

February 2, 2011

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 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,
David Miller, Town Highway Superintendent.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith opened the meeting as follows:

REPORT BY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – David Miller briefly spoke on the newly established town-wide brush pickup schedule. He stated that he has initiated a new once-a month brush pickup effective March – November 2011. This will give residents nine pickups each year rather than the three provided in the past. The schedule will be similar as in the past in that the section of Town from Lincoln Ave. and north will be picked up on the third Monday of each month, and areas south of Lincoln Ave. will be picked up on the fourth Monday of the month. He explained that this new schedule will better meet the needs of the residents while also cutting down on department man hours and labor costs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No one spoke.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2011-33): to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings on 1/03/2011, 01/05/2011 and 01/19/2011, 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 (2011-34): to approve the payment of bills for the month of February was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The bills for the month of February consists of vouchers #23452-23650 in the amount of \$593,236.57.

3. Communications

The Town Clerk read a list of candidates who had passed the requirements of the Town Fire Prevention Bureau and were awaiting Town Board approval. The candidates' names are as follows:

Julie Wick.....Rapids Fire Co.
William Kerr.....Wrights Corners Fire Co.

MOTION (2011-35): to approve the above mentioned candidates in the volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport 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.

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4. Building Inspector's Report

The Supervisor read the Building Inspector's report for the month of January 2011 which states that 19 building permits were issued; \$6,406.20 was collected in fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$664,950.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

MOTION (2011-36): to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 1/31/2011, was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

6. Resolution to Purchase Table at U.S. Armed Forces Luncheon

MOTION (2011-37): to approve the purchase of a table at the annual U.S. Armed Forces Luncheon at the Buffalo Armory, and to invite Town veterans to attend and to represent the Town of Lockport, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

7. Resolution to Approve a Contract Renewal with the City of Lockport for Sewer Services

MOTION (2011-38): to approve a contract renewal with the City of Lockport for sewer services, in the amount of \$596,855.00 each year for the years of 2011 and 2012, 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.

8. Resolution to Approve the Creation of Part-time Court Clerk Position

MOTION (2011-39): to approve the creation of a part-time Court Clerk position at the rate of \$10.35/hour, 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.

9. Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Lids for 32 gallon Recycling Bins

MOTION (2011-40): to approve the purchase of 200 lids for the 32 gallon recycling bins already approved for purchase, the total additional cost to be \$915.00 (\$840.00 for the lids and \$75 S&H) 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.

10. Town Board Comments

Councilman Crocker thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then briefly addressed questions posed to the Town Board in a guest editorial in a local newspaper.

Councilman Pettit thanked David Miller, Highway Superintendent, for the great job he and his staff were doing to keep the Town highways cleared during this very cold and snowy winter. He also thanked and complimented Mr. Miller on the new and soon to be implemented Town-wide brush pickup schedule.

Additionally, he reminded everyone of the Town's Winter Parking Ordinance as well as the newly adopted State law requiring drivers to yield and move into the other lane if they encounter a stopped emergency or police vehicle.

Councilman Siejak thanked everyone for their attendance on a very snowy evening and reported on increased sales tax revenues stating that they have increased by 3.41% over 2009. He stated that this is just another indication of an improving economy.

He also reported on the Town's recycling, stating that 1,136 tons of recycled goods were collected in 2010 which was well over that collected in 2009. He thanked the residents and encouraged continued efforts in this area.

Councilwoman Antkowiak addressed several topics including:

Lockport Library - the Councilwoman stated that the library has increased the number of programs available to area residents and listed several that involve computer technology, creating resumes, and assistance in seeking employment opportunities. She encouraged everyone who is interested to enroll in these programs as soon as possible, as the classes are filling up very quickly.

Think Green Recycling Incentive – She reported that in just three weeks, over 1,000 Town households have registered for the program and have started to accumulate points. She urged everyone to participate in the program. If residents do not have computers, they can register at the library or call the Town Hall for C.I.D.'s phone number and they will enroll them over the phone.

Day Road Park Memorial Tree Program – She announced that the program has been finalized with Stedman's Nursery of Newfane. She briefly explained the program stating that Stedman's will handle all aspects of the program. Interested residents can contact Stedman's for all the information. She displayed a map of the park indicating where trees can be planted and stated that residents can purchase an entire "Package" which consists of the purchase of the tree, the planting of the tree, as well as a plaque for the tree indicating in whose memory it was planted. For Town residents choosing to purchase the entire "package", there will be a 20% discount; veteran's who purchase the package will be entitled to a 25% discount. She stated that the price of trees varies from as little as \$100 upwards to \$400. As only 85 tree plantings will be available in the park, she expects that the program will fill up quite rapidly.

North American Soccer Camp – Once again the Town will offer the camp to Town children. The first camp was very successful and Councilwoman Antkowiak assured everyone that this year's camp will most certainly be even bigger and better. She stated that registration for the program will once again be done online, most likely beginning sometime in March.

Outstanding Youth Award – The Councilwoman reported that the applications for the annual award to an outstanding Town senior will soon be available at the high schools, library and at Town Hall. The Recreation Committee will be making a decision for the award in June.

Fast Cash – The Councilwoman informed the residents of a new bottle and tin can recycling business located in the Town behind Dunkin Donuts. She stated that the business does not require residents to wait to place recyclable goods into bins. It is a fast action, very clean process of recycling and obtaining refunds on this type of items.

Lastly, Councilwoman Antkowiak thanked the Town Board for their support and assistance in completing the Town's search and purchase of new recycling bins.

11. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith reported that Councilman Siejak has been leading an effort to conduct an energy study of the Town Hall complex. The Councilman and he have met with representatives of the Town's energy providers to gather information for a report on possible solutions to help increase the energy efficiency of the Town facilities and help to pass any savings on to the residents of the Town.

Supervisor Smith also wanted to inform residents that it appears that 2011 will be an excellent year for construction and development. The year started out very busy and he expects that trend will continue throughout the spring and summer.

Lastly, he reported that the Town's finances are in excellent condition and that he expects the Town's annual audit to be available in the near future. He stated that the Town Board stands firm on their belief that they will be able to hold fees to a minimum for Town residents and they will continue their efforts to encourage business and growth for the community.

12. Adjournment

MOTION (2011-41): to adjourn was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The meeting ended at 7:57 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk