

REGULAR MEETING  
May 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on May 18, 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. Mucke - absent  
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: Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson, Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley, Bob and Judy Schultz, and John Beichner – Beichner Waste Service.

Supervisor Robbins announced that the Busti Memorial Day Parade would be held Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9 a.m., with line-up at 8:30 a.m.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that she attended the book signing for Roger Gilbert's book "The History of the Land and Building, 9 West Summit Avenue, Lakewood, New York, Town of Busti" on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Historical Museum. Thank you notes were sent to all individuals, businesses, and organizations involved in the construction of the crosses that will be placed at veterans' graves in the Town of Busti cemeteries. Grievance Day will be held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town Clerk's office from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m., the Town Clerk's office will be closing at 3 p.m. that day.

Chief John Bentley reported 4,375 incidents year to date, which included an arrest for a Meth lab located in a local trailer park. Officer Mike Currie is attending Forensic Investigation School, attending the photography training now and next will be attending Crime Scene School. At the completion of the whole school the officer will be placed on the county forensic team. Chief Bentley reported that the county is looking into a federal grant through the Department of Justice that would fund the purchase of "body cameras"; it will be a very competitive grant and large cities as well as rural locations can apply.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the Highway Department is finishing up patching on Cowing Road and will begin to work on Winch Road. Ditch work has been done on Sunset Road and Trask Road. The department will begin blacktopping soon; however, the budget allows for only 2 ½ miles of blacktop. Superintendent Peterson requested to hire summer help for the Parks Department, he recommends hiring Tanner Delahoy at \$13.00 per hour and having him work two days per week. It is possible that he may not be available after June however his brother, Trevor, will be home for the summer and available to work. Trevor worked for the town for several summers in the past.

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

**RESOLVED**, that Tanner Delahoy be hired for temporary summer help in the Parks Department at a rate of \$13 per hour, and work two days per week.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

There was discussion regarding the town committing to membership with Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Alliance. It was decided to table the decision until the June 1, 2015 Town Board meeting.

There was discussion regarding eliminating the term of Special Use Permits. The consensus of the board was to wait and make the change at the time that the entire Zoning Code is presented by the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson presented the bids received for the operation of a transfer station for garbage and recyclables. He noted that bids were received from Casella Waste Services and Beichner

Waste Services; Bestway Container Services, LLC submitted a letter stating that they would not be bidding due to prior commitments. Casella Waste Services total bid for the three year term was \$193,275 and Beichner Waste Service total bid for the three year term was \$193,658.60. The difference in the two bids was \$383.60 which equals \$127.87 per year. Discussion followed.

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

**RESOLVED**, the town accepts the bid of Beichner Waste Services, Inc. for the operation of a transfer station for garbage and recyclables per load fees, equipment, and services; commencing June 1, 2015 and ending on June 1, 2018.

Upon roll call vote:

Supervisor Robbins – aye

Councilman Andrews – aye

Councilman Hanson – aye

Councilman Lawton – aye

Superintendent Peterson noted that the new contract will be an increase of \$44,924 for the three year period. In addition to the increase of the operation of the transfer station cost, there has been a decrease in the amount received for recyclables, for example in 2014 the town received \$250/ton for scrap metal and this year that has been reduced to \$146/ton. Supervisor Robbins asked Councilman Hanson to draft a note explaining the increase in cost to purchase a transfer station decal for the year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Supervisor Robbins motioned the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Andrews:

**RESOLVED**, the price to purchase a one year transfer station decal be \$90 to cover the increase of costs of operation.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins discussed the need to pressure wash the building at 125 Chautauqua Avenue which would then require the building being painted. The board members will look at the project and discuss it further at the next meeting.

Councilman Mucheck had emailed the following proposal of the Summer Recreation Program fee schedule and counselor pay rate:

Single Day \$50

1 Week (M-W-F) \$150

1 Week (M-F) \$200

4 Week (M-W-F) \$350

4 Week (M-F) \$400

8 Week (M-W-F) \$550

8 Week (M-F) \$600

Counselor Pay Rate:

Director - \$9/per hour

Counselor - \$8.75/per hour

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

**RESOLVED**, to accept the Summer Recreation Program fee schedule and counselor pay rate as presented for 2015.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

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

**RESOLVED**, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson be authorized to purchase from Office Max a Lenovo Tablet Bundle at the cost of \$199.99 with a 2 year replacement contract for an additional \$49.99.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Councilman Hanson requested that Town Clerk Nygren contact New York State Archives to verify if using

a zip drive to store pictures for permanent records is acceptable.

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.10 from warrant #330 to and including warrant #364 in the amount of \$34,806.83.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the town board minutes of May 4, 2015 which was duly seconded by Councilman Lawton.

All aye, carried.

Councilman Lawton reported that he had attended the Village of Lakewood session to discuss the upcoming Comprehensive Plan and future direction of the Village. Topics that were discussed were the future look of Chautauqua Avenue.; a street market that offered unique products was discussed and it was suggested that the Village coordinate with the recent town Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Lawton noted a new cycling event, 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. There will be an entrance fee of \$30 and proceeds from the event will benefit local chapters of Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warrior Project and LoCo Rail Trail. Also, he reported that LoCo Trail members had taken a walk to look at possible future sights of the trail. The committee would like to talk to the Village of Lakewood and the Lakewood Fire Department about the possibility of mapping a trail from Lakewood Rod and Gun to Chautauqua Avenue as Phase 1 of the trail project.

Judy Schultz noted that Farmer's Market will be open Tuesdays through the summer beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm to 5pm.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m., which was duly moved by Councilman Andrews.

All aye, carried.

Respectively Submitted by:

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Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk