

September 17, 2014

A special budget work session of the Lockport Town board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

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

Also present were: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk and Kate Carter, Town Budget Officer.

Supervisor Smith opened the meeting by stating that this has been a difficult year for developing the budget, referring to the restraints the State has passed down and due to the many various items that quickly turn up and force a change to the budget.

He stated that the tentative budget as presented calls for a 1.94% increase in the amounts to be raised by taxation, which he noted remains below the 2% tax cap set by the State.

He explained that the 2015 budget as presented would have an impact as follows:

Majority of Town Households (Average Assessment of \$100,00)	Carlisle Gardens (Average Assessment of \$110,00)	Lincoln Village (Average Assessment of \$70,000)
Net Change of \$2.80 per household	Net Change of \$8.39 per household	Net Change of \$1.97 per household

He then suggested that the Town Board do as in past years, go page by page, with both himself and Kate Carter to explain any line item that Board members have in question.

Following the page by page examination, the Board briefly discussed salaries. Supervisor Smith stated the tentative budget does not call for an increase in labor rates for the highway, sewer & water personnel due to ongoing labor negotiations. The budget does call for a 2% increase across the board for all other employees.

The Board then discussed stipends and possible increases for committee members. It was decided that all persons serving on a committee (ex: Planning Board, Zoning Board, Recreation, Board of Assessment Review and Fire Board) will see a \$10 /per meeting increase.

Executive Session Entered

MOTION (2014-247): to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues was made by Council member Dufour and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:55 p.m.

Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened

MOTION (2014-248): to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Keough. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The work session was reconvened at 2:33 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

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Adjournment

MOTION (2014-249): to adjourn was made by Council member Keough and seconded by Council member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Siejak, Crocker, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The meeting ended at 2:33 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet this evening, September 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for a scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed Master Plan update.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk