

August 7, 2013

A regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Town Council Members: Paul W. Siejak
Mark C. Crocker
Patricia Dufour

Absent: Cheryl A. Antkowiak

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk and Michael J. Norris, Town Attorney.

Supervisor Smith welcomed those present and opened the meeting as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Frank Babcock of Jennifer Drive West asked for Town Board assistance with a problem of nuisance wildlife that has inundated his and neighboring yards due to excessive brush located in the rear of property located at 5701 Locust Street Ext.

No one else spoke and the Public Comment period was closed and the regular business meeting was opened.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2013-164) to approve the minutes of Town Board meetings on 07/08/2013, 07/10/2013 and 07/24/2013 was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (2013-165) to approve the payment of bills for the month of August was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

3. Communications

The Town Clerk read a list of names of candidates for the volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport. The candidates are as listed below:

Monica L. Rook.....	Rapids
Michael D. Moore.....	Rapids
Joshua L. Schroeder.....	Rapids
Bradley C. Ast.....	Rapids
Ashley E. Bootes.....	So. Lockport
James P. Pytlik.....	So. Lockport

MOTION (2013-166) to approve the above listed names for volunteer fire service in the Town of Lockport was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

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4. Building Inspector's Report

Councilwoman Dufour read the report for the month of July 2013 which states that 87 building permits were issued; and the estimated cost of construction was \$1,319,108.00.

5. Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report

MOTION (2013-167) to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 07/31/2013 was made by Council Member Dufour and seconded by Council Member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

6. Resolution Authorizing the Demolition of 6804 Erica Lane

Mr. Norris gave a brief explanation of the Building Inspector's report on the condition of the above listed property and stated that Niagara County had now transferred title of said property to the Town, at which time the Town Board took the following action:

MOTION (2013-168) on a motion by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Siejak, the following resolution was duly ADOPTED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has transferred Title of 6804 Erica Lane, SBL#152.04-1-28, to the Town of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, a report having been prepared and presented to this Board by Brian Belson, Senior Building Inspector, that the building located at 6804 Erica Lane, is an unsafe building in need of immediate removal, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that this Board finds that there is a clear and imminent danger to the life, safety or health of any person or property, unless the building is demolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Building Inspector is immediately authorized to cause the demolition of the building and have the debris removed.

7. Resolution Authorizing Contract with ProServe Technology

MOTION (2013-169) to authorize the Supervisor to enter a contract with ProServe Technology to host the online Assessment Section on the Town's web site was made by Council Member Dufour and seconded by Council Member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

8. Resolution Authorizing Contract Renewal with Niagara Co. S.P.C.A.

MOTION (2013-170) to authorize the Supervisor to enter a three-year renewal contract for dog shelter services with the Niagara County S.P.C.A. was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

9. Resolution to Seek Greenway Commission Grant Funding

MOTION (2013-171) to authorize the Supervisor to seek Greenway Commission grant funding for the purchase of two (2) twenty-foot section of 5-row bleachers for the

Day Road Park, to be purchased from Belson Outdoors of North Aurora, IL, the low bid in the amount of \$7,262.50, was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

10. **Town Board Comments**

Councilman Siejak spoke on several topics including:

Town-wide Brush Pickup – the next pickup will be conducted on the third Monday of the month, August 19th, and brush should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

The Town's Electronic Recycling Report for the month of July states that for the first six months of 2013, the Town has recycled 27,014 lbs. or almost 2 to 1 over that recycled in 2012.

2nd Annual Bark in the Park – the American Cancer Society will once again sponsor a fund-raising event at the Day Road Park on Sunday, August 25, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The event will include various games, a vendor fair, kissing booth, basket raffle, Niagara Co. Sheriff's Police Dogs, and several dog related contests. He urged everyone to come out and participate.

Free Rabies Clinics - the Niagara County Health Dept. will sponsor free rabies clinics on Saturday, August 17th at the Royalton Town Hall and on Saturday, September 21st at the Town of Lockport Highway Garage from 2:00 – 4:00.

Lastly, Councilman Siejak thanked Mr. Thomas Murphy for the donation and the installation of a metal hand rail at the Stahler Cemetery. He stated that Mr. Murphy did a fine job and it will be appreciated by visitors to the cemetery.

Councilwoman Dufour announced that Niagara Co. Legislator, Rick Updegrave, will sponsor a household hazardous waste pickup at the Lockport Town Garage on Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The drop off will be by appointment only. Additionally, there will be staff on site to accept electronics recycling as well.

11. **Supervisor's Comments**

Supervisor Smith stated that this is the time of year that the Town Budget work begins and that budget work sheets had been handed out to each Dept. head. He stated that it will be the work of the Town Board to maintain a conservative line on the budget for 2014 and he expects that to be the case as the budget process moves along.

He also encouraged residents to continue to recycle. The Town has a very high recycling rate at the residential level and he reminded residents that for every pound recycled by the Town helps reduce fees.

Nancy Brooks, the Town Clerk then informed residents that the Niagara County Veteran's Service Outreach Day scheduled for August 22 at the Town Hall has been completely booked up but that any veteran's seeking information can always call the agency which is located at 111 Main Street, Suite 200, Lockport, New York.

There being nothing further, the Supervisor called for adjournment.

MOTION (2013-172) to adjourn was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk