

REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2014

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Busti was held on September 3, 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: Joseph Casel, Nick Bradish, Louis Croce, Inspection Officer Jeff Swanson, Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson, Busti Lakewood Recreation Director Diana Peterson, Lakewood Busti Police Chief John Bentley, Post Journal Reporter Mallory Diefenbach, and Attorney Joel H. Seachrist.

Residents present were given the opportunity to be heard.

Town Clerk Darlene Nygren reported that she had attended the "How to Avoid Common Audit Findings" workshop. She reminded everyone that Southwestern Central School taxes are now being collected at M & T Bank, Fairmount Ave. branch.

Chief John Bentley reported 8,508 incidents year to date. The Canine Unit is being used with successful results. An officer recently attended Narcan Aloxin training, all officers will be attending the program which is sponsored and paid by the State Attorney General.

Highway Superintendent Melvin Peterson reported that the Highway Department has been oiling and stoning Cowing Road and Winch Road hill. They are preparing to pave Orr Street. Fredonia has free milling for area municipalities to use; the town would be responsible to pick up the milling.

Inspection Officer Jeff Swanson gave each board member a proposed Building Permit/Zoning Violations Schedule of Fees for their review and possible approval. He noted that Calamar is hoping to start the Senior Housing Project mid-September pending Zoning Board of Appeals approval on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

Superintendent Peterson has obtained bids for tree removal at the Bentley Cemetery from Maple and Marsh. He is waiting for one more bid.

Supervisor Robbins reported that Don McCord has agreed to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee with Councilman Muccheck and David Paterniti. There is still a need for four more individuals to agree to serve on said committee.

Joe Casel presented an application to add seven additional self-storage units to the existing Special Use Permit. Supervisor Robbins offered the following motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor:

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be scheduled on September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Joseph Casel to modify an existing Special Use permit to permit him to build seven additional self-storage units on his property known as Section 421.00 Block 1 Lots 1, 2, 3, and 16 of the official tax map of the Town of Busti.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins noted that the Busti Apple Festival will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 5p.m.

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

RESOLVED, that the Busti Historical Society be authorized to place a sign in the Paul Busti Park advertising the Busti Apple Festival and to authorize closing Mill Road from the five corners in the Hamlet to Lawson Road and Lawson Road from Busti Stillwater Road to Mill Road from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
All aye.

Supervisor Robbins offered the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Lawton.

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins and Councilman Lawton be authorized to sign the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Amendment changing the name Busti Bike and Fitness Trail Non-Endowment Fund to LoCo Rail Trail Non-Endowment Fund.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Louis Croce, District General Agent of Colonial Volunteer Benefits, presented options for new healthcare plans for Town of Busti employees. He shared that the town could enter the exchange under the Affordable Healthcare Act which would allow employees to have options as to what carrier they would use according to their individual needs. The carriers to choose from would include Independent Health, Univera, and Health Republic. Mr. Croce explained that Health Republic is a non-profit co-op which is funded by the federal government, allowing them to offer a lower premium; however, coverage is only available with participating providers in New York State unless there is an emergency. Blue Cross Blue Shield does not participate in the exchange.

Councilman Thor offered the following resolution which was duly seconded by Councilman Hanson.

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized to designate Louis Croce as the broker for the town healthcare plans.

Upon roll call vote:

Supervisor Robbins – aye

Councilman Thor – aye

Councilman Muccheck – aye

Councilman Hanson – aye

Councilman Lawton – nay

Carried.

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. 18 from warrant #612 to and including warrant #650 in the amount of \$250,408.26.

Upon roll call vote, all aye. Carried

Supervisor Robbins moved to accept the minutes of August 18, 2014, which was duly seconded by Councilman Thor.

All aye

Councilman Thor reported that Senator Catharine Young will be meeting with the advisory committee on Wednesday, September 10th at 7 p.m. at Southwestern Central School in the high school cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

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

RESOLVED, the board will enter Executive Session to discuss real estate issues at 8:22 p.m.

Upon roll call vote, all aye.

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

RESOLVED, the board close the Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Robbins be authorized to negotiate the removal of the deed restriction on the Recreational Center-Quonset Hut at 9 W. Summit Street with the Kiwanis Club.

Upon roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Robbins the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

All aye.

Darlene Nygren, Town Clerk