

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, February 25, 2025.

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

Visitors present were Pat Cliff, Pete and Bonnie Englert, Wayne Zyra, and John Swierkos and Mike Clark from Dolomite Group (Iroquois Rock Products).

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 in memoriam of Makenna Kuhn (Board of Assessment Review member Daniel Kuhn's child), for our first responders, and all those in the armed services.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Resident Pat Cliff addressed the board asking for an update on the progress of the proposed water district including West Sweden Road. Supervisor Hayles shared that the application for low-interest rate loans and grants has been submitted. Waiting to see if we can get the funding which depends on the federal budget.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Town Attorney Jim Bell informed the Town Board that Sweden Dog Control and Building/Code Enforcement Officer, Lyle Stirk have brought forward some concerns with the revised Village of Brockport Code amended June 2024. Mr. Bell detailed the concerns and informed the board that he has contacted the Village of Brockport to request some further revisions. The Village has agreed to address the concerns.

Town Attorney Jim Bell provided the board with updates on the sale of 133 State Street. The buyer is moving on to another lending institution that will accept the Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental study.

Finance Director Hiedi Librock reported the time keeping system is in place and two payrolls have been processed, saving many hours of time. The abstract this pay period is very large due to the payment of the fire district tax.

Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham reported their primary concern has been snow and ice control. Supervisor Hayles asked for the status of salt inventory. Mr. Ingraham is hoping for a normal March. Salt orders have been delayed for several days. Mr. Ingraham has been able to secure emergency purchases from other locations in New York State for now.

Councilperson Sharpe requested approval from the Town Board to postpone the 2025 Harvest Festival. Mr. Sharpe would like to plan a larger event for 2026 honoring the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, date to be determined, but proposing a combined event on July 3rd with the Sweden Clarkson Community Center. Councilperson Maar noted the time of year and other area events happening at that time.

Supervisor Hayles suggested this as a one-time event due to the anniversary. There should be coordination with the Recreation Department and Mrs. Hayles would like the Harvest Festival Committee's input on the date. Mr. Sharpe indicated the committee was in favor of postponing the 2025 event but will discuss date options and bring back to the Town Board for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:19 p.m. Supervisor Hayles called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons desiring to be heard for or against the renewal of the Excavation Permit for Iroquois Rock Products located on Colby Street and Sweden Walker Road.

Supervisor Hayles waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Hayles explained the purpose of the hearing and shared comments received from outside agencies and support boards, noting no significant concerns.

Introduction of John Swierkos, Jr. and Mike Clark, representing Iroquois Rock Products. Mr. Swierkos anticipated a year similar to 2024. He detailed several items that have been put into place since the last application – berms, signage, dust control. They try to deal with truck complaints. The company may be rebranding, and signage may change. Discussion of reclamation funds and what those funds can be used for.

Resident Peter Englert asked if the siren notifications prior to blasting should be heard by area residents. Mike Clark responded they sound air horns, but if a resident would like to be notified in advance, they can add the resident to a call list.

Mr. Englert shared concerns with oversized trucks on Swamp Road and is concerned about the truck traffic destroying the road over time. Mike Clark indicated the road is posted with weight restrictions. Mr. Swierkos mentioned the concern was an issue with the previous renewal application. They are private trucking companies. Supervisor Hayles suggested contacting 911 as directed during a meeting with the Monroe County Sheriff. The Sheriff needs to know where the areas of concern are in the Town. They can't be responsive if not made aware. Mr. Swierkos suggested additional signage directing truck traffic exiting from the quarry.

Mr. Englert asked how much longer the quarry would be functioning. Mr. Swierkos explained it depends on demand.

Councilperson Maar asked how many people are employed at the Sweden Walker Road location. Mr. Swierkos estimated 15-20 individuals, depending on demand for products.

No other comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS (continued):

Councilperson Maar reported that CPA, Lisa Marou provided year end results. After "backing out" capital purchases, the library had a \$5,000 surplus at the end of the year. Supervisor Hayles referred to the Joint Operating Agreement and would like to see financial statements for the library, specifically the draft year-end financials, NYS report, and 990s.

Councilperson Maar reported the library will be seeking bids for carpeting and the January usage and program numbers are good.

Councilperson Maar and Supervisor Hayles attended a meeting with Monroe Ambulance, Town of Clarkson, and Village of Brockport to discuss the Brockport Fire Department’s concerns. Mr. Maar suggested an improvement in communication amongst the entities and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fire District and EMS service providers. Supervisor Hayles explained the concerns of the Fire District with covering EMS calls. Mr. Maar felt it in the best interest of all three municipalities to utilize the same EMS service provider.

Councilperson Staskiewicz announced the Spring Scoreboard is now available. Winter break, seniors’ Valentine lunch, and the roller-skating event were a success. They received a \$500 grant from the Presbyterian Church for senior program supplies. Recreation Director Jill has been meeting with vendors to discuss the construction of a new playground.

Supervisor Hayles attended the annual Association of Towns conference. A wealth of information was shared. Mrs. Hayles will draft a summary of the sessions to share with the board. Supervisor Hayles and Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham will attend a meeting with Senator Ortt to discuss highway funding. Mrs. Hayles and Mr. Ingraham met, along with Deputy Superintendent Jacob Moore and Finance Director Hiedi Librock, to discuss long-term goals of the department.

Supervisor Hayles reported that Code Review Committee meetings continue. The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office notified Supervisor Hayles that they would be installing license plate readers on the west side of Monroe County. Mrs. Hayles asked them to come to an upcoming meeting to present their plan.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Maar 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>Absent</u>	
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	ADOPTED

- RESOLUTION NO. 40 Declaration of Intent to be Lead Agency For Monroe County 2025 CDBG Application - Old Elm Drive Road Repairs

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board is desirous of submitting an application to Monroe County Community Development Block Grant Funding for the road repairs on Old Elm Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board recognizes that there is a need and requirement under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to classify, fully assess and determine the environmental significance of this proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to

insure the coordination of this action and will provide written notification to the County of Monroe as an interested agency, and other agencies if deemed necessary, for the purpose of conducting a coordinated review in determining the significance thereon under the SEQRA regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Sweden Town Board does hereby declare its intent to be lead agency for the Coordinated Review and Determination of Significance under SEQRA Regulations for the above-entitled matter.

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 41 Approve Highway Superintendent Travel Request

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested permission to travel to Albany on March 4th and 5th 2025 to attend the Advocacy Day for CHIPS funding; and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend includes accommodations at approximately \$230.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves the expenditure of up to \$230 for travel expenses to Albany, New York in order for the Highway Superintendent to attend the Advocacy Day for CHIPS Funding.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 42 Approve Town Clerk Travel Request

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has requested permission to travel to Syracuse on April 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2025 to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual training conference; and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend includes conference, travel, accommodations and meals at approximately \$650.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves the expenditure of up to \$650 for conference expenses in Syracuse, New York in order for the Town Clerk to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 43 Approve Zoning Board of Appeals Travel Request

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has requested permission for Kevin Johnson Sr. to travel to Cooperstown on April 6, 7 and 8, 2025 to attend the New York Planning Federation (NYPF) Annual training conference; and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend includes conference, travel, accommodations and meals at approximately \$800.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby approves the expenditure of up to \$800 for conference expenses in Cooperstown, New York in order for the Zoning Board of Appeals Member, Kevin Johnson, Sr., to attend the NYPF Annual Conference.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 44 Appoint Recreation Assistant PT - Thomas

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Recreation Assistant for Lifeguarding and swim program lessons; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director Jill Wisnowski has recommended hiring Delilah Thomas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Delilah Thomas as a recreation assistant part-time for a maximum of 28 hours per week.

Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is \$17.50 with a start date on or after March 12, 2025.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 45 Authorizing Supervisor to Enter Into Polling Place Agreements

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into 2025 Polling Place Agreements with the Monroe County Board of Election for use of the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street; Sweden Town Park Lodge, 4761 Redman Road; and the Sweden/Clarkson Community Center, 4927 Lake Road for both June and November 2025 voting.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 46 Authorizing Spring Clean-up for 2025

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended to the Town Board that special spring clean-up days be set for the Town of Sweden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Spring Clean-up for the Town of Sweden for 2025 shall be during the week of April 28, 2025 through May 2, 2025.

Sec. 2. That the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute said refuse operation in the Town of Sweden.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the regular Town Board meeting minutes from February 11, 2025

MOTION for approval by Councilperson Staskiewicz
Seconded by Councilperson Maar

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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

- Approval of the special joint Town Board meeting minutes from February 13, 2025

MOTION for approval by Councilperson Staskiewicz
Seconded by Supervisor Hayles

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Abstain</u>	
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Abstain</u>	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	<u>Aye</u>	
Councilperson Sullivan	<u>Absent</u>	
Supervisor Hayles	<u>Aye</u>	UNAPPROVED

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Maar authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 2 dated February 26, 2025 in the amount of \$1,382,016.35 (includes fire district tax amount).

General Fund: In the amount of \$1,222,822.61 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 26, 2025.

Highway Fund: In the amount of \$153,111.92 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 26, 2025.

Special Fund: In the amount of \$6,081.82 as set forth in Abstract 2 dated February 26, 2025.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson Sharpe	<u>Absent</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 February 25, 2025 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:57 p.m. Councilperson Maar seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – four ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk