

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sweden was held at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Scott Maar, Councilperson Tyler Sharpe, Councilperson Adam Staskiewicz, and Councilperson Gary Sullivan. Also present were Finance Director Hiedi Librock, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitor present was Chris Hamlin.

Supervisor Hayles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence to remember all of those in harm's way that are suffering from natural disasters, for those that are in war torn countries, and our first responders.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported they are finishing County work on Salmon Creek Road. They are assisting the Town of Irondequoit, the Village of Brockport, and the Brockport Fire District (Owens Road). Flushing sewer systems, equipment maintenance, mowing at the cemetery and along roadsides, and preparing the Highway Department for renovations.

Councilperson Sharpe reported mowing continues at the cemeteries and the part-time seasonal staff should be done by November 18th. The Farmers Museum purchased an antique animal powered butter churn to add to their collection. The Cornell Cooperative programs have ended for the season. They are labeling and rearranging artifacts in the barn. The museum is looking for volunteers and will be participating in the Brockport Central School Pioneer Days.

Councilperson Maar reported the Seymour Library Board reviewed the 990s which are the not-for-profit tax returns from 2023. The Monroe County Library System is no longer charging for replacement library cards. Construction has begun on the bathroom remodeling. It has not slowed building usage and circulation is up 20%, strong numbers for programming and story times. The truck rodeo was a success – 150-175 in attendance. The Sweden Story Trail in the Town Park is going well. There has been discussion on ADA rules and dogs in the library. The library is looking into investing money in NY CLASS and reviewing some complexities with the program.

Councilperson Sullivan reported Buildings and Grounds are replacing the fence on Field #6, completed repairs, regrading and reseeding of Nietopski Field. Flag football is finishing, and soccer and baseball are done for the season. SUNY Brockport Baseball team will be redoing the pitcher's mounds. Justin Beach will oversee this project. The south parking lot near the dog park has been regraded. The roof on the outdoor building at the SCCC has been completed and

the siding will be done next year. Received recycled infield mix from SUNY Brockport for the fields at the Town Park.

Councilperson Staskiewicz reported that the annual Halloween event at the SCCC is scheduled for October 24th, the Veterans Day luncheon will be held early November. All programs are going well, and the recreation brochure will go to print soon. Early voting will be held October 26 – November 3 at the SCCC.

Supervisor Hayles reported that the Code Review Committee has been formed with the first meeting on November 5th. General Code Publishing will attend the second meeting on November 19th to detail the codification process. Mrs. Hayles has contacted the Sheriff’s Department to discuss traffic and safety in the Town.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:14 p.m. Supervisor Hayles called to order the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the budget, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2025, or any item therein to include the compensation to be paid to all elected Town Officials, pursuant to the requirements of Section 108 of the Town Law.

Supervisor Hayles waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Hayles presented the 2025 Budget which is under the tax cap by \$9,094. Particular challenges include reduction in mortgage tax, retirement contribution increases, minimum wage increases, and health insurance increases. This budget preserves all the current services. Mrs. Hayles detailed the services – some are required by law, others are optional.

Supervisor Hayles shared the categories within the budget and the budget summary (does not include special districts) – Town outside rate \$2.918 and Village \$2.4466. Mrs. Hayles shared the tax rate history for the Town, showing a decrease from 2024 to 2025. The total exempt valuation decreased to 37.28% due to the increase in assessed value.

Supervisor Hayles shared the special district tax rate summary. Only those that benefit from the district are taxed. The Clarendon Water District rate was just received. The Preliminary Budget amount was adjusted to reflect the current rate. Mrs. Hayles shared the statement of bonded indebtedness showing the amounts for each district.

Supervisor Hayles detailed the tax cap calculations. We are under the tax cap by an amount of \$9,094. The Town of Sweden amends the Preliminary Budget to reflect the current Clarendon Water District collections. The Town receives this money and turns it over to the Town of Clarendon. It does not affect our budget.

No other comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Staskiewicz to approve **all** Consent Agenda items as listed below.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>

Supervisor Hayles

Aye

ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on October 8, 2024.
- RESOLUTION NO. 139 Authorize Supervisor to Enter into Agreement with General Code Publishers for Codification Services

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Code for the Town of Sweden needs to be revised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Sweden Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with General Code Publishers for codification services and updates.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the codification update proposal at a cost of \$12,850.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 140 Authorizing 2024 Town Funds & Court Audit

WHEREAS, Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., LLP, has submitted a proposal for a Town Funds Audit and Justice Court Audit for year-end December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the proposal of Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., LLP, for a Town Funds Audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 at a cost of \$17,450.

Sec. 2 That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden accepts the Justice Court Audit proposal at a cost of \$2,850.

Sec. 3. That the Supervisor is authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 141 Appoint Member to the Town of Sweden Planning Board – Horschel

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Town of Sweden Planning Board due to the resignation of David Strabel; and

WHEREAS, Mark Horschel has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board and contribute to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Mark Horschel to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 2. That this term of membership will begin October 22, 2024 and end on December 31, 2027.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Maar made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 10 dated October 23, 2024 in the amount of \$546,729.47.

General Fund: In the amount of \$147,044.16 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 23, 2024.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$46,207.64 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 23, 2024.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$13,503.37 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 23, 2024.

Capital Fund: In the amount of \$339,974.30 as set forth in Abstract 10 dated October 23, 2024.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>	
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	ADOPTED

- RESOLUTION NO. 142 Adopting 2025 Town of Sweden Budget

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the Preliminary Town Budget for 2025 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Preliminary Budget for 2025, as amended, and as hereinafter set forth and filed by the Budget Officer in the Office of the Town Clerk be adopted as the Annual Budget for the Town of Sweden for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.

Sec. 2. That the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Adopted" be and are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, that all amounts stated in the summary as "Amounts to be raised by Tax" be and are the tax levy for the year 2025, and that salaries of elected officers as stated shall be fixed at the amounts shown effective January 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice that a summary of this enacted budget is available for public inspection on the Town's website and during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

Sec. 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Maar
Seconded by Councilperson Staskiewicz

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Aye</u>	
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	Adopted

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sharpe moved to adjourn the October 22, 2024 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:42 p.m. Councilperson Staskiewicz seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk