

REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on December 1, 2014 at 6:45 p.m., at the Busti Lakewood Recreational Center, 9 W. Summit St, Lakewood, New York with the following members present:

Supervisor Jesse M. Robbins
Councilman Richard B. Thor
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
Councilman Todd M. Hanson
Councilman Brett A. Muccheck

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: Jim Loomis, Mary Griffin, Kaie Smith, Jack Knowlton, David Bargar, Cheryl Johnson, David A. Crandall Jr., Randy Ridgeway, Sue Chandler, Edward J. McCague, Michael Hogan, Legislature P.J. Wendel, Cara Birrittieri, Jackson Smith, Craig Seger, Attorney Joel Seachrist, Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson, Busti-Lakewood Recreation Director Diana Peterson, and Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley.

David Crandall, Assistant Chief – Busti Fire Department, reported that the department has had 274 calls year to date, which is on pace for approximately 300 calls for the year 2014. The department has held three fund raisers in the past month: a gun raffle, a turkey party, and a turkey shoot. A regular meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, December 2, during which there will be an election of officers. The back room at the department will be open Saturday evening, December 6th, after the tree lighting ceremony in the Hamlet. Jack Knowlton, Lakewood Fire Department, reported that the Lakewood Fire Department has had 738 calls year to date.

Legislator P. J. Wendel reported on the Chautauqua County Sewer/Septic System Testing proposition. The committee working on the project would like to make it a watershed area priority, however under the Uniform Sanitary Code the project has to be countywide. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014 to meet with Steve Abdella and determine if it is possible to create Watershed Districts. There could be as many as 20,000 septic systems in the county that will need tested. This proposition is still in the early stages, the sub committee will continue meet and determine how the county can implement this testing.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that the 2015 budget had been filed in the county.

Lakewood Busti Chief John Bentley reported 11,305 incidents year to date.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the department remains on shifts and several department employees will be taking vacation days before the end of the year. The department is busy with shop maintenance and plowing, the department helped install the sewer line and hook up to the north side of 125 Chautauqua Avenue to the alley way.

David Bargar, Citizens Advisory Committee Co-Chair with William Evans III, noted that the committee's job will end with tonight's presentation of the Recommendation Report. Mr. Bargar wanted to thank committee members: Cheryl Johnson, Kaie Smith, Craig Seger, and Jim Rovengno for their time and effort while serving on the committee. He noted that Mary Seger acted as secretary for the committee and has kept minutes for all the committee's twenty three meetings. Ted McCague assisted in editing the report with Kaie Smith. Mr. Bargar reviewed the following points of the report: facilities overview; code enforcement; town administration; 20 W. Summit-due to the location of the current courtroom; and long term visioning. Copies of the report can be found on the Town of Busti website www.townofbusti.com under the Community page, as well as at both the Lakewood Memorial and Hazeltine Libraries. Mr. Bargar thanked Councilmen Rick Thor and Todd Hanson for their participation and all the citizen volunteers who participated in all the meetings.

Supervisor Robbins made the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck:

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized and directed to pay the presented General Fund, Highway Fund, Joint Recreation Fund and the Hazeltine Public Library for Abstract No. 24 from warrant #864 to and including warrant #902 in the amount of \$43,261.02.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Councilman Hanson thanked the Citizens Advisory Committee for their time and effort in putting the report together, which will be a great help to the board in the future. Councilman Lawton thanked the committee and stated that the future of the community will be changed because of the work that has been done. Councilman Lawton questioned what the process of developing the committees that report has recommended would be. Mr. Bargar stated that anyone that is interested in serving on future committees can contact him or Cara Birrittieri. Craig Seger stated that the Lakewood and Busti communities need to begin to work together for the future success of the town. Legislator P J Wendel noted that the eastern part of the town, which is located at the Jamestown city line, adds to the diversity of the town.

Councilman Thor noted that the county wide shared services meeting has been rescheduled for December 15th, 1 – 2:30 p.m. and will be located at the county emergency service room in Mayville.

Councilman Hanson noted that the sewer line for the public restrooms at 125 Chautauqua Avenue has been installed. The walls for the restrooms are up. Bids have been received for the conference rooms for the temporary court relocation and walls for a prisoner holding area. Bids received were from Johnson & Johnson Builders, Inc. and Heil & Andrews Construction. The lowest bid was submitted by Johnson & Johnson Builders in the amount of \$8,910.

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

RESOLVED, that Johnson & Johnson Builders be authorized to build a holding area and two conference rooms at the proposed bid of \$8,910.

Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried.

Councilman Thor noted that these rooms can serve dual purposes if a decision is made to locate the Community Center or other offices in the area currently under construction.

Councilman Lawton reported that the LoCo Rail Trail committee has raised roughly \$13,000 to date; \$7,500 has been spent, with \$5,500 remaining. The committee feels that it was a successful year, putting together a terrific grant application and looking for new large sources of funding from the state or federal government. There is still an account open with the Community Foundation that is receiving donations from the link on the trail website and Facebook page. Cummins has an annual giving program and the trail is one of the line items for donations that could have matched donation funds. The committee is looking at submitting applications to two other sources: a consolidated funding application with the state and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding that is federal.

Councilman Muecheck thanked all the Citizens Advisory Committee for their work and the report submitted tonight. He noted that their hard work has not gone unnoticed. The Town of Busti needs to have a grand vision for the town and the community. He will be encouraging his peers to become involved in future endeavors.

Councilman Lawton thanked Supervisor Robbins and Councilman Thor for the work that they have put in to the town in the past year, noting that the findings of the committee support the purchase of 125 Chautauqua Avenue.

Supervisor Robbins moved to enter in to Executive Session for personnel matters at 7:47 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Muecheck. All aye. Carried.

Supervisor Robbins moved to close the Executive Session at 8:46 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor.

Councilman Lawton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m., which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk