

June 5, 2013

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 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, Jeanine Shaw, Recreation Committee Chairwoman, Judith Newbold, Deputy Town Clerk and Recreation Committee Secretary, John Strobel and Donna Johnston Recreation Committee Members, Katie Britt and her family, and approximately twenty additional residents.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Smith opened the meeting as follows:

PRESENTATION: 2013 Outstanding Youth Award

Recreation Committee Chairwoman, Jeanine Shaw along with Councilwoman Antkowiak, the Town Board liaison to the Recreation Committee, Supervisor Smith as well as the other Recreation Committee members were all called up for the presentation of the award to Katie Britt. Chairwoman Shaw read the Town Board's proclamation and presented Katie with a plaque and a scholarship check. Katie plans to attend the Air Force Academy after graduation from Lockport Senior High School. She gave a well spoken acceptance speech thanking the Town Board and the Recreation Committee for the award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Black of Harding Ave Ext. spoke on his proposed "Public Meeting Bylaws", this time concentrating on the issues of legal notices, meeting agendas and the recording of all public meetings.

Carol Clark of Murphy Road extended an invitation to the Town Board to her home for coffee so that they can see her home and her yard that she and her husband have worked so hard to obtain.

Leonard Sayward of Murphy Road stated he was shocked at LaFarge's response to Supervisor Smith's letter sent to them. Mr. Sayward commented that in his opinion, he thought the Town should be dictating policy to LaFarge and not the opposite.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2013-123) to approve the Town Board minutes of 05/06/2013, 05/08/2013 and 05/22/2013, 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.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (2013-124) to approve the payment of bills for the month of June was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith. The bills for June include Vouchers # 29027 – 29181 in the amount of \$202,631.75

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3. Communications.

The Town Clerk announced that her office will be hosting a Niagara County Veterans Service Agency Outreach Day at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 22, 2013. The program is designed for veterans to have a one-on-one appointment with a representative from this agency to answer any questions veterans may have and also to explain the variety of programs that are available to assist veterans. It will be offered by appointment only and veterans must phone her office to arrange appointment times.

Additionally, the Clerk read the names of candidates for volunteer fire service. Their names are: Jonathan J. McKnight and Kevin C. Austin, both signed up to volunteer with Wright's Corners Fire Company.

MOTION (2013-125) to approve the above mentioned individuals for volunteer fire service with Wright's Corner Fire Co. was made by Council Member Antkowiak and seconded by Council Member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

4. Building Inspector's Report

Councilwoman Dufour read the Building Inspector's Report for the month of May which states that 67 building permits were issued; \$5,837.20 was collected in fees; and the estimated cost of construction was \$1,546,994.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

MOTION (2013-126) to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2013 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.

6. Resolution to Approve Contract with Gothic Hill Golf Course

MOTION (2013-127) to approve the execution of a contract with Gothic Hill Golf Course to provide golf lessons for Town youth in the summer of 2013 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.

7. Town Board Comments

Councilman Crocker congratulated Katie Britt and her family on her award of the Outstanding Youth for 2013. He assured her that her experience of attending the Air Force Academy will be an exciting and rewarding one. As a 25+ year veteran of the Air Force, he stated he loved every minute of his service time, even those that took him overseas to desert areas. He told her that the Town, as well as her parents, are very proud of her and the fact she wishes to serve her country.

Councilwoman Dufour also congratulated Katie and her family and wished Katie well as she goes off the Air Force Academy. Additionally, she reported that the Town Highway crews have demolished the home at 5431 Old Saunders Settlement Road which was condemned by the Town Building Dept. and which was unsightly and a danger to the public.

Councilman Siejak thanked all those persons who spoke before the Town Board and also wished Katie Britt well as she goes off the Air Force Academy. He commended her for wanting to serve her country, stating she was truly "outstanding".

He also reminded residents that the Town-wide brush pickup for June will take place on Monday, June 17th and the refuse pickup will be one day late for those persons who would normally have refuse picked up on July 4th and July 5th.

Councilwoman Antkowiak congratulated Katie and stated she is amazed at the accomplishments of the young people today, stating that the demands are higher, the peer pressures are higher, the educational levels are at such great heights, so much more so than when many of us were attending high school or college. She stated that there are so many paths that young people can take and it takes a great deal of fortitude and integrity, as well as support from their families, to grow into the kind of individual such as Katie. She commended Katie's family on giving Katie the support and direction to follow the right paths. She hoped that Katie will someday return to the Lockport area to give back some of her knowledge and experience to the community.

Additionally Councilwoman Antkowiak reported on some upcoming activities as follows:

Town Newsletter – Should be in the mail sometime in June and will list the summer activities.

Computer Classes at Town Hall – June 13th – classes on Facebook; July 11th is Twitter, and August 8th will be Google.

Summer Swim Lessons at Lockport High School – July 8 – August 2nd. The cost is \$55 per child and the Town will offer \$20 discount passes which can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

Children's Story Program at Day Road Park – will be held on July 12, 19 and 26th.

First Movie held at Night at Day Road Park – "Rise of the Guardians" will be shown at the park on July 6th. There will be a concert by the Greater Niagara Musicians prior to the movie as well as refreshments. The new restrooms, as well as the new Recreation room, are now completed and she feels like the Recreation Dept. finally has a "home". She thanked Dave Miller, Town Highway Superintendent, his staff and the Town Water Dept. personnel for a job well done in constructing the new facility.

Office of the Aging - Volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels Program which delivers meals to shut ins and the elderly. Please contact the Office of the Aging if you are interested. They are desperate for help.

Lastly, she reminded residents to check in with their neighbors over the hot summer months to be sure that they are well.

8. Town Supervisor's Comments

Plantings at Town Hall Complex – the Supervisor stated that over the last few years, the Town has been planting flowers to beautify the Town properties. Town employee, Doug Bye, has done an excellent job in planting the gardens, including two with an American flag theme which are at the Town Court and NYS Trooper's barracks. If this theme is successful, they may try to do a similar theme in the center yard of Town Hall which will be seen from the road.

Town Park Improvements – the roughed-in parking lot along East High Street at Day Road Park has been completed; construction on the pavilion at Day Road Park should begin shortly; and construction on the board walk scheduled for the Lytle Nature Preserve will begin at the driest time of the season.

Town Highway Work – the Supervisor reminded residents that the Town Highway Dept. will be doing quite a lot of highway work this summer and asked that everyone watch for the crews as they are out working so that everyone one can remain safe.

Lastly, he congratulated Katie Britt on receiving the Outstanding Youth Award. He stated that no matter where life takes her, if she should come back to settle in Lockport, the Town Board could always use some help.

9. Adjournment

There being nothing further, the Supervisor called for adjournment,

MOTION (2013-128) 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 ended at 7:58 p.m. The Lockport Town board will next meet at 1:30 p.m. on June 19, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk