

March 7, 2012

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Town Council members: Paul H. Pettit
Mark C. Crocker
Paul W. Siejak

Absent: Cheryl A. Antkowiak

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Supervisor welcomed those present and began the meeting as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Mongiello of Day Road spoke before the Town Board on topics mostly involving local politics and NYS Election Law.

There being no others to speak before the Board, Supervisor Smith closed the floor for public comments and opened the regular business meeting as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2012-48): to approve the minutes of Town of Lockport Board meetings held on 02/06/2012, 02/08/2012 and 02/22/2012, was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

2. Approval to Pay Bills

MOTION (2012-49): to approve the payment of bills for the month of February was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

3. Communications

The Town Clerk read a list of names of candidates approved by the Town's Fire Prevention Bureau, and who were awaiting Town Board approval to enter the volunteer fire service. The candidates' names are as follows:

Michael Costello.....Rapids Fire Co.
Steven Weaver.....Wrights Corners Fire Co.
Joshua Miller.....Rapids Fire Co.

MOTION (2012-50): to approve the above mentioned persons for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

4. Building Inspector's Report

The Supervisor read the Building Inspector's report for the month of February 2012 which states that 24 building permits were issued; \$7,429.00 was collected in fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$1,339,695.00.

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5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

Supervisor Smith, stating that the Town Board was in receipt of his report earlier in the week, called for approval of the report.

MOTION (2012-51): to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2012 was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

6. Resolution Adopting the 2012 Town of Lockport Highway Paving Projects

MOTION (2012-52): to authorize a contract with the Town of Lockport Highway Superintendent for the 2012 Town of Lockport Highway Paving Projects was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

7. Town Board Comments

Councilman Siejak welcomed all the Participation in Government students that were present and reported on the upcoming Recreation Committee's "Outstanding Youth Award", which will be given to a local high school student in June. He informed the students that applications for the award, which is a check for \$500 and a plaque of recognition, can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office, the Lockport Public Library and at the guidance office of each local high school.

The Councilman also commented on a report from the Town of Lockport Water/Sewer Dept. which states that in 2011, the Town purchased 4.3 million gallons less of water than was purchased that same time in 2010. Councilman Siejak stated that this good news can be attributed to the Town's aggressive water leakage detection program.

Lastly, Councilman Siejak reminded residents that daylight savings time begins the weekend of March 11th and reminded them to turn their clocks ahead for the beginning of spring.

Councilman Pettit commended Town Highway Superintendent, David Miller, for the ambitious list of highway projects for 2012. He wished Mr. Miller good weather and good luck in completing his list of projects for the year.

In addition, Councilman Pettit congratulated and commended the volunteer fire persons approved this evening and encouraged residents to become active members of the volunteer fire service.

Councilman Crocker informed those present of the 52nd Annual U.S. Armed Forces Service Luncheon which will be conducted at the Buffalo Armory on Thursday, May 10, 2012. The Town of Lockport shows its support by sponsoring a table at the luncheon each year and offers the tickets to interested veterans from our area. Any interested persons may contact Councilman Crocker if they are interested in attending the event.

8. Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Smith mentioned that the Town is currently undergoing its annual audit. It may take up to two months to receive the results. Financially, he believes the Town should expect to run with a small surplus this year and promised that the Town Board would continue its policy of conservative spending and limited fees, ensuring a very stable tax base for Town residents.

9. Adjournment

There being nothing further to be considered by the Board, the following motion was offered.

MOTION (2012-53): to adjourn was made by Council member Pettit, seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 4, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk