

REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on December 16, 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 Todd M. Hanson
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
Councilman Brett A. Muccheck
Councilman Richard B. Thor

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: Donald McCord, Deputy Town Clerk Darlene H. Nygren, Busti Recreation Director Diana Peterson, Warren VanDewark, Lorie Robbins, Hart Jordan, Part-time Court Clerk Nancy Jordan, Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson, Attorney Joel H. Seachrist, Assessor Randall G. Holcomb and Lakewood-Busti Chief John Bentley.

Lakewood-Busti Chief John Bentley reported 10,208 incidents to date.

Assessor Randall G. Holcomb reported on Star applications and deadlines for the Basic Star is December 31st and Enhanced Star March 1st.

Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson reported on heavy snow plowing and submitted his report for paving and surface treating roads in 2013.

Councilman Thor offered 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 order a 2014 Kenworth Allison Truck Model for \$114,300.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins offered the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Lawton:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson he be authorized to order a 2014 Ford Pickup Truck for \$27,000 with truck trade in of Chevy Pick-up for \$24,288.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted it was 7:00 p.m. and time to open the public hearing for adopting the comprehensive plan.

Proof of publication was placed on file.

Don McCord was thanked by the board for his excellent completion of the plan.

Supervisor Robbins moved to close the public hearing which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution adopting the comprehensive plan which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson.

WHEREAS, the Town of Busti Town Board is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing comprehensive plan had not been updated since 1972 and does not reflect

the community's current vision and nor specific initiatives to help achieve that vision; and

WHEREAS, the Town desired to have a comprehensive plan that states the community's goals, provides a conceptual road map for how to achieve them, and serves as a guidance document for municipal leaders to help ensure the community's needs are met; and

WHEREAS, the Busti Town Board, Comprehensive Plan Committee and its planning consultants undertook a comprehensive three-year study of the historic and existing conditions in the Town; identified issues and opportunities; analyzed numerous topics and potential options; and developed goals, objectives, policy recommendations and implementation strategies which resulted in the Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan is a vision document which identifies the important positive attributes and components which define the Town of Busti and which provides a blueprint for the future; and

WHEREAS, there has been public participation throughout the process, including outreach meetings, a public hearing held on December 16, 2013, a public opinion survey, and review of background documents and drafts of the Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board referred the proposed Plan to the Chautauqua County Planning Board in accordance with Sections 239-l and m of the New York State General Municipal Law and its agent, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development responded by letter dated December 9, 2013, to advise that the adoption of the plan is of local option;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Negative Declaration dated December 16, 2013, regarding the Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan for the extensive reasoning contained therein, and thereby completes the SEQRA review of the proposed action pursuant to the criteria contained in Section 617 of 6 NYCRR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti Town Board hereby adopts the proposed Town of Busti Comprehensive Plan dated October 2013, as an important planning tool that identifies a wide range of issues, goals, initiatives, and projects which can be undertaken by various entities in the short-, medium, and long-term.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins made the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Deputy Clerk Darlene H. Nygren that Susan Huffman be hired as part-time deputy clerk at \$12.50 per hour with a maximum of 30 hours per week over a 52 year week period

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion authorizing Councilman Lawton on behalf of the Busti Bike and Fitness Trail Ad Hoc Committee to send a letter to Chautauqua County IDA requesting a donation of \$2,000 to this project fund which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson.

All aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted the following

November 2013 Building Report

November Supervisor's Report

November Clerk's Report

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for Chautauqua County HS prepared on 10/23/13.

Time Warner Agreements with programmers.

Thank you letter from Bruce Kidder & Shawn Cotter.

Supervisor Robbins made the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor:

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. 24 from warrant #882 to and including warrant #915 in the amount of \$196,394.34.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of December 2, 2013.
All aye.

Prior to closing the meeting, Supervisor Robbins read a statement acknowledging Town Clerk, Diane VanDewark's retirement and thanking her for twenty two years she served as Town Clerk and seventeen years as Town of Busti Bookkeeper. Her retirement is 120 days shy of 40 years of service for the Town of Busti. Diane will be greatly missed and the Town of Busti wishes her well in her future endeavors.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
All aye.

Diane M. VanDewark, Town Clerk