

May 6, 2013

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Town Council members: Cheryl A. Antkowiak
Paul W. Siejak
Mark C. Crocker
Patricia Dufour

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk, Michael J. Norris, Town Attorney and Robert Klavoon of Audubon Engineering.

Supervisor Smith welcomed everyone and opened the meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

1. **Town Clerk/Correspondence** – Nothing to report.
2. **Town Attorney** – Nothing to report.
3. **Engineer**

High Water Pressure Levels – Mr. Klavoon stated that the Town has received reports of high water pressures being observed in the Ridge Road/Purdy Road area for the last few weeks. He said that the levels have been determined to be approximately 20 lbs over the average. He and the Water Dept. will be investigating and keeping on top of the matter; checking on the pressure relief valves in that area.

Likewise, there have been low water pressure levels reported in the Transit Road/Beattie Avenue/Shimer Drive area. The pressure levels are coming in at approximately 52 p.s.i. and will be bumped up to 57 p.s.i. to try to relieve the problem. This area has historically had low pressure and bumping the levels up should help with things such as the hydrant water flows.

Lincoln Avenue Pump Station – Mr. Klavoon will be reviewing what will be needed to decommission the pump station which has been abandoned for several years.

4. **Town Board Comments/Reports**

Councilwoman Antkowiak – reported on several items as follows:

Day Road Soccer Schedule – the schedule has been completed and will be laminated and placed on Town Information Board at the front of Town Hall.

Renaming of Town Court Room – Councilwoman Antkowiak is investigating and obtaining quotes to have a sign made to rename the court room the “Judge Wesley F. Arnold” court room. Additionally, she is getting quotes for a new sign for the soccer fields at Day Road Park. The current name sign “Gaskill Soccer Fields” is in disrepair and needs replacement.

Day Road Park Pavilion – She reported that she has met with Mr., Klavoon and David Miller to discuss the installation of the pavilion. Mr. Miller has been very tied up due to temporarily taking on additional responsibilities of the Sewer/Water Dept. but he will add the pavilion to his schedule as soon as possible. It should be just a few weeks before construction can begin.

The Dale Association Forum - She will be addressing residents attending the forum on May 10th, with hopes of increasing the Town resident membership.

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Lockport Volley Ball Club – the Councilwoman reported that the club wishes to conduct a volleyball tournament at Day Road Park. She has contacted Jim Slowey who is in charge of the soccer leagues at the park and she reports that Mr. Slowey does not have a problem with the volleyball club conducting a tournament on the soccer fields as long as it does not interfere with the soccer league schedules. Councilmen Siejak and Crocker asked which fields the volleyball club would use for the tournament. Councilwoman Antkowiak replied that they will be utilizing the practice fields. She stated the main question to be dealt with will be what foods will be available for the tournament. She is hoping to encourage Belliveau's Restaurant to take advantage of the situation and to perhaps offer a special to the tournament participants. She stated she has no problem with the leagues serving water or Gatorade but the issue of food and food vendors will need to be decided. Supervisor Smith suggested that she discuss the matter with Mr. Norris as to the legalities of food at the park.

Councilman Crocker - Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Dufour - Nothing to report.

Councilman Siejak - Nothing to report.

5. **Supervisor's Comments/Reports**

Discussion: Town Fee Schedule – Supervisor Smith stated he has discussed the current fee schedule with Brian Belson, the Town Building Inspector as well as some of the Council members and it was determined that the majority of the fee schedule should remain the same at this time as to further encourage development.

It was determined however, that the Town's Recreational Land Use Fee should be lowered from the current \$800 to \$400. It was requested that Mr. Norris develop a draft resolution to that effect to be presented to the Town Board at a future date.

Discussion: HVAC System at the Carpenter's Building (6570 Dysinger Road)

Supervisor Smith asked for comments on the two estimates that had previously been given to the Town Board for review. The two quotes: one for \$35,000 and one for \$130,000 had been reviewed by the members and it was the opinion of several Board members that the higher quotation did not yield enough of a payback over a forty year period. Both Council Members Siejak and Crocker were in favor of the lower price option.

MOTION (2013-88) was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Dufour that the Engineer be authorized to develop bid specifications for the lower-priced, \$35,000 HVAC system, for the Carpenter's Building located at 6570 Dysinger Road. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

Discussion: HVAC System for Town Court

Mr. Klavoon reported that he is still obtaining quotes and information and will present his findings to the Town Board at a later date.

Kimberly Drive/Rapids Road Farming Contract

Supervisor Smith reported that the two interested farmers, Tom Miller from Tonawanda Creek Rd and Bob Farnum are meeting to discuss a joint farming effort on the property. They will bring forth their agreement and Mr. Norris will develop a contract accordingly at that time.

Discussion: Sprinkler System (Fire Suppression) for Town Highway Dept.

Supervisor Smith reported that the estimates obtained are approximately \$53,000 to install a new system for the Town Highway Garage and the Highway offices. He reported that installing a new system should greatly reduce the Town's insurance rate.

MOTION (2013-89) was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak that the Engineer be authorized to develop bid specifications for a new sprinkler system for the Town Highway Garage and Highway offices. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

6. Executive Session Entered

MOTION (2013-90) to enter Executive Session was made by Council Member Dufour and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

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

7. Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened

MOTION (2013-91) to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

The work session was reconvened at 2:17 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

8. Authorization to Hire Outside Legal Counsel

MOTION (2013-92) to authorize the Supervisor to hire Morgan Jones to handle the law suit filed against the Town of Lockport by the group named Enough is Enough was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

9. Adjournment

MOTION (2013-93) to adjourn was made by Council Member Antkowiak and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

The meeting was ended at 2:17 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk