

October 31, 2011

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 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.

Supervisor Smith welcomed everyone and opened the meeting as follows:

1. **Town Clerk**

The Clerk reported that the residents of Old English Road are interested in converting the lights at the entrance of their subdivision over to solar powered lights. They would like to know who has ownership and whether they can proceed with the project. Mr. Seaman stated he would look into the matter and report back.

She reported correspondence received from:

1) National Grid with regard to the re-construction of their transmission line from Lockport, NY to Mortimer, NY. The letter was handed to Mr. Klavoon for his review.

2) A letter from the Young family regarding their family donation along the Niagara escarpment to the WNY Land Conservancy.

3) Lastly, the Clerk requested Town Board approval to commence a project to microfilm/digitize Town Court Docket Books (1940's – 1980's). She reported that she obtained the two required quotations and that Biel's of Buffalo presented the low quote of \$4,080.00. As the project cost is dependant on the number of images microfilmed/digitized, the total of images is unknown and the quoted price is only an estimated cost. The Clerk reported that she has budgeted for the project and line item appropriation has sufficient funds to complete the project.

MOTION (2011-233): to authorize the Town Clerk to proceed with a microfilm/digital image project for court records and to award the project to Biel's of Buffalo for an amount approximate amount of \$4080.00, 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.

3. **Engineer**

Mr. Klavoon reported that sealed bids had been received for Contract #152W – the Ridge Road Water Line Replacement. Only one bid was received from Babcock Utilities, Inc. of Gasport, NY in the amount of \$210,000. After review of the bid, it was Wendel's recommendation to reject the bid. Mr. Klavoon suggested that he work with the Town Attorney to seek a combined project with the Niagara County Water District or prepare a separate solution based on engineering recommendations.

MOTION (2011-234): to reject the bid submitted by Babcock Utilities, Inc. for Contract #152W, in the amount of \$210,000, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

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MOTION (2011-235): to authorize the Supervisor to either seek a bid for the Ridge Road Water Line Replacement in conjunction with the Niagara County Water District or to re-bid the project depending on the engineer's recommendation, 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.

4. Town Board Comments

Councilman Siejak inquired as to the status of the bid for the Building Envelope Improvement project. Mr. Klavoon stated the bid specifications have been sent to the Town Attorney for review.

Additionally, Mr. Siejak inquired as to the commencing of the new Wal Mart store. Supervisor Smith reported that as of the present, it is reported that the project will begin prior to December 31, 2011.

Councilwoman Antkowiak reported on several topics including:

Lockport Library Pre-School Program and Nioga Computer Classes – the sessions held at the Town hall have been very successful and well attended. The next scheduled pre-school and computer classes are both at capacity.

Day Road Park – she will be meeting with Ken Banker of the Water/Sewer Dept. to discuss the re-seeding of the fields, determining where the new water fountain will go and insuring that the park will be closed and ready for winter. She has spoken with Chris Parada about the opening of the Santa House and all seems to be in order for the holiday season.

She also announced that Mr. Jay Krull will be attending the Wed, November 2, 2011 Town Board meeting to discuss a fund raising activity for the Santa House in Day Road Park as well as for the Historic Palace Theatre.

Open House – Insurance for the Elderly – plans are coming along nicely for a forum to be held at the Town Hall sometime in the spring. Both Supervisor Smith and Councilwoman Antkowiak stated it was important to continue to offer these services to Town residents so that they can find the assistance they need to stay in the area.

Challenger Sports – this year the Councilwoman would like to offer a program which deals with more than just soccer. She has met with a Challenger Sports representative as well as Jim Slowey of the Lockport Soccer League, to discuss hosting a program which would offer several different types of outdoor sports. Instead of just offering a soccer camp, the Challenger teams would teach a variety of different sports each day. Mr. Slowey has seen the Challenger Sports presentation and was very impressed and is in agreement with the program. The program would also include children of various ages and may appeal to more as the program is not merely soccer alone. The Councilwoman will report more as the meetings progress. She will forward the material to Mr. Seaman for review of the contract.

Councilman Pettit requested that Ken Banker place yellow tape around both of the empty soccer goals during the winter to prevent damage from being done to the net areas. He also suggested that the two practice fields get up and working very early next summer as to prevent damage to the two main fields.

Councilman Crocker reported that he has contacted all the current Town appointees and that all are interested in being re-appointed for the year 2012. The list of appointees was given to the Town Clerk.

5. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith stated that it was necessary to transfer \$39,500.00 from the General Fund unexpended balances to the Highway Equipment Line (acct. 007.5130.2). This is necessary due to the fact that the Highway Dept. purchased some additional equipment throughout the year.

MOTION (2011-236): to authorize the transfer of \$39,500.00 from unexpended balance in the General Fund to the Highway Equipment Line (acct. 007.5130.2) to accommodate purchases made by the Highway Dept., 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.

Supervisor Smith also stated that it was necessary to purchase a Bobcat skid-steer to assist in the plowing of the newly installed sidewalks along Dysinger/Robinson Road. The price of the new equipment would include the snow blower unit, bucket unit, rollover bar, and heater. Additional compatible pieces can be purchased in the future as needed.

MOTION (2011-237): to approve the purchase of a new Bobcat skid-steer from Buffalo BobCat, in the amount of \$27,639.00, was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

6. Executive Session

MOTION (2011-238): to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and to consult with the Town Attorney 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 Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:22 p.m.

7. Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened

MOTION (2011-239): to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session 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 work session was reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with no action taken during Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (2011-240): 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 work session ended at 2:20 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk