

October 5, 2011

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Town Council members: Cheryl A. Antkowiak
Mark C. Crocker
Paul W. Siejak

Absent: Paul H. Pettit

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting as follows:

PRESENTATION: Presentation on the Retirement of Robert Nash

Supervisor Smith, along with David Miller, Highway Superintendent, asked that Robert Nash and his family come forward. The Supervisor read a proclamation in recognition and celebration of the 39 plus years of service which Robert "Bob" had given to the Town of Lockport. Bob's first years, beginning in 1972, were spent in the Town Water Dept. and then in 1985, he joined the Highway Dept. as an equipment operator and truck driver, eventually becoming the Deputy Town Highway Superintendent and serving in that position from 1996 -2009. Bob was also presented with a clock and wished a happy and healthy retirement for him and his family; a sentiment which was echoed by all those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Mongiello spoke on several topics; questioning the ethical conduct of Town officials and the reasoning behind the Town of Lockport issuing him a second court summons dealing with the possible violation of the Town Sign Ordinance.

There being no others to speak before the Board, the Public Comment segment was closed and the regular business meeting was opened as follows:

1. Approval of Town Board Minutes

MOTION (2011-216): to approve the minutes of Town Board meetings conducted on 09/06/2011, 09/07/2011, 09/19/2011, and 09/26/2011, was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (2011-217): to approve the payment of bills for the month of October was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The bills for October include Vouchers #25120 – 25317 in the amount of \$775,706.94.

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3. Clerk/Communications

The Clerk read a list of candidates for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport. The candidates are as listed below:

Mark J Murray.....Gasport Fire Co.
Mark Price Jr..... South Lockport Fire Co.

MOTION (2011-218): to approve the above mentioned candidates for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

4. Building Inspector's Report

The Supervisor read the Building Inspector's Report for the month of September 2011, which states that 51 building permits were issued; \$21,241.00 was collected in fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$1,581,980.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

MOTION (2011-219): to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 09/30/2011, was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

6. Resolution calling for Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget

MOTION (2011-220): to call for a Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

7. Resolution calling for Public Hearing on the 2012 Special Districts Tax Roll

MOTION (2011-221): to call for a Public Hearing on the 2012 Special Districts Tax Roll to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

8. Resolution calling for Public Hearing on the 2012 Sewer Tax Roll

MOTION (2011-222): to call for a Public Hearing on the 2012 Sewer Tax Roll to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

9. Resolution calling for Public Hearing on the 2012 Water Tax Roll

MOTION (2011-223): to call for a Public Hearing on the 2012 Water Tax Roll to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

10. Resolution calling for Public Hearing on the 2012 Fire Contracts

MOTION (2011-224): to call for a Public Hearing on the 2012 Fire Contracts to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

11. Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Notify County Real Property of Unpaid Sewer, Water and Refuse

MOTION (2011-225): to authorize the Town Supervisor to notify Niagara County Real Property office of unpaid Sewer, Water and Refuse prior to Nov. 1, 2011, and to have the Real Property Office place those amounts on the 2012 Niagara County Tax Roll, was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

12. Town Board Comments

Councilman Crocker thanked Bob Nash for the many years of service to the Town. He also thanked NYS Senator, George Maziarz and the NYS Dept. of Transportation for the quick action taken to make highway safety improvements along Dysinger/Robinson Roads. He stated that he is sure that newly painted road striping, newly installed pedestrian traffic crossings, as well as the sidewalks which are planned, will greatly improve public safety along these highways.

He also responded to some of Mr. Mongiello's comments.

Councilman Siejak welcomed the students in attendance; thanked Bob Nash for his many years of service to the Town as well as his many years of service as a volunteer fireman and wished him well in his retirement.

He also urged residents to be mindful that daylight hours are becoming shorter and to use caution and to wear bright colored clothing when walking along Town highways.

Councilwoman Antkowiak thanked Bob Nash not only as a fellow Town employee and for his many years of service to the Town and to So. Lockport Fire Co., but also as a friend.

She also welcomed the students present and urged them to take an active roll in their community and the importance and the pride of serving such as persons like Bob Nash, who have spent their entire lives serving and helping others.

Dale Assoc. Awards Luncheon - She attended the annual luncheon where the Dale Association hands out awards recognizing those persons who have volunteered over and above the norm and who are quietly serving their community on a daily basis. She urged everyone to join a service group of their choice, to give back to their community and feel the pride of helping others.

NICAP – The Councilwoman also announced that she had met with Suzanne Shears, the Exec. Director of NICAP which offers a variety of services to residents of the Town of Lockport such as weatherization preparation; child care services and many more. She stated that the Media Center at Town Hall has NICAP flyers for residents to see what services are offered and urged attendees to stop by and pickup a flyer.

Fall Festival - Will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at the Town Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. There will be cider, donuts, games and pumpkin painting for children. She asked that everyone try to stop by and enjoy the day.

Lockport Library – will continue to offer computer classes at the Town Hall as well as a "Children's Story Hour". The first of the story hours was held on October 3rd and was well attended and enjoyed by the children in attendance.

Dale Assoc. Health Fair was held on September 28th at the Town Hall. It was very successful and nearly 90 persons were serviced in a variety of preventative health care matters.

Town Clerk, Nancy Brooks reported that the Town of Lockport Historical Society will meet at the Town Hall on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the monthly meeting. The speaker will be Ken J. McPherson who will present "An Old Fashion Christmas" a history of Charles W. Howard, a professional who operated the North Pole Christmas Park located in Albion, NY in the 1950's. The public is welcomed.

The Clerk also reminded residents that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urged women of all ages to seek out medical examinations and mammograms to help detect cancers early and to help prevent deaths. She reminded them that one in eight women will be faced with cancer but that medical advances have greatly increased survival rates and improved the quality of life for women touched by this disease.

13. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith also thanked Bob Nash and wished him well.

Additionally, he reminded residents that the Town Budget must soon be adopted. He thanked the Board, the Town staff and employees for helping to keep costs down and to help keep the Town Budget a zero-based budget. He stated that the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget projects an annual decrease of approximately \$36.37 per household which will be offset by an increase in water rates. It is estimated that the average household would net a \$10 decrease.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (2011-226): to adjourn was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4. The meeting was ended at 7:55 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wed., October 19, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk