

April 18, 2012

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 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 Siejak

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney.

Supervisor Smith welcomed all those present and opened the meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

1. **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk reported correspondence as follows:

- a) A request from Robert Rust for improvements to the Transit Rd/Robinson Rd intersection (a pedestrian walk) as well as a request for a traffic light at the entrance to the Woodlands Manufactured Home Park .
- b) A petition of 22 signatures of persons objecting to the proposed change and special use permit for property located at 5869 Robinson Road.
- c) Received the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012 Recycling Report from C.I.D. Waste Management.
- d) Letter from David Miller, Highway Superintendent, requesting permission to place surplus equipment up for sale at auction (item on the Agenda for action).
- e) Letter from Rapids Fire Co. seeking donations for their fund drive to be held on May 19, 2012.

2. **Town Attorney** - No report.

3. **Engineer** - Not present, no report.

4. **Town Board Comments**

**Councilman Pettit** reported that a representative of the Thruway Soccer League had spoken with him and stated that they were told they could not have use of the Town's soccer fields. Councilman Pettit questioned who from the Town had informed them that they could not have access to the fields. Additionally, he stated the goal area of the soccer fields are like a mud hole. He would like the area dug up and re-seeded.

Councilwoman Antkowiak replied to the question of denial for access for the Thruway Soccer League, stating that this group is a for-profit league and accordingly, the Town cannot permit them access to public fields and that it was she who informed them of the denial. She also stated that she had consulted with Mr. Seaman regarding the matter and that he had concurred that the Thruway Soccer League should be denied access.

Councilman Pettit followed up by stating that due to the high demand for the additional practice fields, that a parking lot along East High Street should be installed to accomodate better access to those fields.

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**Councilman Crocker** reported that there were still five (5) seats available for the Armed Forces Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He asked that interested veterans contact him if they would like to attend. He noted that the luncheon is rich in history, entertaining, and that while the WWII veterans are fewer and fewer, their stories at the table are always very interesting.

**Councilman Siejak** reported that there has been a big change to the items that can be recycled curbside by Town residents. He distributed a copy of a new recycling guide which will be published in the Summer 2012 Newsletter and will be posted on the Town's website. Additionally, he is working with Ken Horvath for Earth Day Activities for April 22, 2012.

## 5. Supervisor

### Recreation Contracts

The Supervisor had several items from the Recreation Committee that required Town Board approval and the following action was taken:

**MOTION (2012-71):** to approve a contract with the YWCA to provide summer swim lesson for Town children at a cost of \$20 per child, was made by Council member Antkowiak, seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

**MOTION (2012-72):** to approve a contract with the Barge Canal Optimists to host a bike rodeo for Town children and for reimbursement of \$300 to provide said event was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

**MOTION (2012-73):** to approve a contract with the YWCA to provide a summer craft program for Town children at Day Road Park, at a Town cost of \$750, 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.

### Re-Organization of Wendel Engineers

Due to the re-structuring of Wendel Engineering and due to changes in their professional licensing, they requested Town Board consent to transfer contracted services to their new firm entitled, Audubon Architecture, Engineering, Survey and Landscape.

**MOTION (2012-74):** to approve the Supervisor to enter an agreement with Audubon Architecture, Engineering, Survey and Landscape 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.

### Authorization for Surplus Equipment Auction

A letter of request was received from David Miller, Highway Superintendent, to send surplus equipment items to auction. The following action was taken:

**MOTION (2012-75):** to declare the equipment pursuant to a list provided by David Miller, Highway Superintendent, as surplus equipment, and to authorize the sale of said surplus equipment items at auction, 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.

**Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees**

**MOTION (2012-76):** to authorize the hiring of two seasonal employees for the Town Water/Sewer Dept. and one seasonal employee for the Highway Dept. at \$9.00/hour, 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.

**6. Executive Session Entered**

**MOTION (2012-77):** to enter Executive Session for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney 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.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.

**7. Exit Executive Session and Reconvene the Work Session**

**MOTION (2012-78):** to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session 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.

**NOTE:** Councilwoman Antkowiak left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. due to another scheduled engagement.

The work session was reconvened at 1:35 p.m. with no action taken during Executive Session.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION (2012-79):** 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 1:35 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC  
Lockport Town Clerk