

June 20, 2012

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 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 and Robert Klavoon of Wendel-Duchscherer.

Supervisor Smith opened the work session at 1:00 p.m. for the following discussion and/or action:

1. Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported receiving a bill from Time Warner which she believes has been sent in error. No Departments have a reason for such billing and she will call Time Warner to investigate the matter.

Notification was received from Systems East (the Town's monthly credit card usage administrator) informing the Town that VISA now intends to issue a monthly usage fee for those clients paying online through Express Pay our Internet payment provider. The fees will be charged according to total sales volume.

2. Town Attorney

Highway Dedication – Mr. Seaman passed around the paperwork for the street dedication for the extension of IDA Park Drive North (extending to the West). This is the street that Excel and Contracts Unlimited are on. This extension will allow for further expansion of the park.

MOTION (2012-110): to approve the street dedication of the extension of IDA Park Drive North 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.

3. Town Engineer

Mr. Klavoon reported that the Red Creek water line replacement project commenced on Monday June 18, 2012. The work is expected to be complete by week's end.

4. Town Board Comments

Councilwoman Antkowiak stated she had met with Mike DeClerk of Waste Management regarding the changes being made to the Town of Lockport Think Green Recycling Awards Program. She provided handouts to the Board covering the new changes. She reported that Waste Management has outsourced the Recycling Awards Program to a new firm which will handle the recycling awards, making it easier for Town residents to collect, review and use the points program. Residents need-not re-register for the new program. The current points program will simply be transferred to the new one in a "seamless" process. Sometime in July, a mass flyer will be mailed out by Waste Management explaining the new program to residents. Additionally, the information will be placed in the Town's fall newsletter. Upon his request, the information will be forwarded to Mr. Seaman for his review.

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Councilwoman Antkowiak also reminded the Town Board that the first of the summer "Movie Nights" will be conducted on Saturday, June 30th. The movie to be shown is "Kung Fu Panda 2".

Additionally, she reported that the car shows scheduled for Day Road Park will be held on July 1st, July 15th and August 19th.

Councilman Siejak met with the Town Highway crew at Day Road Park where the crew installed the new signs indicating the park hours and notice that the park facilities are under camera surveillance. He and Supervisor Smith met with Ken Banker with regard to park maintenance and, in particular, the placement of new waste receptacles and an inspection of the fiberglass umbrellas which it was noted that some are in need of repair or replacement. Additionally, Councilman Siejak feels that that a new, larger recycling bin (something permanently anchored down) is needed at the park.

He reported on the park restrooms, stating that the tiling is being completed this week and the restrooms should be available for the July 4th weekend.

Garden Tour – Councilman Siejak reminded everyone that the NYS Land Conservancy will feature the Lytle Nature Trail Park as part of their Natural Habitat and Garden Walk Tour to be conducted at 1:00, 3:00, & 5:00 on July 8th. They require reservations to be made by phoning 687-1225 in advance.

5. Supervisor's Comments

Gothic Hill Golf Lessons – the Supervisor requested approval of the annual recreation contract with Gothic Hill Golf Course to provide youth golf lessons during the months of June - August.

MOTION (2012-111): to approve the contract with Gothic Hill Golf Course to provide youth golf lessons to Town residents during the months of June-August 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.

New Volunteer Fire Personnel Approved

Supervisor Smith read the names of eight new prospective candidates for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport. The candidate's names are as follows:

- James Guercio.....South Lockport
- Steven O'Mara.....South Lockport
- John Glaser.....South Lockport
- Ann Horanburg.....South Lockport
- Christopher Fenzel.....South Lockport
- Chelsey Jamieson.....Gasport
- Steven Hagen.....Gasport
- Jean Morse.....Gasport

MOTION (2012-112): to approve the above mentioned persons for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport 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.

Town Phone Coverage – Supervisor Smith reported that the Town’s phone coverage has been spotty during inclement weather due to the fact that it is an old system having copper lines which short out if they become wet. The use of new technologies (cellular-based systems) have caused the network providers to provide less support for the old copper line systems and because of this he has investigated a new cellular backup system. The new system would require setting up four new cellular phone boxes: three at the Town Hall complex and one at 6200 Robinson Road. The cost of the new phone backup system would be \$3145.00 plus the monthly charge of \$39.80 added to the Town’s phone bill.

MOTION (2012-113): to approve the purchase of a new cellular-based backup phone system at a cost of \$3145.00 plus monthly service line charge of \$39.80 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.

6. Executive Session Entered

MOTION (2012-114): to enter Executive Session for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney 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.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:22 p.m.

7. Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened

MOTION (2012-115): to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session 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.

The work session was reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

8. Letter of Support for NYS Land Conservancy Plan

Supervisor Smith requested a letter of support for the NYS Land Conservancy and their plan to survey the lands of the Niagara Escarpment.

MOTION (2012-116): to approve that the Supervisor send a letter of support to the NYS Land Conservancy to conduct a survey of the lands of the Niagara Escarpment was made by Council member Antkowiak and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 3, NAYS - 2. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, and Smith. Voting NAY: Siejak and Pettit.

9. Adjournment

MOTION (2012-117): to adjourn 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 Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk