbursement rate at .50/mile, pursuant to the IRS guidelines, 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.

10. Resolution to Name the Official Newspaper for 2011

**MOTION (2011-12):** to approve the Union Sun & Journal as the official Town newspaper for the year 2011 was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

11. Resolution to Designate the 2011 Official Town Depositories

**MOTION (2011-13):** to approve First Niagara Commercial Bank, M&T Bank, Key Bank and HSBC Bank as the official Town depositories for the year 2011, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

12. Resolution to Adopt the 2011 Town of Lockport Procurement Policy

**MOTION (2011-14):** to adopt the 2011 Town of Lockport Procurement Policy was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

13. Resolution to Authorize Contract for Staff for Town Attorney

**MOTION (2011-15):** to authorize the Supervisor to execute a contract with Seaman, Jones, Hogan & Brooks, LLP to provide staff for the Town Attorney was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

14. Resolution to Appoint the Delegate to the 2011 Assoc. of Towns Conference

**MOTION (2011-16):** to appoint Daniel Seaman as the Town of Lockport representative to the 2011 Association of Towns Conference in February 2011 was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

15. Town Board Comments

*Councilman Crocker* – Thanked the library representatives for their presentation.

*Councilman Pettit* reminded residents to keep their vehicles off Town highways during the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reminded residents of the recently adopted State law which requires drivers to move over for stopped emergency vehicles.

He also spoke to the Town of Lockport financial policies stating that the Town Board exercises conservative fiscal policies and that if residents are concerned about escalating taxes, that they should look to the State as the main cause of such situations.

*Councilman Siejak* gave a brief report regarding the Sewer/Water Department activities for 2010, stating that there were 121 sewer calls, 714 sewer inspections were performed, 67 water breaks were repaired (20 of them detected by the Town's new leak detection equipment). He expressed his thanks to the Sewer/Water personnel for all their hard work and stated that the goal for 2011 will continue to be to find and repair water breaks and reduce the Town's water losses.

*Councilwoman Antkowiak* thanked Marie Bindeman and Jaclyn McDonough for their presentation on the library and expressed her appreciation for the many programs and services offered to Town of Lockport residents.

She reported on the "Think Green" Recycling Program that has begun with C.I.D.-Waste Management. She urged residents to register on the Town's website (a link is provided to the Think Green program) to be included in the distribution of points which can be collected and redeemed with area merchants.

Councilwoman Antkowiak also talked about the Dale Association and their monthly news magazine which provides much information on the programs which are offered to area residents. She stated that the annual membership dues for membership in the Dale Association is a mere \$15 and provides many benefits.

Lastly, she reported that an article in the Spring newsletter will report on the new Santa House. Chris Parada (Santa) reported that he was visited by over 3,000 children and answered 200 letters to children in the area. Councilwoman Antkowiak stated she has heard nothing but positive comments from those visiting during the holiday season.

16. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith spoke to the topic of the Town/YMCA Contract which has been the subject of discussions by Mr. Black. He stated that the contract calls for the Town of Lockport to acquire 12 acres of future park land and that the Town is obligated to put in a parking lot, (to be used by the YMCA and Town residents for park access), a walking path and a road entrance to the YMCA and adjoining Town park. He stated that he feels this park is a much needed project for residents living in the middle of the Town.

He stated that there will be 11 projects underway throughout the Town in 2011 and that it should prove to be a very positive year. He then wished everyone a Happy New Year and called for adjournment.

**MOTION (2011-17):** to adjourn was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC  
Lockport Town Clerk