

SPECIAL MEETING
October 26, 2015

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on October 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Busti Administration Building, 125 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, New York with the following members present:

Supervisor Jesse M. Robbins
Councilman Jim Andrews
Councilman Todd M. Hanson
Councilman Brett Muccheck – left meeting at 5:06 p.m.
Absent:
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton

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: Kathleen Andrews, Myra Blasius, Mary Griffin, Tillie Solomonson, Bruce Erickson, George Vito, Rudy Mueller, Craig Seger, E.J. McCague and Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach .

Supervisor Robbins noted that the purpose of the meeting was to set a public hearing for the Preliminary Budget.

Rudy Mueller voiced his concern regarding the budget not being available until November 2nd and noted when the town had held the public hearings in years past.

Councilman Muccheck expressed his frustration with the manner of which Mr. Mueller continues to approach the board and talk about them in the community; he stated that the board was not trying to manipulate money or hide anything from the community but rather was attempting to save taxpayers money and not make any mistakes. At which point he left the meeting.

Councilman Hanson asked if it was possible to note the Town Budget Calendar in the Organizational minutes in the future.

Bruce Erickson asked if Community Center was in the budget. Supervisor Robbins stated that it was not because he wanted to be sure that the new center was a reasonable plan, noting that there were only 116 responses to the survey that was out earlier this year and he didn't feel that was a good representation of the whole town. Councilman Hanson noted that the process is not moving as fast as the board had hoped it would.

Mary Griffin stated that she understood Councilman Muccheck's frustration and would like to see the community work things out and work together.

Myra Blasius noted that she and other representatives from the Lakewood Library had met with Supervisor Robbins and requested an increase in the amount of funds that the town gives to the library. Councilman Hanson noted that the amount had been increased \$1,500. Mrs. Blasius stated that she felt that it was a disservice to the community to not give the \$68,000 that had been requested as the library meets many needs of the community, more than just allowing residents to sign out books. Mary Mille, the librarian noted that the library's mission was to help and educate the community. Kathy Anderson noted that the board has exhausted its resources.

Bruce Erickson requested that the town continue to support services to the lake. Supervisor Robbins noted that the town will continue to support the Chautauqua Lake Association as well as the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance.

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

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be set for November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the Preliminary Budget.

Upon roll call vote, Carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to authorize Town Clerk Darlene Nygren to submit letters to residents notifying them of unpaid water bills due to City of Jamestown BPU.

All aye.

Supervisor Robbins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m., which was duly seconded. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk