

REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on Monday, February 1, 2016 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 Jim Andrews
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
Councilman Rudy Mueller

Absent: Councilman Todd M. Hanson

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, Deputy Town Clerk Susan Huffman, Court Clerk Elizabeth Davis, Neil Boardman, Myra Blasius, Susan Lane, David Bargar, Tim and Candy Young.

Supervisor Robbins noted that the next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. and will be held in the Town Clerk office.

Supervisor Robbins thanked anyone from the Town of Busti and the surrounding communities that assisted with the benefit for the family of Rose Swanson held on Saturday, January 30th at the Busti Fire Department. He stated how proud and thankful he was of the overwhelming support.

Myra Blasius, Lakewood Memorial Library Board President, presented a postcard advertising the Mike Randall & Friends Summer Reading Show for the summer of 2015. She noted that 127 children and 40 adults participated in last summer's program. Note: The postcard was not printed at the expense of the library but rather from Mike Randall.

Neil Boardman, 26 S. Chicago Ave., WE, Town of Ellicott Resident, expressed his concern regarding City of Jamestown BPU continued rate increases which affect residents outside of the city who are utilize BPU water. Mr. Boardman stated that the mayor has requested that BPU pay the City of Jamestown approximately \$482,000 to subsidize the city budget. Mr. Boardman does not feel that non-city residents using BPU for their water source should have to pay funds that would be used to subsidize a budget where they have no representation or input. Discussion followed regarding the contract that the Town of Busti has with the City of Jamestown BPU. Supervisor Robbins will have Attorney Joel Seachrist review the contract.

Court Clerk Elizabeth Davis presented the following 2015 reports for the board's review: Summary of Charges by Statute/Section and Summary of Cases Started. Ms. Davis stated that the surcharges are state mandated.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported her office has collected \$2,270,226 for the 2016 County Town taxes and has paid Supervisor Robbins the town portion of \$1,792,693.03 for the 2016 budget. Town Clerk Nygren also reported she completed the 2015 Deer Management Assistance Program report; the town received 100 tags, issued 48 tags to town residents, of which 11 deer were harvested. The town DMAP permit is valid for three years and the town will automatically receive tags from New York Department of Environmental Conservation in 2016 and 2017.

Chief John Bentley reported 960 incidents YTD.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the department has been working on a new wing on the days that they are not out snow plowing. He noted that he received a thank you note from Zahm and Mattson for the purchase of the new mower. Superintendent Peterson reported that the town received one

bid for the 2003 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-Up Truck; the bid was opened at noon today in the Town Clerk's office and was in the amount of \$350. Discussion followed.

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

RESOLVED, that the town not accept the bid of \$350 and put the truck up for bid again setting a minimum bid.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Councilman Lawton noted that he has been in contact with Krystal Waite, Northwest Insurance Services, regarding the employees NOVA card. Ms. Waite suggested that the town authorize Independent Health to manage the NOVA claim process, which would require employees to pay upfront for their prescriptions and co-pay costs. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Supervisor Robbins noted the town's liability insurance policy with NYMIR will expire on February 15, 2016. Joseph Niezgoda, WNY Insurance Agency, LLC, has received the following quotes: NYMIR - \$34,445.66 and Trident - \$28,746 (which does not include earthquake insurance). If the town chooses to not renew with NYMIR it would be required to pay capitalization fees in the amount of \$1,170.

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti accept the quote of \$28,746 from Trident for the annual liability insurance policy, and authorize Supervisor Robbins to add earthquake insurance if the cost is not a large amount. Supervisor Robbins is authorized to pay NYMIR the capitalization fees of \$1,170.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized and directed to pay the presented General Fund, Highway Fund, and the Joint Recreation Fund for Abstract No.27 from warrant #978 to and including warrant #982 in the amount of \$9,661.44; and Abstract No. 3 from warrant #019 to and including warrant #047 in the amount of \$77,029.39.

Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the January 19, 2016 town board minutes which was duly seconded by Councilman Mueller.

All aye. Carried.

Councilman Andrews noted that he had attended the Swanson fund raiser on January 30th and was proud of the participation and support.

Councilman Mueller thanked Town Clerk Nygren for posting the minutes on the town website prior to tonight's meeting.

Councilman Lawton noted that Linda Box, who has worked with the bike trail from Pittsburgh to Washington DC, has been in contact with the LoCo Rail Trail Committee and provided tips on working with the railroad. Ms. Box noted that US Steel was a key influence in working with the railroad and there was also county involvement. Councilman Lawton had a document showing the trail and where the trail could get on and off the rail for the board's and community members review. The LoCo Committee will be working with a consultant who will assist in the pre-engineering study and develop a more complete proposed plan. Supervisor Robbins noted that he still would like to see the trail use town property and Councilman Lawton stated that he is representing that point to the committee.

Supervisor Robbins moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. which was duly seconded by Councilman Mueller.

All aye.

Moved by Supervisor Robbins, seconded by Councilman Lawton:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti Town Board met at 7:45 p.m. and completed an annual audit for accounts for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Court Clerk on February 1, 2016 and found such accounts account to be true and correct.

Upon roll call vote,

Supervisor Jesse M. Robbins
Councilman James Andrews
Councilman Rudy J. Mueller
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton.

Resolution adopted.

The audit meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk