

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, April 14, 2026.

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, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, Town Assessor Tammy Baker, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present – Al Young, Pat Cliff, Rebecca Hendel, Paul Cardinale, Mark Rabjohn, Emily Rej, Pam and Mike Krahe, Pete and Bonnie Englert, Kathleen Breiner, Karen and Curtis Conklin, Claude and Carla Carson, Jonathan Lowtan, Michael Holzer, Jamey Schwan, Carolyn Kilbourne, Frank Saunders, Pam Rockow, Shelley Earle, John Eeckhout, Tom and Eileen Widzinski, Brandon Armstrong, Michele Noskie, Pam and Kevin Ignaszak, Kimberly Drew, Samantha Breen, John and Ann Dobrowsky, Alana Mitchell, John Ryan, Rob Sweeting, and Alan Bringenberg. Others were present but did not sign in. Also present were Scott Mattison from MRB Group and Attorney Jon Tantillo from Knauf Shaw, LLP.

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 think of our first responders, especially those in the armed services that are in the Middle East at this time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Hayles reminded the board that a solar farm application has been received for Sweden Walker Road and asked all to review the incentive zoning particulars contained within the application. The applicant will be presenting at the April 28, 2026 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 59 Authorizing Budget Amendment for Recreation Center Fire Expenses

WHEREAS, the Sweden Clarkson Recreation Center sustained damages as a result of a fire; and

WHEREAS, repairs and replacement of damaged property have resulted in unanticipated expenses; and

WHEREAS, Travelers Insurance has approved coverage for said damages and will reimburse the Town for eligible costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby amends the 2026 Town Budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

A.7020.200 – Recreation Center Equipment by \$63,909.32

Increase Revenues:

A.2680 – Insurance Recoveries by \$63,909.32

Sec. 2. That this budget amendment reflects insurance proceeds to offset the cost of repairs and replacements resulting from the fire at the Recreation Center.

Sec. 3 That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 60 Approve Fireworks Application and Permit – Sweden Clarkson Community Center – July 3, 2026

WHEREAS, an application for the display of fireworks has been received from the Sweden Clarkson Recreation Director, for the Sweden Clarkson Community Center located at 4927 Lake Rd., Brockport New York for consideration by the Town Board. Said display to be held on July 3, 2026 at dusk at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center grounds. In case of inclement weather, the date will be July 5, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby approves the application for the display of fireworks at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center on July 3, 2026 and authorizes the Town Clerk to issue a permit for same.

Sec. 2. That Young Explosives Corporation provide an indemnity policy with liability of at least \$2,000,000 conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused to a person or persons, or to property by reason of acts of the permittee, his agents, employees, etc. Such policy shall run to the Town.

Sec. 3. That the Supervisor is authorized to sign the July 3, 2026 exhibition contract with Young Explosives at a cost of \$11,500.00.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 61 Approve Bookkeeper Training Request

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of continuing education and professional development for its employees; and

WHEREAS, Bookkeeper Lauren Donovan has the opportunity to attend government accounting training courses offered by the New York State Comptroller's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting training will be held via webinar on May 12 and May 13, 2026, and the Advanced Government Accounting training will be held via webinar on June 10 and June 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the cost for each training session is \$85.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes Bookkeeper Lauren Donovan to attend the Government Accounting and Advanced Government Accounting training webinars.

Sec. 2. That the Town Board approves payment for said training at a total cost not to exceed \$170.00.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 62 Approve Highway Employees Travel Request

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that Highway Department employees Jacob Moore and Philip Herzog attend the 2026 Highway School held at Ithaca College from June 1 through June 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the training provides valuable instruction relevant to highway operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the cost of attendance is \$175.00 per person, and lodging is \$225.00 per person.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby authorizes Jacob Moore and Philip Herzog to attend the 2026 Highway School at Ithaca College from June 1–3, 2026.

Sec. 2. That the cost of training in the amount of \$175.00 per person and lodging in the amount of \$225.00 per person, for a total cost of \$800.00, is hereby approved to be paid from the appropriate Highway Department budget line A.5010.400.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 63 Approve Highway Superintendent Travel Request

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Brian Ingraham, has requested authorization for himself and Deputy Highway Superintendent Jacob Moore to attend the “Running Your Highway Department” workshop to be held on April 22, 2026, at the Chili Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the workshop provides valuable training related to the effective management and operation of the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost of attendance is \$90.00 per person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby authorizes Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham and Deputy Highway Superintendent Jacob Moore to attend the “Running Your Highway Department” workshop on April 22, 2026, at the Chili Community Center.

Sec. 2. That the total cost of \$180.00 (\$90.00 per person) is hereby approved to be paid from budget line A.5010.400.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 64 Appoint Seasonal Laborers – Cemetery Operations

WHEREAS, there is a need for seasonal laborers for cemetery operations; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended re-hiring seasonal laborers Cody Detoy, John P. Duthoy, Martin Haight, Ruth Kruppner, Nicholas Roller and Kevin Young.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Cody Detoy, John P. Duthoy, Martin Haight, Ruth Kruppner, Nicholas Roller and Kevin Young, for seasonal cemetery operations not to exceed 40 hours per week each and entire crew not to exceed 112 hours per week in total.

Sec. 2. That this appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.

Sec. 3. That the rate of pay will be \$17.50 per hour.

Sec. 4. That the term of appointment for Cody Detoy, John P. Duthoy, Martin Haight, Ruth Kruppner, Nicholas Roller and Kevin Young will begin on or after April 20, 2026 and end on or before October 23, 2026.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 65 Appoint Seasonal Laborer Sewer – Duthoy

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the appointment of a seasonal laborer to assist with Highway and Sanitary Sewer operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to approve said seasonal employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint seasonal cemetery laborer John P. Duthoy to additional seasonal duties in the highway and sewer department as needed.

Sec. 2. That the appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.

Sec. 3. That said employment shall be effective April 27, 2026 through October 23, 2026, at a rate of pay of \$19.00 per hour.

Sec. 4. That Mr. Duthoy shall work not to exceed 40 hours per week.

Sec. 5. That total hours shall not exceed 420 hours for the Highway Department and 280 hours for the Sanitary Sewer Department for the duration of the 2026 season.

Sec. 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLUTION NO. 66 Acceptance of Letter of Credit
Senior's Choice Cottages at Heritage Square

WHEREAS, the developer, Isla Way Holdings, LLC, of the Senior Choice Cottages at Heritage Square project has submitted a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$389,332.40 to guarantee required improvements; and

WHEREAS, said Letter of Credit has been reviewed by the Town's engineering firm, MRB Group, and found to be in acceptable form and amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby accepts the Letter of Credit for the Senior Choice Cottages project in the amount of \$389,332.40, as reviewed and recommended by MRB Group.

Sec. 2. That the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any documents necessary to formalize the acceptance of said Letter of Credit.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 67 Appoint Seasonal Laborer – Park

WHEREAS, the Town has a need for part-time seasonal park staff to assist with maintenance and operations; and

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds Director, Benjamin Whipple, has recommended hiring Mark Boehm and Brian Garske.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Mark Boehm and Brian Garske as seasonal laborers for a maximum of 28 hours per week.

Sec. 2. That this appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.

Sec. 3. That the hourly rate of pay is \$17.50 with a start date for this position on or after May 1, 2026.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 68 Appoint Seasonal Laborer – Park Fields

WHEREAS, the Town has a need for specialized care of fields at the Sweden Town Park; and

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds Director, Benjamin Whipple, has recommended hiring Justin Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Justin Beach as seasonal laborer for a maximum of 28 hours per week.

Sec. 2. That this appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.

Sec. 3. That the hourly rate of pay is \$20.40 with a start date for this position on or after May 1, 2026.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 69 Approving Sanitary Sewer Pump Rebuild at Sweden Town Park

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has advised that one of the two sewage pumps at the Sweden Town Park sanitary sewer pump station has been removed from service and evaluated due to wear and age; and

WHEREAS, the pump was inspected by Siewert Equipment, the regional Gorman-Rupp pump supplier and authorized service provider, which identified wear-related issues consistent with the pump’s age and usage; and

WHEREAS, Siewert Equipment has recommended rebuilding the existing V6A60-B pump at a cost of \$7,641.00 to restore it to proper operating condition; and

WHEREAS, the alternative cost to replace the pump entirely is \$11,323.00, making the rebuild the more cost-effective option while maintaining system reliability; and

WHEREAS, Siewert Equipment, located at 175 Akron Street, Rochester, New York, has been identified as a sole source provider for this work; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available in the approved 2026 budget under budget line SS.8120.400.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board hereby approves the rebuild of the sanitary sewer pump at Sweden Town Park by Siewert Equipment in the amount of \$7,641.00.

Sec. 2. The cost shall be charged to budget line SS.8120.400.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the regular meeting of the Town Board held on March 24, 2026

Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Maar to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board held on March 24, 2026.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTED

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:15 p.m. Supervisor Hayles called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the proposed establishment of the LaDue, Swamp, West Sweden Roads Water District and for Town Board consideration of the map, plan, and report.

Supervisor Hayles waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Hayles introduced Scott Mattison from MRB Group, the Town Engineer, and Attorney Jon Tantillo representing the Town for this matter.

Supervisor Hayles detailed the project. There were two public information meetings held on this project – June 25, 2024 and November 25, 2025. The Town received petition signatures from interested residents in the proposed district – 61% of assessed value and 55+% of owner-occupied homes have signed in favor of the district. After the public hearing, the next step will be to form the district and send the application to the State Comptroller’s Office for review and approval, which may take up to one year. Upon approval, the Town will start the bidding process for construction. Opened for comments.

Resident Mark Rabjohn asked if residents within the district would have an opportunity to “vet” the bid contract. Supervisor Hayles answered that is the legal responsibility of the Town Board. Mr. Rabjohn is concerned with the number of hydrants due to low density neighborhood. He shared information he obtained from Google. Scott Mattison said that hydrant layout is dictated by state standards and reviewed and approved by NYS Department of Health and Monroe County Water Authority. Mr. Rabjohn found that the distance of homes from a hydrant has an impact on home insurance. Mr. Rabjohn questioned secondary restoration with a potential loss of volume, settling of the ground after installation. Scott Mattison stated there is a correction period of one year to do further restoration if required once the water is “turned on”.

Resident Jamey Schwan owns three lots on LaDue Road and asked if he is charged for each lot. Supervisor Hayles answered yes but a resident has the option of merging lots and suggested contacting the Town Assessor.

Resident Carolyn Kilbourne has been a resident of LaDue Road for 53 years and expressed concern with the fees to keep their wells.

Resident Mike Holzer shared that he was told by an insurance provider that the distance to a fire station could be a factor with home insurance.

Resident John Dobrowsky asked for clarification on whether the resident or MCWA chooses what happens to private wells and understood the choice was either backflow preventor with testing or an easement. Scott Mattison said MCWA would give the resident the choice. He explained that the backflow preventor allows you to combine two sources of water, the easement does not. The easement requires the two sources of water be completely separate. The backflow preventor discharges the water if it tries to come back into the system. If you keep a well on the property you must have an easement.

Resident John Eeckhout asked, anticipating approval, when can we expect to break ground. Scott Mattison answered possibly spring/summer of 2027 or early 2028.

Resident Frank Saunders asked why these particular roads were grouped together, why Swamp Road was included. Scott Mattison answered that these three roads showed the most interest. Supervisor Hayles explained that the size of the project and cost dictates each district.

Resident Kathleen Breiner asked if the trees in her front yard would be affected, they are very old. Scott Mattison said they try to do all necessary to avoid tree removal. They usually install water main approximately 27 feet from the center line of the road.

Resident Mike Holzer asked if he disconnected the water to his home, could he maintain a hand pump at the well for his garden. Scott Mattison said an easement would still be required. Unless you cut and cap your existing well, MCWA will require an easement.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sharpe moved to adjourn the April 14, 2026 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:40 p.m. Councilperson Staskiewicz seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk