

REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on May 19, 2014 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 Brett A. Muccheck  
Councilman Richard B. Thor  
Councilman Todd M. Hanson - absent  
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton - 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: Judy Schultz, Sue Chandler, Lorie Robbins, Mary Griffin, David Bargar, Craig Seger, Tillie Solomonson, Jim Loomis, Jenifer Seamens, Lakewood Busti Police Chief John Bentley, and Attorney Joel H. Seachrist.

Residents present were given the opportunity to be heard. Jenifer Seamens thanked the board for the cooperation that Stateline Speedway has received from the town. The speedway is in the process of being sold to a new owner, Bill Catania. Mr. Catania is looking forward to working with the board and ensure that the speedway is in compliance with town code. Ms. Seamans, also, wanted to thank the Lakewood-Busti Police Department for their service, in response time and security.

Lakewood Busti Police Chief John Bentley reported that there have been 4,725 incidents YTD. The Canine Unit has graduated from school and is on the road.

Dave Bargar noted that the ad hoc committee is in the process of recruiting residents to serve on the committee. They are hoping to have representatives that are from in the Village and outside the Village; open minded; and have a balance of men and women; as well as Republicans and Democrats. They will be looking at what the town board has previously done, specifically to building facilities. They will be seeking County and State input in addition to that from the town board.

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

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Busti establish a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

**WHEREAS**, Section 64(17) of New York's Town Law authorizes the Town Board to create a citizen advisory committee to act in an advisory capacity with regard to the planning, construction, reconstruction, undertaking or acquisition of capital improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to establish such a committee to advise it concerning various options regarding the buildings that house the town justice court in the Caprino Building, the community center at 9 West Summit Avenue, and the town offices at 125 Chautauqua Avenue

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby establishes a 6 member citizen advisory committee that shall be

known as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee; and

2. The mission of the Committee shall be to develop and consider (a) available options for the use of the current Town facilities at the Caprino Building, the community center at 9 West Summit Avenue, and the town offices at 125 Chautauqua Avenue, and (b) possible new facilities at other locations, all with a comparative cost-benefit analysis; and
3. The Committee shall meet, consult, and advise with Town Board members Richard Thor and Todd Hanson; and
4. The following citizens are hereby appointed to the Committee:

Kay Smith  
Craig Seger  
Jim Rovegno  
William A. Evans III  
David Bargar  
Cheryl Johnson; and

5. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and consistent with the New York State Open Meetings Law.  
Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins tabled the Sediment & Erosion Control evaluation.

Councilman Mucke noted that the TAP grant application is being prepared to be submitted within the next week for Busti Lakewood Bike & Fitness Trail.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor:  
**RESOLVED**, Jeff Swanson be appointed as Temporary Fulltime Inspection Officer through July 23, 2014. At that time the appointment will be provisional until a Code Enforcement exam is offered.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins tabled discussion regarding the removal of trees at Town of Busti cemeteries.

Supervisor Robbins noted that since 1985 Town of Busti board meetings have been held at 121 Chautauqua Avenue, from this date until further notice board meetings will be held at 9 W. Summit.

Supervisor Robbins announced the times and locations of the Memorial Day parades. The Busti parade will line up at 8:30 am and begin at 9:00 am, with the service at 9:15 am at the Busti Cemetery. The Lakewood parade will line up at 10:00 am and begin at 10:45 am, with the service being held at Sunset Cemetery.

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

**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. 11 from warrant #272 to and including warrant #309 in the amount of \$37,580.42.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of May 5, 2014 which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor.

All aye.

Councilman Thor reported that he is working on a project for Chautauqua County Mayors & Supervisors comparing salary, wages, and benefits between the various towns within the county.

Resident Craig Seger wanted share his appreciation for the town board establishing the ad hoc committee and the stance taken on the Busti Lakewood Bike and Fitness Trail.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

All aye.

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Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk