

REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on August 4, 2014 at 6:45 p.m., at the Busti Lakewood Recreational Center, 9 W. Summit St, Lakewood, New York with the following members present:

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

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: Jim Loomis, Inspection Officer Jeff Swanson, Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson, Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach, and Attorney Joel H. Seachrist.

Residents present were given the opportunity to be heard.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the Highway Department has been paving for the Town of Kiantone. The department started paving on Orr Street and the paver broke down, which is the property of Midland. The breakdown puts all paving on hold. The recent storms have caused damage to the road shoulders, which the department can work on while waiting for the paver to be repaired.

Supervisor Peterson is still trying to obtain more bids for tree removal in Bentley Cemetery, the decision will remain tabled until more bids are received.

Supervisor Robbins talked with Dave Paterniti regarding Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee and who should serve on the committee.

Court Clerk Elizabeth Davis requested that the town apply for the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant (JCAP). Supervisor Robbins offered the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson:

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized to sign for the 2014 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant application.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

It was noted that the grant is not ready to be submitted at this time.

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

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk Darlene Nygren be authorized to attend the "How to Avoid Common Audit Findings" workshop at Southern Tier West on August 22 & 29, and September 12 & 19, 2014.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

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

RESOLVED, that Deputy Town Clerk Susan Huffman be authorized to attend Notary Training at Southern Tier West on August 21, 2014.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins tabled designating the Triangle, located in the Busti Hamlet, as a town park until the current survey can be compared to a previous survey(s).

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

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk Darlene Nygren be authorized to submit the DMAP Application the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

All aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted the Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson has completed training and received certification.

Supervisor Robbins moved to reschedule the September 2nd Town Board meeting to September 3rd, the meeting will be held at 9 W. Summit St., Lakewood; which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor. All aye. Carried

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution 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, the Public Library Fund, the Drainage District #2 Fund and the Water District #8-South Main Fund for Abstract No. 16 from warrant #524 to and including warrant #573 in the amount of \$113,033.61.

Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of July 21 & 28, 2014, which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson.

Supervisor Robbins – aye

Councilman Thor – aye

Councilman Hanson – aye

Councilman Lawton – abstain

Carried.

Councilman Lawton reported that the LoCo Trail fund raiser held at Southern Tier Brewery was a success. Approximately three hundred people attended. The following money was raised: \$1,100 for T-Shirts, \$1,200 for 50/50 tickets, \$600-700 for hot dogs, and 600-700 for a bike raffle. The main objective of the event was not to raise money but rather awareness however approximately \$5,100 was raised. The railroad has committed approximately \$2,000 to cover the cost of the fee to write an agreement with the railroad, which the agreement has not been received yet. The committee is still waiting for a grant award decision, an agreement with the railroad and seeking ways to raise more money.

Councilman Hanson reported that he and the court are gathering information for the court grant and that construction continues to be done on the Court Clerk's office at 125 Chautauqua Ave. building.

Councilman Thor reported that the ad hoc committee continues to meet on Wednesday nights. Last week's meeting was held at Busti Federated Church; Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan and New York State Assemblyman Andy Goodell were speakers; their focus was on grants and the fact that grants are for studies and not for actual "shovel work". The advisory's task of studying recommendations for "capital improvement" for town facilities was not touched on. A special meeting was held on Monday, July 28th; the Town Board met with town employees regarding health insurance and the increase in cost. No decision was made.

Supervisor Robbins noted that Busti Fire Department will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on August 23rd at the Busti Fire Hall; there will be a dedication ceremony at 11:30 am and a reception to follow. The public is invited to attend.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

All aye.

Darlene Nygren, Town Clerk