

REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on February 3, 2014 at 6:45 p.m., at the Town Administration Building, 121 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, New York with the following members present:

Supervisor Jesse M. Robbins
Councilman Richard B. Thor
Councilman Brett A. Muccheck
Councilman Kenneth J. Lawton
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: Attorney Joel Seachrist, Nancy G. Bargar, Rudy Mueller, Chautauqua County Legislator P. J. Wendell, Village of Lakewood Mayor Dave Wordelmann, Cara Birritteri, Hart Jordan, Deputy Court Clerk Nancy Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk Susan Huffman, E. J. and M.C. McCague, Jeff Swanson, David Walter, Jeff Slates, Village of Lakewood Trustee David DiSalvo, Busti-Lakewood Recreation Director Diana Peterson, Highway Superintendent Melvin J. Peterson, Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley and Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach.

Supervisor Robbins announced that the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting for February 18, 2014 has been moved to Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

Supervisor Robbins asked for public comments, noting that any comments in regards to the sale of 121 Chautauqua Avenue and/or purchase of 125 Chautauqua Avenue properties should be held until the February 12th meeting due to the fact that the annual audit was scheduled for tonight. Rudy Mueller was asked to share his comments, as he had previously asked for permission to present an option for the Town of Busti Administration Offices to move to the Tony Caprino building. Mr. Mueller stated that he was in favor of the sale of 121 Chautauqua Avenue and agreed that the court room should be handicap accessible; however he voiced his concern regarding the purchase of 125 Chautauqua Avenue property. He then introduced David Walter from Clark Patterson Lee, who presented a plan, designed by Paul Hedin that included remodeling the Caprino building. Chief Bentley noted that the Police Department has a need for a storage area and an evidence room which is used to store records that are required by law. Mayor Wordelmann stated that the Village of Lakewood would not be contributing toward any expense to remodel the building because, at this time, the Village Administration has no reason to remodel. Supervisor Robbins advised that additional comments would be held to three minutes. Additional residents voiced their concerns regarding the purchase of 125 Chautauqua Avenue and encouraged the town board to look at all options and pursue grants that may be available.

Supervisor Robbins noted the following reports & correspondence:
Town Clerk's Monthly Report for December, 2013
Town Clerk's Annual Report for 2013
Code Enforcement Officer for January 2013 report
Town Supervisor's audit

Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley reported 1,055 incidents for January and 1,065 for the year. February 22, 2014 there will be a drill by the U. S. Coast Guard centered out of the Lakewood area, involving local fire departments and hospitals. The drill will last about four hours, there will be some roads closed and police officers will be present to direct traffic.

Highway Superintendent noted that the highway employees have been fighting illness for the past two weeks, making it difficult to cover shifts and get the plowing done in a timely manner, with the recent snow. There were two break downs of trucks that have now been repaired.

Supervisor Robbins noted that the Resolution for Disinterment Policy/Town of Busti Cemetery Management is being tabled until the March 3, 2014 meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that Jeff Swanson be appointed temporary/part time in training Deputy Code Enforcement Officer at a salary of \$170 per week.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti accept the proposal of NYMIR for Liability and Property Insurance for the 2014 year effective February 15, 2014 in the amount of \$28,889.62.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted Michelle McIntyre, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, has resigned from the board effective immediately.

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

RESOLVED, that Robert Whitman, current member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, be appointed as Chairman of said board.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

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

RESOLVED, that the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting for February 18, 2014 be moved to Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. and notice will be posted in the Post Journal.

All aye.

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

RESOLVED, to execute interfund transfers from the General Fund (A) to the Bentley Cemetery (TE1) in the amount of \$16,537.35; from the General Fund (A) to the Busti Cemetery fund (TE2) in the amount of \$0; from the General Fund (A) to the Wellman Cemetery Fund (TE3) in the amount of \$7,252.85; and from the General Fund (A) to Lighting District #3 (SL3) in the amount of \$214.57. By definition, interfund transfers are transfers intended to subsidize the receiving funds and will not be repaid.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of January 6, 2014 and January 21, 2014; seconded by Councilman Thor:

All aye.

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. 3 from warrant #16 to and including warrant #48 in the amount of \$33,056.57 and Abstract No. 27 from warrant #968 to and including warrant #971 in the amount of \$12,516.02.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

Councilman Muccheck reported that he is continuing to look into grants and wants to familiarize himself more with the Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan and their goals. He, also, plans on riding along with the snow plow on Wednesday, February 5th at 2 p.m.

Councilman Lawton reported that he met with Bill Evans, regarding the development of Chautauqua Avenue completed 10 years ago and the desire to make it a retail development. Councilman Lawton, also, had a conference call with the DOT regarding the bike trails and the responsibility of federal funding for Western New York for bike trails, which will become available next month. This is known as TAP funding and is a 80/20 local share.

Councilman Hanson reported that he and Councilman Thor are working on updating the Organizational

Minutes.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion, duly seconded by Councilman Thor:

The board will enter Executive Session in regards to employment at 7:34 p.m.

All aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion, duly seconded by Councilman Thor:

The board close the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

All aye.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

All aye.

Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk