

REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on July 6, 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 Todd M. Hanson
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
Councilman Jim Andrews

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: Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley, Attorney Joel Seachrist, Code Enforcement Jeff Swanson, Nicole Muccheck, Sheri Muccheck, Mary Griffin, Edward J. McCague, Tillie Solomonson, and Bob Schultz.

Bob Schultz stated that he thought that the flag in the Hamlet should have been displayed over the 4th of July holiday.

Tillie Solomonson announced that August 22 is designated for the 6th Annual Lakewood Kids Day. The event will have a variety of “kid friendly activities” which will include face painting, a balloon man, etc.; area merchants will be participating in the event.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that 597 transfer stickers have been sold to date; this is close to the amount sold last year at this time. The town can expect to be notified regarding the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) award decision sometime in August.

Chief John Bentley reported 5,900 incidents year to date. There were 162 incidents that occurred over the 4th of July weekend, including 25 criminal arrests. The Pine Ridge home invasion investigation is moving forward, no arrests have been made at this time. The department renegotiated with Verizon and received a savings of \$4,000 per year. Officer Timothy Riley has been named Red Cross Home Town Hero Officer of the Year.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson reported that NYS has issued new Carbon Monoxide detector regulations for all Commercial Buildings with a year to comply. Training for enforcement of the new regulations is forthcoming.

Supervisor Robbins announced that the Busti Summer Recreation Program has been canceled for this year due to the lack of registered campers; only six campers were registered to date and there was a need to have twelve registered campers to hold the camp.

Councilman Hanson reported that he and Highway Superintendent Peterson are waiting to receive an estimate of the cost to repair the Highway Barn roof.

Supervisor Robbins tabled the agenda item of pressure washing & painting the building at 125 Chautauqua Avenue.

Supervisor Robbins tabled the agenda item of Copper Ridge Entrance Roadside Property due to the fact that the attorneys are still reviewing the deed.

Supervisor Robbins noted that 116 Community Center Surveys were received, 70 from Village of Lakewood residents and 46 from town residents outside the village. He then read the following letter from the Community Center Advisory Committee:

Town of Busti Community Center
Survey Executive Summary
6 July 2015

The Town of Busti Community Center Survey, conducted 1 to 31 May 2015, gave the citizens of Busti the opportunity to express their feelings, concerns, and wishes for a new Community Center. The citizens of Busti overwhelmingly voted for a new Community Center. The expression of need for a recognized location, a home if you will, for the Community to meet, was made clear, both in comments and in votes for the Center. The citizens of all ages expressed their want and need for a safe place to hold meetings, exercise, exchange ideas, renew acquaintances, learn new crafts or skills, play cards, or just hang out. The Community Center has a long history in the Town of Busti as *the place* for people to meet, gather to celebrate holidays, vote for public officials, and encourage each other with exercise programs, card games, and sports. The citizens have been “making do” with replacement locations since January 2015 and now expect the Town to fulfill the promise of a new Center. We as a committee would like to participate in the planning for the new Center once the Board votes to proceed.
Respectfully Submitted,

The Community Center Advisory Committee	
Cheryl Johnson	Kaie Smith
Rosemary Andrews	Nichole Muecheck
Paul Defrisco	Leslie Genareo
Georgiann Sutherin	Caryl VanderMolen
Laurel Finson	Rahim Karimi

Discussion followed, it was suggested that Supervisor Robbins contact Mayor Wordelman and see what interest, if any, the Village of Lakewood would have in a joint effort in developing and maintaining a community center like there was in the past. Councilman Muecheck suggested meeting with Cheryl Johnson and attempt to get the advisory committee involved as much as possible and not rush but rather put together a plan that would work and everyone would be happy with.

Supervisor Robbins tabled the nominations for Board of Directors for the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance.

Councilman Lawton noted that he attended a meeting regarding the Watershed where County Executive Vince Horrigan spoke and stated that the county is looking at two new sewer projects: one is from Goose Creek to Prendergast Point and the other from Midway Park to Hartfield, each project would cost \$30,000,000 and someone, who is presumed to be the Alliance, is working on a grant to support those projects. Councilman Andrews reported that the Alliance is hoping to work on ten grants by year end and is currently working on six and one has been completed. The Interim Board plans on meeting on a monthly basis. The following list includes groups who have committed to membership to date with the Alliance that was presented at the June 18th Board of Directors meeting: Village of Bemus Point, Village of Celoron, Village of Lakewood, Village of Mayville, Town of Busti, Town of Chautauqua, Town of Ellery, Town of Ellicott, Town of North Harmony, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Chautauqua Lake Association, Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association, Arnold Holmberg Foundation, The Lenna Foundation, NYS OPRHP – Allegany Region, Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District, Chautauqua Utility District, North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District, South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District, Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Board of Realtors, Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce and Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. It was also noted that Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, Chautauqua Property Owners Association, Chautauqua County Government and Chautauqua Institution were all likely to join as well, but were not official yet. It was noted that the Membership Drive was still ongoing with a deadline of 7/1/15. The board is seeking individuals with scientific background to participate in the Alliance.

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins have the authorization to sign letters of support on behalf of the Town of Busti for Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance for grant applications thru the Consolidated Funding Application.

All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins noted that the Asbestos Training approved at the May 4th Town Board meeting, for Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson to attend, had been postponed. There is another asbestos training that will be held in Buffalo, NY on 7/13-7/15 at a cost of \$455, which is \$80 more than what was previously approved.

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

RESOLVED, that Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson be authorized to attend the Asbestos Training in Buffalo, NY on July 13 – 15 at a cost of \$455.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee has designated the 4th Tuesday of every month as their regular meeting time. The committee will be addressing the top 5 – 10 code issues and present them to the board for approval through local law.

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized and directed to pay the presented General Fund, Highway Fund, and the Joint Recreation Fund for Abstract No.13 from warrant #454 to and including warrant #502 in the amount of \$113,430.41.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the town board minutes of June 15, 2015 which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.

All aye, carried.

Councilman Andrews reported that he had attended the June 18th board meeting for Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance, and as stated earlier the Alliance is working on 6 grants.

Councilman Lawton reported that the Bike Trail continues to move forward.

Supervisor Robbins moved that the board enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. to meet with Attorney Joel Seachrist regarding a current litigation, duly seconded by Councilman Lawton.

All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to close the executive session at 7:39 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.

All aye, carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.

All aye, carried.

Respectively Submitted by:

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk