

August 21, 2013

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 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 in attendance and opened the meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

1. **Town Clerk**

The Clerk announced that her office was sponsoring a Niagara County Veteran's Service Agency outreach session for area veterans on Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. An agency representative will be available by appointment to answer any questions veterans may have concerning the benefits that are available to them.

Additionally, she reminded the Town Board that she and the Highway Superintendent will sponsor a Niagara Co. Free Rabies Clinic at the Town Highway Garage on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Town Clerk's office will be available at the clinic to license dogs for the convenience of Town residents.

2. **Town Attorney**

Mr. Norris reported that sealed bids on the purchase of a new tractor for the Highway Dept. were opened and that there were two bids received. After reviewing both bids for adherence to the bid specifications, it was his recommendation to award the bid to the low bidder, Bentley Bros. in the amount of \$70,696.00 which is an after trade in figure. Councilman Siejak commented that he had consulted with David Miller, Highway Superintendent, and that Mr. Miller had stated that to repair the currently owned vehicle would cost at least \$8,000.00 and that the truck would receive \$14,000 value as a trade-in. Mr. Miller felt it was a good choice to accept the trade-in value and turn in the vehicle at this time.

MOTION (2013-173) to award the bid for the purchase of a new tractor with side & rear flail mowers to Bentley Bros. of Albion, New York, the low bid in the amount of \$70,696.00 with trade-in, was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

3. **Engineer**

Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Break Update – Mr. Klavoon provided the Town Board with a pictorial timeline of the progress made at the project site. He stated that he and the Town Sewer and Water Dept. expect that the site can be backfilled as early as this week. Once the site is filled in, they will allow it to settle for 3-4 weeks before any sidewalk repair or grass re-seeding will take place. When asked for an estimate of cost for this repair, Mr. Klavoon stated he is still receiving bills and will compile a report for an upcoming work session. Mr. Klavoon also suggested that the Town investigate (televise) and evaluate all other concrete sewer lines as a precaution to any major structural failures occurring in the future.

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4. Town Board Reports/ Comments

Councilman Siejak wanted to express his thanks to David Miller, Town Highway Superintendent, who has had much work on his plate over these past few weeks as he has also been acting as the interim Sewer/Water Superintendent and has not only overseen the Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Repair; but has also completed the work at Lytle Park (installed new parking lot area, guard rails and paved a walk way); has completed one home demolition and will soon begin a second; as well as conducting this month's brush pickup.

Councilwoman Dufour reported on the Niagara County Refuse District Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off which took place at the Town Garage on Saturday, August 17, 2013. She reported that it was very successful and that there were 242 participants, 122 of which were Town residents. She stated that many of the participants requested a tire drop off as well. This may be investigated as a possibility for next year.

Councilman Crocker – had an item for consultation with the Town Attorney in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Antkowiak informed the Town Board that she has received a quote for a new sound system for movie nights at Day Road Park as well as other events. She will continue to gather information and report at a later date.

She continues to work on plans for Fall Festival as well as with the Dale Association and the Niagara County Office for the Aging on the Health Fair and with Chris Parada on the upcoming Winter Fest at the Palace Theatre. Due to unforeseen problems faced by the Sewer/Water Dept., David Miller and his crews have not been able to complete the Day Road Park pavilion project but she stated that it will be planned for sometime in spring 2014.

5. Town Supervisor Reports/Comments

Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week – a proclamation will be added to the agenda for Town Board meeting on September 4, 2013.

Advertising for ICSC Conference – Supervisor Smith stated that there are two basic periodicals which would help to promote the Lockport area; one which advertises for the ICSC Conference as well as one for the retail industry. He handed out an example of the magazine which Mr. Kinyon, Town of Lockport Director of Economic Development believes would most benefit the Town of Lockport and the Transit North project. The annual cost to advertize in the "Shopping Center Business" magazine is \$3,000. This item will be placed on the agenda for the September 4th meeting.

Authorization to seek Niagara River Greenway Funding - Supervisor Smith announced that to seek grant funding through Niagara County from the Niagara River Greenway Commission, for the purchase of bleacher seating for Day Road Park, a resolution of authorization from the Town Board was needed.

MOTION (2013-174) on a motion by Council Member Antkowiak and seconded by Council Member Dufour, the following resolution was duly ADOPTED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport Recreation Commission has developed a plan for the development of Day Road Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport has completed the construction of two regulation size soccer fields as part of the development of Day Road Park; and

WHEREAS, the Lockport Soccer Club has entered into an agreement with the Town of Lockport for the purpose of operating a soccer program for the benefit of residents of the Town of Lockport and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the soccer programs at Day Road Park have resulted in increasing numbers of attendees to view and enjoy the soccer games; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport Recreation Commission is desirous of purchasing and installing bleacher seating to accommodate the growing number of attendees at soccer games at Day Road Park; and

WHEREAS, Day Road Park is located approximately one mile north of the Erie Canal Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Erie Canal Corridor is a component of the Niagara River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, projects which enhance the environmental and recreational quality of the Niagara River Greenway are eligible for funding through the Niagara River Greenway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is a host Community of the Niagara River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport seeks to secure Niagara River Greenway funding to pay for the cost of purchasing two sets of bleacher seating at a cost of \$22,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport will compensate the County of Niagara for the cost of the purchase of the bleacher seating should the bleacher seating fail, be stolen or irreparably damaged; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lockport hereby requests that the County of Niagara sponsor the Town of Lockport's application for Niagara River Greenway funding for the purchase of bleacher seating for Day Road Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Lockport be and is hereby authorized to submit an application to the County of Niagara and to the Niagara River Greenway Commission seeking funding for the purchase of bleacher seating for Day Road Park.

6. Executive Session Entered

MOTION (2013-175) to enter Executive Session for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Siejak. 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 (2013-176) to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session was made by Council Member Siejak and seconded by Council Member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Siejak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

The work session was reconvened at 1:45 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

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8. Adjournment

MOTION (2013-177) to adjourn 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 Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on *Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk

* The next work session will be held on a Tuesday, due to the Labor Day holiday.