

REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on August 17, 2015 at 6:45 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 Brett A. Muccheck
Councilman Jim Andrews

absent:

Councilman Todd M. Hanson
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: Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson, Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley, Attorney Joel Seachrist, Code Enforcement Jeff Swanson, Jack Knowlton, Susan Lane, Tillie Solomonson and Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach.

Susan Lane requested that Supervisor Robbins clarify what was meant by "Community Center" in the recent Post Journal article regarding the Lakewood Library building a Community Center. Did that mean Community Center or Community/Recreation Center? Supervisor Robbins stated that it was only a Community Center and that he will be meeting with representatives from the library on Tuesday, August 25th to discuss the subject further.

Tillie Solomonson announced the upcoming Lakewood Kid's Day, Saturday, August 22nd, 10am – 2pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Activities will include a train ride, horses, sidewalk coloring contest, a balloon guy, face painting, the Lakewood Fire Department, and the LBPD K-9 unit.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that she had attended both the Audit Process and Workplace Violence Prevention Workshops at Southern Tier West. She will be attending a Tax Collection Training on August 24th presented by Chautauqua County Department of Finance & Taxation. Also, Town Clerk Nygren announced that Bob Freeman, Executive Director for the Committee on Open Government will be speaking in West Valley, NY on September 16th from noon – 3pm; the cost for the event is \$20/per person, which includes a lunch; all town, village, city, county, and school officials are invited to attend.

Chief John Bentley reported 7,240 incidents year to date. The LBPD held a child seat safety check at the Busti Federated Church "Family Fun Day", there is a grant through the governor's Traffic Safety Committee that gives the LBPD child seats and the department can provide them to residents as needed. The department's K9 Unit also had a demonstration at the Fun Day. Chief Bentley noted that the department had been served a Notice of Claim that claiming wrongful arrest involving a domestic dispute.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the department assisted the Village of Lakewood Highway department repairing two viaducts, one was located near the Rod & Gun and the other on Shadyside Road. The department also milled the railroad crossing at Chautauqua Avenue. The department is replacing road culvert pipes that have rusted out. Superintendent Peterson has attempted to meet with two tree service companies regarding stump removal at the town cemeteries however has not scheduled a specific meeting time. Supervisor Robbins inquired about the status of a soil & water issue on Stoneman, Creek Road, and First Avenue; Superintendent Peterson has spoken to Dave Wilson regarding the matter; he said that Stoneman should be left alone because of the possibilities of expansion at Southern Tier Brewery, no result from Creek Road, and Superintendent Peterson is waiting to hear about Bed Tax money that may help with First Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson reported that the number of building permits being issued is beginning to slow down however; there is a lot of construction currently taking place in the town.

Lakewood Fire Department representative, Jack Knowlton, reported 564 calls year to date, which averages to 2 calls per day. The department's ambulance is currently being serviced; Ashville, Busti, and Celeron departments are transporting individuals when there is a need.

Supervisor Robbins noted a report from Councilman Hanson who met with Gary Swan and was given verbal quote of \$11,000 - \$12,000 to pressure wash and paint the two sides of 125 Chautauqua Avenue, the quote includes prep work, minor pointing, and painting. Councilman Hanson noted that a scope of work needs to be prepared and then the town can formally request for bids. Councilman Hanson is still investigating the possibility of installing solar panels on the roofs of town buildings.

Jack Knowlton reported that a limb came down in the Bentley Cemetery and moved a headstone; Mr. Knowlton was able to reposition it with no damage to the stone. Superintendent Peterson will have the tree service companies look at the trees when they prepare an estimate for stump removal.

Supervisor Robbins announced that there will be a ribbon cutting on Saturday, August 22nd at 2 pm for the new location of Cindy's Country Store. The store is now located at 887 Busti Sugar Grove Road.

Supervisor Robbins announced that the Busti Fire Department has scheduled the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event for December 5th.

Supervisor Robbins offered the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck:
MOVED, that Town Clerk Darlene Nygren be authorized to submit the DMAP Application the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Andrews:
MOVED, that the regular town meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th be changed to Monday, August 31st at 6:45 at 125 Chautauqua Avenue.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck:
RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Peterson be authorized to request bids for the operation of the transfer station for garbage and recyclables effective October 1, 2015.
Discussion followed.
Supervisor Robbins moved to amend the previous resolution to read as follows which was seconded by Councilman Muecheck:

RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Peterson be authorized to request bids for the operation of the transfer station for garbage and recyclables effective October 1, 2015. The bid opening will take place on September 8, 2015 at noon at 125 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, NY and the bid award will be on September 21, 2015 at the regular scheduled Town of Busti Town Board meeting. The board reserves the right to award the bid based on a best value purchasing standard if deemed necessary.
Upon roll call vote: Supervisor Robbins – aye
Councilman Andrews – aye
Councilman Muecheck – aye

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck:
RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized and directed to pay the presented General Fund, Highway Fund, and the Joint Recreation Fund for Abstract No.16 from warrant #580 to and including warrant #609 in the amount of \$433,352.80.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the town board minutes of August 3, 2015 which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck.
All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved that the board enter into executive session for a personnel matter at 7:10 p.m. which was duly seconded by Councilman Andrews.
All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to close the executive session at 7:20 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.
All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck:
RESOLVED, that Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson be paid mileage at a rate of 47 cents per mile effective August 18, 2015.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Andrews:
RESOLVED, that the attorney of the town be authorized to advise Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. to discontinue IRS reporting for the town in regard to the 2005 Serial Bond issue.
Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.
All aye, carried.

Respectively Submitted by:

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk