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, November 10, 2026.

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

Visitors present – resident Chris Hamlin and Dan Leary, Managing Partner for OurGeneration.

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 honor our veterans, both active and retired that have served in our military around the world and kept us safe and free.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No comments.

PRESENTATION:

Supervisor Hayles introduced Dan Leary, Managing Partner of OurGeneration and explained that he was present to share an amended incentive zoning application for consideration based on comments heard at the public information meeting held May 12, 2026. The biggest revision being the project size increasing from 3 megawatts to 5 megawatts. Supervisor Hayles took a tour of the site with Dan Leary and the property owner, Suzanne Sodoma.

Dan Leary shared several renditions of the project showing the amendments to the application. Increasing the size will now provide power for approximately 750 homes. An aerial rendering of the project showed the project covering two parcels with approximately 160 acres combined surrounded by apple orchards and fields. The plan was amended to modify the visual impacts of the project from Sweden Walker Road and the canal path leaving more than 500 feet to the east (Sweden Walker Road) and nearly 1,000 feet to the south (Erie Canal). Dan Leary overviewed landscaping plans that over time will help shield the project from view.

Dan Leary explained distributed generation and the difference with this project and other solar projects and the proposed incentive they are offering the Town. The Town has expressed in the past a request to provide educational opportunities for residents that would be interested in participating in the power benefits provided by this project, which they are willing to do. They ensure the projects operations, maintenance, and landscaping and will also maintain some agricultural use within the footprint, noting apiaries and grazing sheep – using a practice called agrivoltaics.

Dan Leary explained that the amended application conveys these ideas as well as the value added to the community and the footprint of the land and what it would look like in 15 years.

Supervisor Hayles compared the setbacks with the original plan and noted they are quite a bit larger. Dan Leary confirmed the amended distances and added all the major equipment, inverters and transformers, that connect the system to the grid and create approximately 65

decibels of noise (comparable to a home HVAC system), are located in the interior of the system. They are working with the National Grid substation on Holley Street to install upgrades to the equipment and lines so they can handle the additional megawatts. Dan Leary also stated they are working with the property owner to ensure the apple orchards can continue with normal operations.

Supervisor Hayles asked how they generate revenue on these types of projects. Dan Leary explained large upfront capital investments, tax credits from the federal level, and revenue stream from selling energy. The solar project sells bill credits to the user, subscribing to a community distributed generation project. They are mandated to sell their energy and make sure it goes to homes and businesses – 60% of energy sold has to go to residential customers.

Supervisor Hayles, referring to the original application for 3-megawatt project, asked how the Brockport substation was now going to handle two additional megawatts. Dan Leary indicated they are extremely conservative and have designed the system and protections around a conservative approach. The upgrades were installed to implement technology necessary to shut down the system if necessary.

Supervisor Hayles asked if they had other completed projects in New York State. Dan Leary provided examples in the Town of Amherst, Town of Dunkirk, the Utica area, Town of Potsdam, and Chenango County area. They also have many projects in progress in Madison County, Oneida County and Essex County.

Supervisor Hayles noted that several solar project applicants are the developer and then are sold to someone else. Dan Leary confirmed that is their intention. They do adhere to all agreements with the landlord and the town through the permitting process.

Supervisor Hayles focused on the decommissioning plan and asked if the farmland can still be used after a solar project has been removed. Dan Leary explained they are not removing any topsoil or grading the site, not changing the topography of the site, and referred to regenerative farming. The solar project allows the soil to rest and rejuvenate. Once the steel metal poles come out of the ground, farming can continue. The only permanent structure is a concrete pad to hold the equipment. The access road is a pervious road. The parcel size is approximately 159 acres; the project will use approximately 15% of the total.

No other comments or questions.

Supervisor Hayles confirmed receipt of the amended incentive zoning application which will start the 45-day “clock” for the Town Board to determine whether the proposal is worthy of further consideration. (See Sweden Town Code, Chapter 175-22-C) Dan Leary indicated they worked parallel with the Planning Board with the original application. Supervisor Hayles stated that in following the Town Code, they should wait on applying to the Planning Board until the Town Board has made their determination to proceed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Hayles informed the Town Board that a letter of recognition was signed and presented to Jackson Kelly on receiving Eagle Scout ranking.

Supervisor Hayles has received many inquiries about the Town’s process for the 100% veteran’s exemption for property taxes. The Town is gathering data and reviewing all exemptions. The exemption does not reduce the budget, but shifts who pays. Discussion of preliminary numbers.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilperson Maar made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Staskiewicz to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.

VOTE BY ROLL CALL:

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

- Approval of the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on October 27, 2026.

- RESOLUTION NO. 137 Authorize Fireworks Contract

WHEREAS, the Sweden Clarkson Community Center holds an annual fireworks display on July 3 and intends to apply for a Fireworks Permit for 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Sweden Clarkson Community Center desires to contract with Young Explosives Corporation to furnish the exhibition of fireworks for the July 3, 2027 event at a cost of $11,500.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Sweden Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Fireworks Exhibition Agreement from Young Explosives Corporation at a cost of $11,500.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 138 Approve Inter-Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with Monroe County

WHEREAS, the Town of Sweden and the County of Monroe entered into a Snow and Ice Control Agreement originally executed in 2023, under which the Town provides winter road maintenance services on designated County highways; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Agreement provides that Monroe County shall issue annual rate adjustments for compensation to the Town for snow and ice control services; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has issued the updated rate schedule for the upcoming winter season from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways recommends that the Town Board enters into the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby accept the updates rates to the Inter-municipal Agreement for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

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

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 139 Temporary Plowing and Access Agreement -Villas at Brandon Woods

WHEREAS, the owners of the Villas at Brandon Woods and the Town of Sweden wish to enter into an agreement regarding plowing and access on Wood Trace and Natoma Terrace for a temporary period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby approve the Temporary Plowing and Access Agreement between the owners of Villas at Brandon Woods and the Town of Sweden.

Sec. 2. That upon the approval of the Town Attorney, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

No items.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No additional business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Staskiewicz moved to adjourn the November 10, 2026 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 6:52 p.m. Councilperson Maar seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion – three ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk