

April 4, 2011

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 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 Siejak

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

The meeting was opened for the following discussion and/or action:

1. **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk reported correspondence from the following:

- a) a letter from the Tennessee Gas Pipe Line regarding the upcoming construction of the Niagara Spur Loop Line Project.
- b) Press release notification of the retirement of Gerald Farnham from the Niagara County Legislature.
- c) Specifications from Orleans Monument Co. for two family head stones to be placed in the Stahler Cemetery.

2. **Town Attorney** – no report.

3. **Engineer**

Mr. Klavoon reported that he has met with two developers: one working with the third phase of the Woodland - Hometown America and secondly, David Holmes, who is developing the next phase of the Collins Subdivision. Mr. Homes reported that the contractor will be adding the A-clamp system to the sewers of the 25 additional lots which will be added in the next phase of the Collins subdivision.

4. **Town Board Comments**

Councilman Pettit stated that he had a request for a memorial bench to be placed in the Day Road Park near the memorial trees. *Councilwoman Antkowiak* stated that the Town Board should consider allowing other forms of memorials in the park. She noted that the idea of selling memorial bricks for a pathway to be built at the park is going to be developed when the memorial tree project has been completed. Supervisor Smith added that he would like to see the same manufacturer used for the various types of memorials, to ensure that the quality and proper esthetics desired by the Town are utilized.

Councilwoman Antkowiak stated that the new recycling cans have arrived and there has been much interest in them by the residents. She stated she met with a representative of C.I.D. regarding the Town's "Think Green" recycling program and that he reported that the Town is doing well and that she plans on reporting on the project at the April 6th Town Board meeting. She would like to have additional area companies added to the list of participating vendors for the points awards portion of the project.

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Additionally, the electronics recycling program which she would like to see implemented is currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney for consideration by the Town Board at an upcoming work session.

She also reported that the Lockport Public Library will conduct a reading program for children at the Day Road Park on Thursdays from July-August.

Lastly, she announced that she will meet with John Brundo, the printer of the Town newsletter, to discuss issues with regard to printing errors.

Councilman Crocker reported that he is presently seeking prices for the emergency heart difibulator machines which the Board would liked placed in each of the Town buildings. He will report back at a later date.

Councilman Siejak reported that he received a thank you note from the Barge Canal Optimist for the proclamation the Town Board sent in observation of their 20th Anniversary.

He also reported that the conversion of the lighting at the Town Hall facilities has been completed and the Town should expect to see a savings on the electricity used.

He also reported that he and Supervisor Smith have investigated and urge that an upgrade to the alarm reporting system for the Town's lift stations be undertaken. The current phone system would be converted over to a radio frequency system at a cost of \$291 per site or a total cost of approx. \$12,000. The cost savings however, would be realized with a 12 month payback. More information will be given at a later date.

Lastly, he stated that the Assessing office has sent out re-assessment notices and that Assessment Review process will begin April 11th and run through April 28th.

5. **Supervisor's Comments**

Lockport Mall Demolition – The demolition of the Mall is scheduled to begin on April 13th and will take 10-14 days to complete.

Sewer/Water Road Pushes – After some discussion, it was determined that the Town Code will require that the owners or developers will conduct the road pushes for both sewer and water lines and that the Town Water/Sewer personnel will still be responsible for all connections and inspections.

Heating Survey of Town Hall – Supervisor Smith announced he had several companies survey the Town Hall for inspection of the insulation, heating, air conditioning to find methods of savings. He stated that several areas were identified for future improvements. He will report back at a later date.

Yahoo Inc. – Supervisor Smith stated that the Buffalo News reported that Yahoo, Inc has announced their plans to expand their work force at their Town of Lockport I.D.A. site.

6. **Executive Session Entered**

MOTION (2011-67): to enter Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with the Town Attorney and to discuss the work history of an employee 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.

7. Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened

MOTION (2011-68): to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session 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 work session was reconvened at 1:52 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (2011-69): 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 work session ended at 1:52 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk