

February 8, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 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 S. Siejak

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney, David Kinyon, Director of Economic Development, Deputy Town Clerks, Judith Newbold and Carol Stuart, and Charlene Bower, a presenter.

PRESENTATION: Charlene Bower of "We Want Wegman's"

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith had Charlene Bower come forward for a presentation. Mrs. Bower, leader of the "We want Wegman's" Campaign in the Lockport area, presented the Supervisor with a book of 8,000 signatures of area residents who would like to see a Wegman's supermarket built in the Lockport area. Supervisor Smith thanked Charlene and her supporters for all their hard work and assured her that the Town will continue to do whatever it can to attract such business to the area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Salvatore Angelo spoke to the Board regarding the lack of entertainment and activities available to youth and young adults in the Lockport area. He stated that residents must travel at least 25-30 miles for such activity and all of that money spent is going into coffers of other towns, cities and counties. He asked that the Town Board also work to attract more retail shops, a movie theatre and upscale restaurants.

There being no further public comments, Supervisor Smith opened the business meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

1. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (2012-29):** to approve the minutes of the Town of Lockport board meeting on 01/04/2012 and 01/25/2012, was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

2. Approval to Pay Bills

**MOTION (2012-30):** to approve the payment of bills for the month of February was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The bills for February consist of Vouchers#25939-26155, in the amount of \$671,235.93.

3. Communications

The Town Clerk reported that the Fire Prevention Bureau was presenting a list of candidates for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport. The candidates' names are as follows:

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Christian VanDenBosch.....So. Lockport  
George Waskosky.....So. Lockport  
Dennis Hand.....Wright's Corners  
Eric Belser.....Wright's Corners

**MOTION (2012-31):** to approve the above listed individuals for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport was made by Council member Pettit and seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

4. Building Inspector's Report

The Supervisor read the Building Inspector's Report for the month of January 2012 which states that 26 permits were issued; \$3,706.00 was collected in fees and the estimated cost of construction was \$877,175.00,

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

**MOTION (2012-32):** to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial report for the period ending 01/31/2012 was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

6. Town Board Comments

*Councilwoman Antkowiak* welcomed the Participation in Government students, thanked them and encouraged their participation in local government and then spoke briefly on the following topics:

Lockport Library – computer classes will be offered at the Town Hall during the winter; the first classes conducted will be “computer basics” offered from noon – 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; the other class will be offered on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interested persons should contact the library to enroll.

Multi-Sports Camp – Challenger Sports will conduct a youth sports camp at Day Road Park in July. It will feature lessons in a variety of European style games including cricket, soccer, tag rugby, rounders, kick ball and nethall. The information will be available online and also in the upcoming spring newsletter.

Additionally, Councilwoman thanked Salvatore Angelo for speaking to the Board and expressing his views on local issues. She also thanked Charlene Bower for all her efforts with the “We Want Wegman's” Campaign.

Lastly, Councilwoman Antkowiak stated that the electronics recycling program is going very well and that a soon-to-be-purchased shed will be placed outside at the Town Annex building adjacent to the Highway Garage, making recycling of electronics available to residents during normal business hours.

*Councilman Siejak* thanked David Kinyon, Director of Economic Development for his annual report for 2011 which was very encouraging; stating that 118 retail jobs were created, 21 industrial jobs and 6 office jobs were created for a total of 145 new jobs in 2011.

He also reported on the Town's curbside “Think Green” recycling program, stating it continues to grow and improve. Under the current program residents are offered discount coupons for several area shops and restaurants. To enter the program, residents can log onto Waste Management's website: [thinkgreenlockport.wm.com](http://thinkgreenlockport.wm.com). to obtain the discounts.

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Additionally, Councilman Siejak thanked the P.I.G. students for attending the meeting and also thanked Charlene Bower for her efforts.

*Councilman Pettit* welcomed the students in attendance and told them they had picked a "good" meeting to attend as it was going to be a "short" meeting.

He also spoke as the Town's liaison to the five volunteer fire companies which provide fire protection and emergency services to the Town of Lockport. He gave a brief explanation as to how to apply to become a volunteer fire fighter and what benefits are available to persons who remain as long time members of the volunteer fire service.

*Councilman Crocker* addressed Mr. Angelo's concerns about the lack of retail and entertainment services within the Town of Lockport, explaining that the Town Board can only make the Town of Lockport a "business friendly" environment in which new business can operate. The Town cannot, however, make a business build, relocate or expand in any given area. He thanked Mr. Angelo for expressing his views and pledged the Town Board's continued efforts to improve area retail development.

7. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith thanked Charlene Bower for her efforts on the "We Want Wegman's" Campaign. He announced that the request for them to build in the Lockport area has been the community's #1 request for retail development since he became Supervisor.

Supervisor Smith also thanked the P.I.G. students for their attendance and encouraged their interest and participation in local government.

As for development in the Town of Lockport, Supervisor Smith expressed his gratitude to his fellow Town Board members and stated they will continue to work hard to make the Town of Lockport a better place to live and a place where life is better for all.

8. Adjournment

**MOTION (2012-33):** to adjourn was made by Council member Pettit and seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC  
Lockport Town Clerk