

February 2, 2015

A regularly scheduled work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015, 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 and Robert Klavoon of Wendel Engineering.

Supervisor Smith opened the meeting for the following discussion and/or action:

1. **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk reported receiving a letter from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society requesting permission to conduct part of their annual fund-raising walk in the Town of Lockport on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The Town Board was in favor of authorization and requested that the information be forwarded to the Town Highway Dept.

Also, per a request from the local banks, the Clerk requested a resolution authorizing that Councilwoman Dufour be removed and Councilman Crocker be added as an "authorized signer" on the Town bank accounts as Councilman Crocker was appointed Deputy Supervisor for the year.

**MOTION (2015-33):** to remove Councilwoman Dufour and to add Deputy Supervisor Crocker as an "authorized signer" on the Town of Lockport bank accounts 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.

2. **Town Attorney** – nothing to report.

3. **Engineer**

Mr. Klavoon reported on several items that he stated are ready for Town Board action and can be placed on the Agenda for 2/4/2015 should the Town Board be so inclined. These items include:

- Award of the Bid for Contract#14-8 (Sewer & Water Vacuum Maintenance)
- Award the Carpenter's Building Insulation project
- Set the Bid Date for Contract#154W (Transit Road Water Line Replacement)
- Set the Bid Date for Contract#14-7R (Transit Road Gateway Signs)
- Authorization to renew Contract #13-1 (Utility Repair Contract)through 12/31/2015 and authorize Change Order #3 in the amount of \$100.000 for anticipated costs for the 2015 renewal.

Mr. Klavoon then briefly updated the Board on some of the particulars as they pertain to the above listed items.

Firstly, he informed the Town Board that sealed bids for Contract #14-8 Sewer & Water Vacuum Maintenance were opened on Jan. 29, 2015. Four bids were received and reviewed. The low bidder, Pipe Eye Sewer Services, submitted the amount of \$48,308.00 which was considerably lower than the other bids and also of the engineering estimate. When asked why the bid price was low, Mr. Klavoon stated he did not know but perhaps it was due to the fact that Pipe Eye Services has a WNY office which can keep their costs down.

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Mr. Klavoon stated he contacted the bidder to check on the bid price given and the contractor confirmed it and felt comfortable with the price given. Mr. Klavoon added that this is a one-year contract with an option of four renewals; that the work is performed on a "as needed" basis, and that if the Town desires, they have the option of dropping out of the contract.

Additionally, Mr. Klavoon went into some depth discussing the upcoming Transit Road Water Line Replacement Project. He began by reporting that the entire project has \$4.5 million dollars in available funding and that this portion is expected to have bid pricing come in at approximately \$2.95 million dollars. The project is listed as having a base bid which would entail the water line from Tonawanda Creek Road to Robinson Road and an Alternate #1 Bid which would start at Robinson Road and go to the Big Lots Plaza. Project completion will include two creek crossings; four road crossings and three utility crossings. Any of the water line in place by October 2015 will have final restoration completed by November 2015. Any water line installed after November 1, 2015, will have final restoration completed in 2016.

The project will also call for some night time work which includes a temporary (3-night) closure of Robinson Road (Transit Road to Snyder Drive). East bound traffic will be detoured utilizing Transit Road to Shimer Drive to Snyder Drive. Additionally, the project calls for removal of 29 fire hydrants and the replacement of 39 hydrants for improved fire protection. The bid opening is expected to take place on March 24, 2015, subject to Town Board approval, with the bid award expected to be in April and with work to begin in May 2015. All required work permits have been obtained.

Mr. Klavoon also explained the re-bid of the Transit Gateway Sign project. He informed the Board that the project is now being bid with three separate sections: electrical, masonry and specialty. He has scheduled the bid books to be available on February 5, 2015 and the bid date is anticipated for February 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., subject to Town Board approval.

Lastly, Mr. Klavoon explained the Change Order to Contract #13-1 for which he has requested authorization. He stated that contract with Marc Cerrone, Inc., is an ongoing contract for "as needed" work. He is suggesting that the contract be extended until 12/31/2015.

#### **4. Town Board Comments/Reports**

*Councilman Crocker* requested permission to purchase an 8' x 12' American flag from Valley Forge Co. in the amount of \$133.00. He explained that the flag will be stored and only flown during special events such as Community Days or the Viet Nam War Memorial War event.

He also stated he has received a revised "recycling form" from Waste Management which will be made available to residents, perhaps in the next newsletter and also on the Town webs site.

*Councilman Siejak* has met with Marshall Wilson of Ulrich Sign Co. regarding the new civic organization's "Welcome to Lockport" sign for Transit Road. The sign has been built and Ulrich Sign Co. will erect it when weather permits.

#### **5. Supervisor's Comments/Reports**

NY Alert Program - the Supervisor has been in contact with the Niagara County Sheriff's Dept. and they will soon establish official protocols for municipal use of the system which can notify residents of emergency situations.

Supervisor Smith also informed Board members that two power lines within the Town along Lockport Road to Hinman Road will be removed this summer.

**6. Executive Session Entered**

**MOTION (2015-34):** to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing security issues 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.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

**7. Executive Session Ended and Work Session Reconvened**

**MOTION (2015-35):** to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the work session was made by Council member Crocker and seconded by Council member Dufour. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The work session was reconvened at 1:50 p.m. with no Town Board action taken during Executive Session.

**8. Authorization to Execute Contract for State Police Security Improvements**

**MOTION (2015-36):** to approve a contract with Modern Electrical Construction, who submitted the low quotation of \$3,530.00 for security improvements at the NYS Police Barracks, 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.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION (2015-37):** to adjourn was made by Council member Keough and seconded by Council member Siejak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES-5, NAYS-0. Voting AYE: Crocker, Siejak, Dufour, Keough and Smith.

The work session was ended at 1:50 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, MMC  
Lockport Town Clerk