

REGULAR MEETING  
March 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on March 16, 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 Richard B. Thor  
Councilman Brett A. Muccheck  
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 J. Peterson, Lakewood Busti Police Chief John Bentley, Diana Peterson, Rudy Mueller, Tim Young, Dan Alexander, Joe Troche, and Paul DeFrisco.

Town Clerk Nygren reported that late notices were sent for the 2015 County & Town Tax Collection. A total of \$5,960,906 has been collected, leaving a balance of \$986,275 to be collected. New York State Archives has not set an application deadline date for the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grants; once a date is set municipalities will have 15 business days to submit their application.

Chief Bentley reported 2,345 incidents year to date. He noted that the department had reported several overdose incidents over the past few weeks, there was one fatality. Chief Bentley then submitted the Lakewood-Busti Police Department 2014 Annual Report.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that Casella will no longer offer rebates (cash for the recyclables), leaving no return on recyclables other than aluminum/steel. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the Transfer Station contract. The department is back on day shift as of this week. They have begun cold patching the roads. Jamestown Macadam received the blacktop bid, which went down \$3/ton at \$70.74/ton. The town uses approximately 500 tons/per day, at a savings of \$1/per day.

Councilman Thor reported that Busti Fire Department is at 117 incidents year to date. He noted that both Lakewood and Busti Fire Departments are on a combined automatic response during daytime hours, due to the lack of available EMTs.

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

**MOVED**, that Southwestern "Key Club" members: Laurel Finson and Rahim Karimi be added to the Community Center Committee.

All aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted that he spoke with the Lakewood Methodist Church pastor regarding using their facility for a summer recreation program. Their facilities board will be meeting later this week and will discuss the matter, a church representative will contact Supervisor Robbins with their decision.

Councilman Lawton proposed that an assessment of the recreation programs be done. He and Councilman Muccheck have been asked by Supervisor Robbins to provide a general summary of the programs with reasonable details, such as the number of participants and rough financial numbers. The councilmen were encouraged to investigate what programs other towns/villages offer.

Supervisor Robbins noted that Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson attended a Manufactured Home Installation course at Owl Homes, Fredonia, NY on March 11, 2015 and received 1 hour CEO credit.

Southwestern Babe Ruth Softball representative Michelle Cresanti has requested to reserve the Lawson

Park fields for the league's upcoming season. The league consists of seven teams and has used the fields in past years.

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

**MOVED**, that the Southwestern Babe Ruth Softball league be permitted to reserve the Lawson Park softball fields for their upcoming season, with the understanding that the league provide proof of insurance.

All aye, carried.

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. 6 from warrant #156 to and including warrant #199 in the amount of \$43,586.16.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the town board minutes of March 2, 2015.

All aye.

Councilman MucHECK reported that he has been doing some research of how other towns and villages in the area run their recreation program and what programs they offer. The Village of Westfield seems to have an active program with a variety of programs. He also reported that the Comprehensive Implementation Committee will be meeting next Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m..

Councilman Thor reported that Attorney Joel Seachrist is reviewing the waiver and facility use form examples submitted to the town from NYMIR to be used when residents want to use town facilities.

Councilman Lawton reported that he attended the Consolidated Funding Application Conference at Chautauqua Suites, Mayville, NY on March 11<sup>th</sup>. He summarized that there is a strategic plan for different regions of the state. The plan supports community development and anything related to creating jobs and economical development. The conference presented what funding would be available for development such as waterfront revitalization; energy and environmental improvements; sustainability plan and implementation; education or workforce development, direct assistance to businesses or other organizations for such things like energy improvement projects. There is a Regional Economic Development Council from Olean who evaluates applications submitted and makes a recommendation to the state advisory group for further consideration. The applications are then rated according to regional, local, and project benefits; how is the proposal associated with the overall plan for the state and the region. Applications are due in August and awarded in December. There is a website that the town can research to see what funding is available for towns.

Councilman Hanson reported that paperwork is being finished up for the SAM grant that the town was awarded. Town Clerk Nygren is working on the application for the NYS Archives grant. Johnson & Johnson Construction are finishing up the holding cell and rear entrance; as well as shelving in court office. He requested that the board revisit installing solar panels on the roofs of 125 Chautauqua Avenue and the Highway Building and request a proposal. It is his understanding that there would be no cost to the town and the town would purchase electricity at a guaranteed lower rate. This is typically a fifteen year lease.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., which was duly moved. All aye.

Respectively Submitted by:

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Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk

