

December 29, 2014

The year-end work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 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 J. Keough

Also present: Nancy A. Brooks, Town Clerk; Michael J. Norris, Town Attorney; Robert Klavoon of Wendel Engineering and local media representatives.

The meeting was opened for the following action and/or discussion:

1. Town Clerk – nothing to report.
2. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (2014-343): to approve the payment of the year-end bills for 2014 was made by Council member Keough and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The bills consist of Vouchers #32927 – 33084 in the amount of \$505,840.83.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2014-344): to approve the minutes of 12/01/2014, 12/03/2014, and the BIDS of 12/22/2014 was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

4. Town Attorney – nothing to report.

5. Engineer

Safe Routes to Schools Re-bid - Mr. Klavoon reported that sealed bids for the re-bid of the Safe Routes to Schools Project were opened on December 22, 2014. There were four bids submitted and Roman Construction, as was in the original bid, was the low bidder in the amount of \$447,816.00. When asked why the bids were higher than those previously received, Mr. Klavoon stated that the only specification cost which was higher than the original bid estimates, was the cost of concrete, which he added had increased by 42% of the estimated cost. Councilman Crocker asked how much the Town would need to fund to complete the project. Mr. Klavoon stated that the Town's portion over the appropriated funds of \$342,000.00, would be approximately \$105,000.00, which Supervisor Smith replied will come out of undesignated surplus funds. After reviewing all the bid documents, it was Mr. Klavoon's recommendation to award the bid to Roman Construction. Councilman Siejak stated that the project was in the public's interest and suggested that the award be made to ensure that the project can begin when weather permits in early spring.

MOTION (2014-345): to award Contract #14-1R, the Safe Routes to Schools Project to Roman Construction, the low bidder in the amount of \$447,816.00, contingent on the approval of the Town Attorney and the N.Y.S. Dept. of Transportation, was made by Council member Siejak and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

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6. Authorization to Balance Accounts for Year-End

MOTION (2014-346): to authorize the Town Supervisor, as chief Fiscal Officer, to balance the accounts for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2014, the monies to be taken from unexpended balances, was made by Council member Dufour and seconded by Council member Keough. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

7. Authorization for Town Supervisor to Expend Highway Funds

MOTION (2014-347): to authorize the Town Supervisor to expend Highway Funds for 2015 was made by Council member Keough and seconded by Council member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

8. Auth. for Tax Receiver Not to Impose Surcharge for Delinquent Tax Notices

MOTION (2014-348): to authorize the Town Tax Receiver not to impose a service charge for the required mailing of delinquent notices to Town tax payers was made by Council member Dufour and seconded by Council member Crocker. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

9. Town Board Comments/Reports

Councilman Crocker reported that the Town has been receiving several complaints that CRT televisions and monitors set to the curb have not been picked up by C.I.D. – Waste Management. He has contacted the refuse company and they have reported that they will be sending a separate truck around, before the year's end, to pick up any of these TVs or large electronic waste which are at the curb. Electronic waste will no longer be picked up curb side after December 31, 2014.

Councilman Siejak added that it will be illegal for C.I.D. to pickup electronic waste at curb side after December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Smith added that Councilmen Crocker and Keough are working on arranging for the Town to have a new recycling shed erected at Town Hall. The particulars will be forth coming in the near future but Councilman Crocker urged all residents to rid themselves of their electronic waste before year's end.

Councilman Siejak also wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that 2014 was a good year for the Town of Lockport, that a lot was accomplished, and he is looking forward to a big and better 2015.

10. Supervisor's Comments/Reports

Renewal of Contract with the Niagara County Historical Society

MOTION (2014-349): to renew the contract with the Niagara County Historical Society to provide Town residents with discount passes for the Erie Canal Discovery Center was made by Council member Keough and seconded by Council member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

Street Light Update for I.D.A. Park

The Supervisor reported that NYSEG is currently working on estimates to provide four additional street lights in the I.D.A. Park. NYSEG is conducting their preliminary site inspection and the final cost estimates should be coming soon in the next few weeks.

Authorization to Encumber Funds for the Town Sewer/Water Department

Supervisor Smith stated that Dan Dodge, Town Director of Operations, has requested that \$20,048.96 be encumbered from the 2014 Sewer/Water budget into the 2015 Town Sewer/Water budget to cover the cost of a previously approved purchase of a new 2015 Ford Van which has yet to be delivered.

MOTION (2014-350): to encumber \$20,048.96 into the 2015 Sewer/Water budget to cover the cost of a 2015 Ford van was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Keough. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

Niagara County Health Consortium

Supervisor Smith reported that a new multi-municipal health care proposal should be forth coming in early 2015. The Supervisor stated that he is aware that the Town Board has previously stated that they are interested in learning of any cost savings a new health care system could provide but he suggested that if this new proposal is not advantageous for the Town of Lockport, he feels the Town should seek proposals on its own. He reported that the Consortium will be conducting a meeting to discuss the new forth coming proposal at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The Consortium will be bringing in a member of the Thompson County Consortium, who has been extremely successful with their new health care program. Supervisor Smith urged everyone who is interested to attend the meeting.

Lastly, he wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

11. Adjournment

MOTION (2014-351): to adjourn was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The meeting was ended at 1:16 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC
Lockport Town Clerk