

UNAPPROVED

September 3, 2013

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

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

Absent: Paul W. Siejak

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

Supervisor Smith welcomed everyone and invited Mr. Kinyon to provide a brief update on the Transit North Streetscape Grant application recently authorized by the Town Board.

Mr. Kinyon provided the most recent brochure published for the Transit North Project as well as diagrams of the proposed improvements for Transit Road from Robinson Road north to the Lockport City Line. He reported that the grant application, which was submitted August 16, 2013, was submitted in the amount of \$384,000.00, 20% of which the Town will need to match in contributions, or the equivalent of \$96,000.00. He stated that the objectives of the grant application are to seek increased sales tax revenues through retail expansion, improved aesthetics as well as the intent to help slow traffic and decrease the severity and frequency of accidents along the Transit North route. He presented aerial views of the proposed medians which will have trees, shrubs and flowers and will adorn the route in various locations along Transit Road. He stated that this area has a tremendous opportunity for retail development and development of this type can have a 3:1 return on investment as it relates to increased retail services and other economic stewardship which forecasts the creation of nearly 570 new jobs.

When asked if the median plan can be altered, Mr. Kinyon replied yes; the plan was developed with the help of the NYS Dept. of Transportation and can be changed if needed. He also responded to the question of support from the local retailers stating that several of the retailers had submitted letters of approval as attachments to the grant application. Many see the improved aesthetics and slowed traffic as a benefit to their sales locations.

There being no further questions, Supervisor Smith thanked Mr. Kinyon and opened the work session as follows:

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

Mr. Klavoon reported on several topics including the following:

HVAC System for Carpenter's Building – the specifications for the new heating and air conditioning for the building located at 6570 Dysinger Road have been submitted and reviewed by the Town Attorney. The plans can be made available to contractors as early as September 6th. Mr. Klavoon requested authorization to seek bids on the project (Contract #13-5) for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2013.

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MOTION (2013-178) to authorize the Town engineer to seek bids for the installation of a new HVAC system for the Carpenter's Building (6570 Dysinger Road) on Wed., October 2, 2013, was made by Council Member Antkowiak and seconded by Council Member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

Change Order Request for Contract#13-2 - Mr. Klavoon stated that the request was for a deduction (credit) of \$640.00 to the contract for the Carpenter's Building Façade Improvements.

MOTION (2013-179) to approve a Change Order to Contract #13-2 Carpenter's Building Façade Improvements in a deduction (credit) amount of \$640.00 was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

Heather Subdivision Water Improvements – Mr. Klavoon stated that he had been working with the Niagara County Water District on finding a solution to the low water pressure issue within the subdivision and requested Town Board approval to draw up plans for the improvements. He stated that the project work would be completed by Town of Lockport Water Dept. personnel.

MOTION (2013-180) to authorize the engineer to develop plans for a solution to the low water pressure issues facing the Heather Drive Subdivision was made by Council Member Dufour and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

Town Budget Request for Upstream Sewer Assessment - Mr. Klavoon stated that in light of the major repair recently completed at the Transit/Robinson Road intersection, he was requesting additional budget funding to complete a sewer line assessment in the same upstream area (Transit, Hamm, Locust etc). He stated that a televising & flushing assessment of this area can help prevent a major failure in the future. He reported that much of the system is a joint system with the Niagara County Sewer District so that nearly three quarters (nearly \$20,000.00) of the estimated cost of \$28,000.00 would be reimbursed by Niagara County Sewer District. This item will be placed on the September 4, 2013 Town Board Agenda for possible action.

4. Town Board Comments

Councilman Crocker – Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Dufour – Stated that after speaking with the Town Building Inspection Dept., she was pleased to report that the number of new single family residences for the year 2013 were up over this same period in 2012 (27 vs. 15). Additionally, she reported that residents under 65 who qualify for the STAR program must re-register for the program by December 31, 2013. The NYS Office of Real Property will mail notification and instructions to all residents. Enhanced STAR residents will not be affected by the new legislation and will continue to register annually as they have in the past.

Councilwoman Antkowiak – Presented the Town Board with figures for the purchase of a new sound system for Day Road Park and other Recreation Dept. activities. Supervisor Smith requested that the item be placed on the Sept. 4th Town Board Agenda.

Additionally, she would like to take one of the broken Day Road Park umbrellas to someone who might possibly be able to repair them.

Fall Festival – will be held at the Town Hall in October. She will report on further details at a later date.

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5. Supervisor's Comments/Reports

He stated that all three items under the Supervisor on the work session agenda; the purchase of a sound system for the Recreation Dept.; a resolution in support of Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week and the expenditure of \$3,000 for advertising for the ICSC Conference, will be placed on the Sept. 4th Town Board Agenda for Town Board action.

There being nothing further on the agenda to be discussed, he requested a motion to adjourn.

6. Adjournment

MOTION (2013-181) to adjourn was made by Council Member Crocker and seconded by Council Member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-4, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Crocker, Dufour and Smith.

The work session ended at 1:27 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk