

REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2013

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on February 4, 2013 at 6:45 p.m., at the Town Administration Building, 121 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, New York with the following members present:

Supervisor Jesse M. Robbins
Councilman Richard B. Thor
Councilman Brett A. Muccheck
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
Councilman Todd M. Hanson

Supervisor Robbins called the meeting to order with the salute to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

Present at the meeting were: Angelo & Diane Terrano, Deputy Clerk Darlene H. Nygren, Busti-Lakewood Recreation Director Diana Peterson, Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson, Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley and Post Journal Reporter Dennis Phillips.

Supervisor Robbins noted the following reports & correspondence:

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for December, 2012
Town Clerk's Annual Report for 2012
Building Permit Report for January, 2013
Chautauqua County Department of Finance re: monies paid to the Supervisor for 2012
2012 Inventory of Highway/Parks Machinery, Tools and Equipment
Rebecca A. Anderson re: 2199 Second Avenue, CP.
Time Warner Cable re: programming rates

Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley reported 951 incidents for January.

Highway Superintendent requested permission to trade in 2008 John Deere 757 Z-track with 60" deck 1,316 hrs for \$2,800 and 2007 John Deere X700 with 54" deck 553 hrs and 52" rotary broom with quick hitch for \$4,630 for a new John Deere Z925A Z-Track after trade in for \$1,990.00 under New York State contract #PC63461.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson, he be authorized to purchase a new John Deere Z925A Z-Track for \$1,900 after the trade in of two mowers. Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck:

SUPPORT FOR NYS-CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES

ADOPTED: Supervisor Robbins, Councilman Hanson, Councilman Lawton, Councilman Muccheck and Councilman Thor.

RESOLVED, to support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years, and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties, and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures, and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Busti Town Board supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in the Town of Busti support the passage of said Bills.

A copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to Assemblyman Michael F. Kearns.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Councilman Lawton made the motion for the Village of Lakewood to use the Busti-Lakewood Community Building for their General Election on March 19, 2013 which was duly seconded by Supervisor Robbins.
All aye.

Councilman Thor moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Supervisor Robbins:
RESOLVED, that the town set up an account General Fund A1620.401 for the Busti-Lakewood Recreation Fund and to transfer \$15,000 from General Fund A1620.4 into the account for building maintenance of the community building.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins made the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Lawton:
RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson be authorized to spend town highway funds for 2013 in the amount of \$1,067,968.00
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins made the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck:
RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized and directed to pay the presented General Fund, Highway Fund, Joint Recreation Fund and the Hazeltine Public Library for Abstract No. 2 from warrant #31 to and including warrant #71 in the amount of \$81,934.29.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of December 17, 2012, January 7, 2013 and January 22, 2013 which was seconded by Councilman Hanson.
All aye.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
All aye.

Diane M. VanDewark, Town Clerk