

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, March 11, 2025.

Town Board members present were Supervisor Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Adam Staskiewicz, and Councilperson Gary Sullivan. Councilpersons Scott Maar and Tyler Sharpe were absent. Also present were Finance Director Hiedi Librock, Town Attorney James Bell, Town Assessor Tammy Baker, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

No visitors were present.

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 for peace in the world, that all our first responders remain safe, and for a peaceful resolution to the strikes in our state prisons.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Hayles received an email from the USDA Rural Development that they are funding our Ladue Road, Swamp Road, West Sweden Road water district project. A large proportion will be covered by a grant along with a low-interest rate loan. This is a big step forward. The next step involves seeking NYS Comptroller's approval. Mrs. Hayles thanked MRB Group, the Town Engineer, and former Finance Director Leisa Strabel.

Supervisor Hayles, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham, Highway Departments from the Towns of Hamlin, Clarkson, and the Village of Brockport, Village Mayor and Deputy Mayor, met with Senator Rob Ortt to discuss the road budgets. Several items of concern were discussed such as Tier 6 retirement, CHIPS and AIM funding, and electric vehicle mandates. Mrs. Hayles would like to write letters to key political figures to express points of concern from members of the board, Finance Director, and Superintendent of Highways.

Supervisor Hayles met with Town Assessor Tammy Baker and Finance Director Hiedi Librock and announced that a reassessment will take place. Mrs. Hayles realizes an unintended consequence of the reassessment with Village and School taxes and intends to meet with those entities to discuss this. Mrs. Hayles will post information on the Facebook page explaining the process. Town Assessor Tammy Baker informed the board that to meet the state's criteria to maintain 100% valuation, assessments would increase an average of 10%.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

REPORTS OF BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS:

Reports will be given at the next meeting on March 25, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Discussion: Town Attorney Jim Bell commented on Resolution Nos. 53 and 54. The Code Review Committee requires more time to discuss modifications to Chapter 55. Supervisor

Hayles added that the committee is not suggesting changes for two of the four moratoriums – no changes to Chapter 174 Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy Farms and to Chapter 176 Battery Energy Storage Systems. The moratoriums will expire April 2025.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTED

- RESOLUTION NO. 47 Appoint HEO – Armstrong

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Town of Sweden Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended hiring Brandon Armstrong as a full-time heavy equipment operator (HEO).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Brandon Armstrong as a full-time heavy equipment operator (HEO).

Sec. 2. That the rate of pay will be \$25.00 per hour.

Sec. 3. That the start date will be March 31, 2025.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 48 Appoint Laborer – Warner

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Town of Sweden Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended hiring Connor Warner as a full-time laborer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Connor Warner as a full-time laborer.

Sec. 2. That the rate of pay will be \$24.00 per hour with a start date of March 17, 2025.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 49 Sign Intermunicipal Agreement for Operation of Street Sweeper

WHEREAS, in September 2008, the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin, Parma and Sweden entered into a five-year intermunicipal agreement for the purchase and operation of a jointly owned Street Sweeper; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2015, the four Towns approved a five-year Intermunicipal Agreement for the operation of the jointly owned Street Sweeper; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Agreement has expired and a new five-year Intermunicipal Agreement for the operation of the jointly owned Street Sweeper has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Agreement has expired and a new five-year Intermunicipal Agreement for the operation of the jointly owned Street Sweeper has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamlin has decided to terminate their participation in the intermunicipal agreement effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Superintendent of Highways recommends that the Town of Sweden enter into the intermunicipal agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby approve the intermunicipal agreement between the Towns of Sweden, Clarkson, and Parma pertaining to the operation of said Street Sweeper.

Sec. 2. That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 50 Authorizing Additional Lighting in District No. 9 Villas at Brandon Woods

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden created a lighting district known as “Lighting District No. 9 Villas at Brandon Woods” National Grid account 94276-27002 on April 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the developers of the subdivision have requested approval of the installation of ten (10) additional street lights as denoted in the site plan approved by the Town of Sweden Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the developers will install Decorative Carriage-style fixtures with 35-watt LED lights and 16’ poles; and

WHEREAS, National Grid requires a resolution of the Town Board to add additional street lights to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden authorizes the installation of ten (10) additional Decorative Carriage-style fixtures with 35-watt LED lights and 16' poles streetlights in Lighting District No. 9 Villas at Brandon Woods.
- Sec. 2. That the cost of installing streetlights is borne by the developer.
- Sec. 3. That the cost of electricity service will be borne by Lighting District No. 9 Villas at Brandon Woods and billed to the Town of Sweden on National Grid Account 94276-27003.
- Sec. 4. That the Supervisor is authorized to sign any necessary documents.
- Sec. 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 51 Authorize Purchase of 2026 Volvo VHD64F300 Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck with Snow and Ice Body Equipment from Highway Equipment Reserve

WHEREAS, a Reserve was established for Highway Equipment on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested the purchase of a 2026 Volvo VHD64F300 Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck from Beam Mack Sales and Service, Inc, 6260 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse NY 13057 through the Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract Bid Reference 8996, in an amount not to exceed \$176,551.44; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested the purchase of the body equipment, hydraulics, and snow and ice equipment to upfit the Volvo truck from Henderson Products, Inc, 1085 S. Third Street, Manchester, IA 52057 through the NPPGov Contract Bid #PS22170, in an amount not to exceed \$192,835.95; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of the truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the expenditure of up to \$369,387.39 from the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of the 2026 Volvo VHD64F300 Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis Truck with body equipment, hydraulics, and snow and ice equipment.
- Sec. 2. That pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, this expenditure is subject to permissive referendum.
- Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a public notice as required by law.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 52 Authorize Purchase of Leaf Vacuum from Reserve

WHEREAS, a Reserve was established for Highway Equipment on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a leaf vacuum from Cyncon Equipment, Inc., 7494 West Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543 through the Sourcewell Contract #093021-GEP in an amount not to exceed \$99,800.00; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a leaf vacuum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby authorize the expenditure of up to \$99,800 from the Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a leaf vacuum.

Sec. 2. That pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, this expenditure is subject to permissive referendum.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to publish a public notice as required by law.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 53 Local Law Imposing an Additional Six (6) Month Moratorium on Chapter 55 Assemblies, Public

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board is desirous of amending and/or modifying the Sweden Town Code, Chapter 55; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Town Board did impose an initial six (6) month moratorium in October 2024 and is now desirous of imposing an additional six (6) month moratorium in order to accomplish the amendments and modifications to Chapter 55; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Sweden Town Board to consider adopting said Local Law as soon as legally possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. By passage of this Resolution the Sweden Town Board does hereby declare a moratorium in accepting any new applications for assemblies, public in the Town of Sweden until such time as the aforesaid Local Law is duly before the Sweden Town Board for consideration.

Sec. 2. The moratorium effective by passage of this Resolution shall remain intact for no longer than forty-five (45) days.

Sec. 3. The Sweden Town Board shall hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on the 8th day of April 2025 at approximately 6:00 p.m. to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months, relating to Sweden Town Code Chapter 55 Assemblies, Public.

Sec. 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 54 Authorizing a Public Hearing Amending Chapter 172 to the Sweden Town Code.

WHEREAS the Sweden Town Board is desirous of amending Chapter 172 to the Sweden Town Code concerning abandonment and decommissioning plans, and

WHEREAS a proposed Local Law has been drafted in relationship to amending Chapter 172 to the Sweden Town Code, and

WHEREAS the Sweden Town Board is required to hold a Public Hearing on the matter before passage of this Local Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec 1. The Sweden Town Board calls a Public Hearing to hear all persons for or against the adoption of amending Chapter 172 to the Sweden Town Code concerning abandonment and decommissioning plans on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, 14420.

Sec 2. The Sweden Town Clerk is authorized and directed to cause an appropriate notice of this hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town and in accordance with Town Law §265.

Sec 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of regular Town Board meeting held on February 25, 2025 – Supervisor Hayles TABLED to the March 25, 2025 meeting.

- RESOLUTION NO. 55 Granting Renewal of Excavation Permit to Iroquois Rock Products

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden on March 28, 1984, duly enacted and adopted by resolution "Regulations for Issuance of Excavation Permit" (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") which regulations include procedures for the issuance of a renewal of the permit; and

WHEREAS, Iroquois Rock Products, Inc. has filed an application for renewal of its permit, originally granted June 24, 1997, alleging in its application that there are no changes from the permit granted as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the regulations the Town Board circulated a notice of the application to the Town of Sweden Planning Board, the Town Environmental Conservation Board, the Town Engineer and Monroe County Planning & Development; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on February 25, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. to consider granting the renewal of the excavation permit, as requested, and at said time and place heard all persons interested in the subject thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board after review of the application and all previous environmental submissions and proceedings by the applicant determined that the action will not have a significant environmental effect and under SEQR Section 617.5(c)26 is a Type II Action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now desires to grant a renewal of the excavation permit to Iroquois Rock Products, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the approval and granting of the excavation permit renewal as requested in the Application would be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the Regulations for Excavation Permit and the Town's Zoning Ordinance, that the proposed use conforms to the standards prescribed therefore in said Regulations; and that there is fulfillment of any other conditions or standards specified in the regulations.

Sec. 2. That having given due consideration to all of the evidence referred to and recited in this Resolution, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby grants to Iroquois Rock Products, Inc. an Excavation Permit for a term of three years from March 29, 2025 to March 29, 2028.

Sec. 3. That the excavation as described in the Application for which this excavation permit is granted shall be carried out in compliance with the Town of Sweden Regulations for Issuance of Excavation Permit.

Sec. 4. The Town Clerk shall cause copies of this Resolution to be posted on the Town Clerk's signboard and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Sec. 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

Councilperson Maar	<u>Absent</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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Staskiewicz made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to go into executive session at 6:20 p.m. subject to Public Officer's Law Section 105 (f) employment of a particular person – three items of discussion. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

No action taken.

Councilperson Sullivan made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Staskiewicz to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. All voted in favor of the Motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sullivan moved to adjourn the March 11, 2025 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:06 p.m. Councilperson Staskiewicz seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk