

May 9, 2012

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 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 W. Siejak

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was opened as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No one spoke.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2012-83): to approve the minutes of Town Board meetings on 04/02/2012, 04/04/2012 and 04/18/2012 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.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (2012-84): to approve the payment of bills for the month of May was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

The bills for May include Vouchers #26522 – 26722 in the amount of \$1,009,900.05.

3. Communications

The Clerk reported receiving a resignation letter from Sandy Smiley, a part-time Court Clerk who will be moving out of State.

Additionally, she read a list of candidates for volunteer fire service from the Town of Lockport Fire Prevention Bureau. The list is as follows:

Christopher Baker.....Wright's Corners
Jesse Williams.....Wright's Corners
Keith Hale.....Terry's Corners
Melissa Poole.....Wright's Corners (Administration)

MOTION (2012-85): to approve the above mentioned persons 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 report which states that 55 building permits were issued in April; \$4,894.00 was collected in fees and the estimated cost of construction was \$1,305,805.00.

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5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

MOTION (2012-86): to approve the Supervisor's Report for the period ending April 30, 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.

6. Resolution Authorizing Engineering Services for Red Creek Water Line

MOTION (2012-87): to authorize Wendel Engineering to provide full-time onsite engineering services for the Red Creek Water Line Replacement Project and for part-time engineering services for the follow-up and cleanup stages was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

7. Resolution Authorizing to Seek Bids for 2012 INI Improvements

MOTION (2012-88): to authorize Wendel Engineering to seek bids for the 2012 INI Improvements (the cost estimated to be \$50,000 of which \$20,000 will be reimbursed to the Town by the Niagara County Sewer District) was made by Council member Pettit and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

8. Resolution Approving a Proclamation for Safe Boating Week

MOTION (2012-89): to approve a proclamation for Safe Boating Week May 19-25, 2012 was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

9. Resolution to Approve Contract with Niagara County Historical Society

MOTION (2012-90): to approve a contract with the Niagara County Historical Society to provide one-day Summer Youth Programs during the months of July and August 2012 was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

10. Resolution to Approve Contract with the Historic Palace Theatre

MOTION (2012-91): to approve a contract with the Historic Palace Theatre to provide \$2.00 discount passes for events and \$.75 discounts on concessions for Town residents during 2012 was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

11. Resolution to Approve Contract with Zerodraft of CNY

MOTION (2012-92): to approve a contract with Zerodraft of CNY, the sole bidder in the amount of \$7,779.00 (within the Town's original estimate) to complete building envelop improvements per the Town's RFP dated 03/09/2012 was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

12. Resolution to Approve a Contract Extension with City of Lockport for Sewer Services

MOTION (2012-93): to approve a contract extension with the City of Lockport to provide sewer services for the period of two years commencing January 1, 2011 and running through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$596,855.00 per year, was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

13. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of two New Mowers for Water Dept.

MOTION (2012-94): to authorize the Town Water Dept. to purchase two new zero-turn mowers at the State bid price of \$19,013.00 from Outdoor Equipment Distributors located in Lockport, New York, was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

14. Town Board Comments

Councilman Crocker reported that he still has tickets available for the Armed Forces luncheon at the Connecticut Street Armory on May 10th. Any interested veteran should contact him at 434-0898.

Councilman Siejak thanked the local media for covering the recent changes to the Town of Lockport's recycling program. Many before not taken items have now been approved for recycling. The newly revised Recycling Guide will be published in the next Town Newsletter and will be posted on the Town's website as well. As a reminder, he stated that plastic bags are still not a recyclable item but they can be taken back to the store of origin. Also dealing with recycling, he reported that in the first three months of 2012, the Town has recycled 6,162 lbs of electronics and has been reimbursed \$300 for those efforts (up from 2011).

He also reminded residents that the Niagara County Sheriff's Dept. will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Dept. on Niagara Street Ext. The event is free and will offer several different displays and demonstrations by the various departments at the Sheriff's office including tours of the jail and dispatch center, vehicle and boat displays, as well as a child car seat inspection.

Additionally, the Councilman reminded residents that May is Motorcycle Safety Month and to be aware of bikers on the roads and lastly, he informed everyone that the Town-wide Garage Sale will be conducted June 1-3, 2012.

Councilwoman Antkowiak thanked the Dale Association for the very successful Health and Wellness Clinic for Seniors that was conducted in April. Several Town residents were able to take advantage of the information provided by representatives from the Office of the Aging as well as Medicaid.

The Library Hour for children ages 2-4 will be held at 10:00a.m. on Monday, May 14th. Space is limited so residents should phone ahead.

The Free Movie Nights will begin on June 30th with the movie, "Kung Fu Panda 2" at 7:00 p.m.

NIOGA Library will conduct Introduction to Windows 7 computer classes on June 21st at the Town Hall from noon – 4:00 p.m.

Also, the Town Clerk's office will be hosting an AARP Safe Driving Course on Thursday & Friday, May 17 & 18, 2012, at the Town Hall from 5:00 – 8:00p.m. Residents can register at the Town Clerk's office.

The Barge Canal Optimists will conduct their annual Bike Safety Rodeo at the Day Road Park on June 11, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is for children ages 2-12 years old. There's a chance to win a bike helmet or a new bike. The Councilwoman urged everyone to observe the State helmet laws for children.

Lastly, she urged people to visit friends, relatives or just anyone that is living in nursing facilities. Those persons get very lonely and very much appreciate any attention and time that you can spend with them.

15. Supervisor's Comments

Day Road Park Restrooms – The Town Highway crews are busy completing the restrooms which are expected to be finished toward the middle to end of June.

The Supervisor congratulated Andrew Wojcinski, who recently completed his Eagle Scout project at the John B. Austin Nature Trail Park. Andrew built some benches and routed a solid wood map so that people can find their way on the trails.

Town Road Work – The Supervisor reminded residents that summer road work projects are underway so please use caution and be mindful that there are crews out and about the area highways. Currently, the Town Highway Dept. is working on micro paving Royal Parkway and doing shoulder work in Lincoln Village.

16. Adjournment

MOTION (2012-95): There being nothing further to come before the Board, a motion 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 7:45 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk