

REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on July 21, 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: Chad Muccheck, Jim Loomis, Inspection Officer Jeff Swanson, Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson, Busti-Lakewood Rec Director Diana Peterson, Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach, Lakewood-Busti Police Chief John Bentley, and Attorney Joel H. Seachrist.

Residents present were given the opportunity to be heard.

Lakewood Busti Police Chief John Bentley reported that there have been 7,015 incidents YTD. He noted that he has received several complaints about bicyclists going through stop signs and not obeying traffic laws and asked Ken Lawton if he could send the message back to local cycling groups of the need to obey local bike and pedestrian laws. Ken Lawton responded that he would and that they are currently working on a solution that problem.

Chief Bentley also reported that notices are going to be put on boat trailers that have been left parked at Community Park in Lakewood that, if not removed by July 28th, will be towed and placed in the impound lot. Impound is \$20 per day.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the new Highway Department truck is finished and is on the road.

The Highway Department has been working on the roads, including stone and oiling in Kiantone, and parts of Sandstrom, Nutt, Shadyside and Lawson roads. Micro-paving is done on Gleason Road.

Superintendent Peterson has a contact at National Grid to get information on placing flagpoles on streetlight poles as an alternative to the current posts in the ground and requested permission to explore that possibility. Request approved by Supervisor Robbins.

Councilman Hanson asked Superintendent Peterson how many total miles of road is being done this year. Superintendent Peterson replied that, to date, tar and chip has been done on 2.8 miles, 1.5 miles has been blacktopped, and the plan is to do 1.3 miles of Mead Road, and 1.2 miles of Wellman Road - approximately seven miles total.

Superintendent Peterson noted road shoulder issues due to the past three storms, and that the Highway Department is now catching up and starting work on the shoulders.

Under old business, Superintendent Peterson has received a one bid of \$1900 for tree removal in Bentley Cemetery. Decision on tree removal tabled until Superintendent Peterson receives more bids.

Supervisor Robbins stated that the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee is meeting with David Paterniti on Tuesday, July 22.

There was discussion as to whether the town needs to hire a Certified Public Account to do an external audit which would be used by Moody's Investor Service for rating NY Local Governments. A decision was made not to do an external audit at this time, but with the understanding that one may be required in the future if the town undertakes a project that would require borrowing a significant amount of money (over \$1M).

There was discussion about fireworks permit fees. Supervisor Robbins noted that other local municipalities had been contacted as to what their town policy is for such an application and that fees ranged from \$0 to \$100.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Busti establish a fireworks permit fee of \$50 per permit per event.
Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried

Under new business, there was discussion about health insurance for town employees for the upcoming insurance year. In light of anticipated significant cost increases, the Board is reviewing other providers and plans. A suggestion was made to get input from the town employees as to what features of a health insurance plan is important to them.

A decision was made to set up a meeting with a representative from Veracity Benefits, town employees, and Town Board members to discuss health insurance options for the upcoming insurance year.

The proposed design of the sign for the town offices at 125 Chautauqua Avenue was reviewed. It was agreed that the design was acceptable, with the only modification being the removal of the scroll on the letter T of the word Town.

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of July 7, 2014, which was duly seconded by Councilman Muccheck.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins moved the following resolution 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, the Public Library Fund, the Drainage District #2 Fund and the Water District #8-South Main Fund for Abstract No. 15 from warrant #471 to and including warrant #523 in the amount of \$99,995.30.

Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried

Councilman Thor reported on the meeting he and Supervisor Robbins attended at the County offices on the Governor's two year tax relief program and will send information about the program to the Board members and to Town Attorney Joel Seachrist.

Councilman Lawton reported that the fundraiser for the Bike Trail is scheduled for August 3rd and will be held at Southern Tier Brewery.

Councilman Hanson is completing paperwork for the court grant application. The town will be notified in October, 2014 if the grant is awarded.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
All aye.

Susan Huffman, Deputy Town Clerk