

REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on June 1, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson, Chautauqua County Legislator PJ Wendell, Attorney Joel Seachrist, Bob and Judy Schultz, Mary Griffin, Joe Troche, David Bargar, Jack Knowlton, Rudy Mueller, and Tillie Solomonson.

Judy Schultz announced that the Lakewood Farmers Market will be open on Tuesdays from 1-5 pm during the months of June, July, and August.

Tillie Solomonson inquired about the Community Center surveys and if the Sharks would be holding a summer swim program. Councilman Muccheck reported that the surveys have been gathered and the committee is scheduling a meeting to review the completed surveys and prepare a report to be presented to the town board. Supervisor Robbins stated that he would contact John Hoose regarding the swimming program.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that sale of transfer station stickers had begun on Monday May 18th; there was an explanation for the rate increase that was included in the mailing of applications. She also noted that DEC regulations do not permit any burning of garbage or paper; in areas outside of the Village of Lakewood burning of brush may be allowed: residents can refer to DEC's website for complete regulations.

Chief John Bentley reported 4,825 incidents year to date, including another Meth lab arrest and a high speed chase. Officer Mike Currie has been attending Crime Scene School. Chief Bentley noted that the department has received complaints regarding speed in the Loomis Bay area, the enforceable speed limit for that area is 30 mph, and the signage for recommended speed is 10 mph.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson was in Ithica, NY at Highway Superintendent School.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson reported that the tablet had been purchased and being set up for both Busti and Lakewood records. He noted that he has been receiving a number of requests to build an accessory building on vacant land or a garage prior to building a residence. Attorney Joel Seachrist stated that a Local Law would have to be established to allow such a building even if it was considered as a Special Use Permit. Mr. Seachrist will forward similar laws from the towns of Westfield and Chautauqua to the board for review.

Jack Knowlton reported that Lakewood Fire Department has had 368 incidents year to date which equals to about 2 per day.

Chautauqua County Legislator PJ Wendell stated the SC United Soccer Club is requesting to use Loomis Park for a summer soccer camp, which would be held June 27 – July 1, from 10am – 3pm and would provide a Certificate of Insurance if permitted to use the park fields. Councilman Muccheck will contact Joe Hoose and verify that there would not be a conflict with the Southwestern Soccer Club games on Saturday. It was noted that there is a group from BAYSO that has been using the fields and a Certificate of Insurance

should be provided. Councilman Lawton stated that he and Councilman Muccheck would work on developing a basic reservation form for use of town fields and parks.

Councilman Muccheck reported that an article had been published in the Post Journal announcing that the town would have a Summer Recreation Program. A new updated registration form was developed for the program and he will be contacting counselors from last year to see if they are interested in the position this year and determine if new counselors would need to be hired. A schedule for Wednesday field trips will be determined based on the number of registered campers.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution, stating that it was for a one year membership and the town will review the progress of the Alliance prior to committing to additional years, which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson:

Authorize Membership in the
Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance and Allocation of Funding for Initial Member Dues
Payment

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance (Alliance) has been established as a nonprofit New York organization to procure funding and prioritize projects recommended in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, the Macrophyte Management Strategy, and the Chautauqua Lake LWRP, to benefit the water quality of Chautauqua Lake; and

WHEREAS, memorandums of understanding supporting the creation of the Alliance were pledged by municipalities, local foundations, watershed and lake organizations and various stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, initial funding for the Alliance has been pledged by the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, the Lenna Foundation and Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, it is essential during its formation stage and long-term that the Alliance seek and procure membership commitments and dues from members to support the formation and sustainability of the Alliance; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Alliance entitles members to benefits as described in the Alliance Request for Membership Package provided to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the membership due is \$2,000, which can be reduced by 50% for 2015-2016 Founding Members to \$1,000 and is minimal, and its payment may be deferred until mid-2016; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti shall become a member of the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance and pay \$1,000 as its Membership Dues for 2015-2016.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Councilman Hanson reported that the town had received some information and budgetary costs of repairing some of the town building roofs. The roof at 125 Chautauqua Avenue is in good repair with the exception of some water ponding issues that are being addressed, the Highway Building needs a new roof regardless of installing solar panels, and the Machinery Building is in desperate need of a roof and could be used for the solar installation instead of the Highway Building. Councilman Hanson will contact a solar installer that works with municipality agreements for a recommendation.

Councilman Hanson reported that he had contacted a contractor to look at the outside of the building at 125 Chautauqua Avenue and request advice regarding the need to pressure wash and/or paint the building. Once a recommendation is received the board will look at the whole project and determine a long term solution.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion 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.11 from warrant #365 to and including warrant #403 in the amount of \$98,595.61.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the town board minutes of May 18, 2015 which was duly seconded by Councilman Lawton.

All aye, carried.

Councilman Lawton reported that while he was on the East Coast vacation he became aware of an alliance for water quality that had brought in oysters to assist in improving the water quality. The area was also known for bike trails, the trails were 10' wide and similar to what is being proposed in our area, some areas were on roads with a bike lane, some properties were bisected by the bike trail. There were many things that showed how a bike trail could be developed through a residential area that is already established. The LoCo Trail committee has talked about Phase 1 of the trail running from Chautauqua Avenue to the Rod-n-Gun Club. They would like to meet with the Fire Department and Village of Lakewood about what property might be available for a bike trail. The Chautauqua Grand Fondo has been scheduled for Saturday, August 29. It will include a recreational bicycle ride around Chautauqua Lake, beginning and ending at Webb's Captain Table Restaurant; the event will benefit local chapters of Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warrior Project and LoCo Rail Trail. Michelle Turner and Chautauqua IDA are leading the charge for the event.

Councilman Hanson reported that is waiting on information for a small concession stand that could be located at Loomis Park.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., which was duly moved by Councilman Andrews.

All aye, carried.

Respectively Submitted by:

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk