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, September 22, 2026.

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

Visitor present – Chris Hamlin.

Deputy Supervisor Maar 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 those in the military and those who serve to protect our freedoms.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilperson Sullivan reported Buildings and Grounds continuing with maintenance at the Town Park and the SCCC, even though they are down two employees at this time. Trimmed the trails at the Town Park, closed the Splash Pad and are scheduled to power wash the pad and reseal within the next couple of weeks. The prep work for the storybook path has been completed and waiting for the walkway to be paved. Fields are ready for flag football and soccer continues. Buildings and Grounds plan to paint the front porch of the Farmers Museum within the next couple of weeks. Lodge rentals are still strong.

Councilperson Sharpe volunteered at the Farmers Museum, a cemetery tour was held, and the committee will meet on October 5th. Cemetery crews are preparing for the change in season. Dog Control is open to volunteers and Councilperson Sharpe will be scheduling time to volunteer at the shelter.

Deputy Supervisor Maar reported the library received funds from Assemblyman Hawley to purchase room reservation software due to the increase in demand for room space at the library. The Seymour Library Board approved the transfer of funds to pay a third-party consultant to facilitate discussion on future capital needs of the library. A meeting with representatives from Livingston Associates has been scheduled for September 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sweden Lodge to discuss the vision, goals, and capital improvements of the library. The library survey is still out and over 250 responses have been received so far. Modifications to the proposed 2027 budget are being made for capital items and donations. The library board anticipates adoption in October. The Seymour Library Foundation will hold the After Hours event on Saturday, October 17, 2026, tickets are $30.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence noted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Deputy Supervisor Maar	Aye	
Councilperson Sharpe	Aye	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	Absent	
Councilperson Sullivan	Aye	
Supervisor Hayles	Absent	ADOPTED

- RESOLUTION NO. 111 Authorizing Fall Clean-up Days for 2026 by the Highway Department

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has also recommended that this be for brush pick up only and no other items will be accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute said operation for pick up of brush within the Town of Sweden on the following days: October 19, 2026 through October 23, 2026.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 112 Appoint Recreation Assistant PT - Marra

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Recreation Assistant in the recreation department; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director Jill Wisnowski has recommended hiring Lillian Marra.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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

Sec. 2. That the hourly rate of pay is $16.00 with a start date on or after September 25, 2026.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 113 Approve Assessor Training Request

WHEREAS, Robin Anderson serves as the Town Assessor for the Town of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, continuing education and professional training are necessary to maintain the knowledge and skills required to properly perform the duties of the Town Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services is offering the course "Introduction to Farm Appraisal" via WebEx on October 7, 2026, at no cost to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assessors Association is offering an "Agriculture Exemption Processing Seminar" on October 26, 2026, at a registration cost of $120; and

WHEREAS, both educational opportunities are relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the Town Assessor and will provide valuable training in agricultural property assessment and exemption processing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. that the Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby authorizes Town Assessor Robin Anderson to attend the following educational programs:

1. Introduction to Farm Appraisal – New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, via WebEx, October 7, 2026, at no cost to the Town; and
2. Agriculture Exemption Processing Seminar – New York State Assessors Association, October 26, 2026, at a registration cost of $120.

Sec. 2. that the Town Board authorizes payment of the $120 registration fee for the Agriculture Exemption Processing Seminar from the appropriate Town budget account, subject to all applicable Town policies and procedures.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 114 Calling Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2026 – Tax Cap Override

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted General Municipal Law §3-c, which establishes a limit upon the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by a local government, unless the local government adopts a local law to override such limit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sweden desires to consider the adoption of a local law to override said tax levy limit for the Town's 2027 fiscal year budget, if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board hereby introduces for consideration proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026, entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c."

Sec. 2. That the Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed local law on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:15 PM at the Sweden Town Hall, located at 18 State Street, Brockport, New York 14420, at which hearing all interested persons shall be heard concerning the subject matter thereof.

Sec. 3. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the public hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the town as required by Town Law.

Sec. 4. The text of the proposed Local Law is available in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town website.

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

Discussion: Deputy Supervisor Maar explained consideration of the override is necessary for just one reason – the possibility of the debt payments for the new water district during the 2027 budget. New York State requires these payments to be considered in the calculation of the 2% tax cap. The Town is currently working with the Town Engineer and debt consultant to develop a timeline for construction and debt service.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval for Payment of Bills

All the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Councilperson Sullivan made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sharpe authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 9 dated September 22, 2026 in the amount of $409,442.74.

General Fund: In the amount of $104,739.64 as set forth in Abstract 9 dated September 22, 2026.
Highway Fund: In the amount of $243,252.17 as set forth in Abstract 9 dated September 22, 2026.
Special Fund: In the amount of $12,467.81 as set forth in Abstract 9 dated September 22, 2026.
Capital Fund: In the amount of $48,983.12 as set forth in Abstract 9 dated September 22, 2026.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Deputy Supervisor Maar	Aye	
Councilperson Sharpe	Aye	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	Absent	
Councilperson Sullivan	Aye	
Supervisor Hayles	Absent	ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board held on September 8, 2026

Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board held on September 8, 2026.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Deputy Supervisor Maar	Aye	
Councilperson Sharpe	Aye	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	Absent	
Councilperson Sullivan	Aye	
Supervisor Hayles	Absent	ADOPTED

- Approval of the minutes of the workshop of the Town Board held on September 15, 2026

Councilperson Sharpe made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan approving the minutes of the workshop of the Town Board held on September 15, 2026.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

Deputy Supervisor Maar	Aye	
Councilperson Sharpe	Aye	
Councilperson Staskiewicz	Absent	
Councilperson Sullivan	Aye	
Supervisor Hayles	Absent	ADOPTED

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2027 Tentative Budget was presented.

Deputy Supervisor Maar explained that in 2026 it was necessary to override the tax cap due to operational costs, increases in wages, health insurance, retirement, parts/repairs, and utilities. The current proposed 2027 budget absorbs those increases staying within the 2% tax cap.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Sharpe moved to adjourn the September 22, 2026 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:15 p.m. Councilperson Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk