

January 11, 2010

Town Board Worksession

6:00 PM

Present: Supervisor S. Reiter; Councilmen A. Bax, M. Johnson; M. Marra & E. Palmer; Atty. M. Dowd; Dep. Supervisor G. Catlin; Clerk C. Schroeder; 2 press; 3 Residents

The Supervisor called the worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Abstract:

Bax MOVED to approve the Abstract of Claims, Nos. 1 to 84 and recommended payment in the amount of \$417,207.01, Seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0.

Liaison Appointments: Reiter said there are a number of liaison appointments that were not clarified at the re-organization meeting. His recommendations are as follows:

Chamber of Commerce (LNRR): Councilman Marra
Council on the Arts: Councilman Bax
Engineering: Councilman Johnson
Fire Bureau: Councilman Johnson
Haz-Mat: Councilman Johnson
Risk Manager: Councilmen Johnson & Bax
Sanborn BPA: Councilman Marra
WPCC: Councilman Bax

Bax MOVED to accept the liaison appointments for 2010. Seconded by Marra and carried 5-0.

Sanborn Fire Co Roster: The company submits for active membership the following names: Thomas Carney, 2895 Niagara St and Daniel Belviso, 2895 Niagara Street.

Johnson MOVED for approval. Seconded by Palmer and carried 5-0.

Upper Mt. Fire Co Roster: The company submits for active membership the following name: Emily Daggett, 742 Raymond Drive.

Johnson MOVED for approval. Seconded by Palmer and carried 5-0.

Association of Towns:

Reiter MOVED to designate Councilman Marra as voting Delegate and Councilman Palmer as Alternate at the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns in NYC on February 17, 2010. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

2010 Legislative Resolutions: The proposed 2010 resolutions have been reported by the AOTSNY Resolutions Committee. The proposed Legislative Resolutions Program will be voted upon by the Town Delegates at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 17 and presented to the State Legislature to enact into law. The proposed 2010 resolutions are on file in the Clerk's office for review.

Johnson MOVED to support Resolutions 1-10, as stated. Seconded by Palmer and carried 5-0.

Town Vehicles/Police Equipment: At the last meeting in December, Palmer said they were unaware if the police department was outfitted with GPS units. Palmer said they do have that capability already in the police vehicles. Monies, he said, were allocated to purchase GPS units for other town vehicles. They will have to clarify that with the department heads and Highway Supt. to determine what their needs are and how they will be used. He suggested this item be placed on hold until a Highway Supt. is appointed and the Board can discuss it with that person should they choose to go forward with that.

As far as the police equipment, Palmer said the Board reviewed a list of needs that were submitted by Chief Salada upon moving into their new headquarters. \$50,000 was allocated at the Final Audit meeting for purchasing specific equipment related to the move. Palmer said the Chief is meeting with someone to get a more accurate price on

the cost of a generator for the new police department. Until that amount is determined, Palmer recommended tabling the matter.

Bax asked if the GPS equipment is something that will allow the department head to determine where the vehicles are at any one point or allow the driver to determine where they want to go.

Reiter said it is to determine where the vehicles are. It might be helpful to a Highway Supt. to go back to the shop and see where the plow trucks are, as an example.

Modern Quit Claim Deed: Attorney Dowd said he was provided a copy of the Summons and Complaint filed by Modern Landfill against the Town of Lewiston as well as a copy of the deed that was provided. After speaking with Modern's Attorney, Richard Palumbo, Dowd said the Town has been granted an extension of time it could respond to the complaint. It is in the action of an injunction which would require the Town, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, to remove hazardous material at the old Town of Lewiston landfill. Dowd said he followed up with a letter to Attorney Palumbo with a general adjournment response.

Accountant: At the Re-organization Meeting, Reiter said they erroneously hired Katelyn Farnham as a part-time accountant. Reiter clarified that it is a full-time position.

Reiter MOVED to correct the minutes of 1/7/10 to reflect the full-time hiring of Katelyn Farnham as accountant. Seconded by Palmer and carried 5-0.

Lastly, Reiter made the following statement about his goals for the Town for the coming year:

First, resolving the billing fluctuation issues with the Power Authority and National Grid so residents can count on and budget for the discount they deserve. I will discuss with both the Power Authority and National Grid the need to help our employers, hospital, fire companies and residents so they too can take advantage of discounts or other programs. The Power Authority is in our backyard and we need a spirit of cooperation and a partnership to assist us in making Lewiston an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

We also need to begin looking at quality of life issues within our Town.

I will work with this Board to create:

- *A recreation center that has multigenerational uses.*
- *Better support for our senior programs in Sanborn and the River Road facility.*
- *Enhance the Sanborn Business District with a streetscape design to assist this expanding business district.*
- *Establish and build restrooms at Washuta Park and the Sanborn Historical Museum – our school children who visit the museum and the baseball Mom's and Dad's deserve no less.*
- *Continue upgrades at our parks and recreation sites. We have great parks – but they could be even better.*
- *Finish the bike path from the Village to Niagara University and Devil's Hole so we have a seamless route and trail system from Fort Niagara to the falls.*
- *Public Safety – we will work to build a public safety training facility for our fireman and police so they have the tools they need to keep all of us safe.*

These are ambitious goals – but I am sure with the help of the Board, our department heads, consultants and volunteers we will be able to realize these goals. I look forward to a great year.

Bax MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Marra carried 5-0. Time: 6:10 P.M.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk