

TOWN OF CLARKSON
SPECIAL MEETING
July 6, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson attended a Special Intermunicipal Meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, NY at 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Paul Kimball	Supervisor
Allan Hoy	Councilperson
Christa Filipowicz	Councilperson
Patrick Didas	Councilperson
Sheldon Meyers	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Town Clerk
Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

John H. Milner	Supervisor, Town of Sweden
Michael C. Meyers	Councilperson, Town of Sweden
Robert A. Carges	Councilperson, Town of Sweden
Patricia P. Connors	Councilperson, Town of Sweden
Rebecca Donohue	Councilperson, Town of Sweden
Karen Sweeting	Town Clerk, Town of Sweden
Leisa Strabel	Finance Director, Town of Sweden
James Bell	Town Attorney, Town of Sweden
Raymond DiRaddo	Special Counsel
M. Connie Castañeda	Mayor, Village of Brockport
Kent Blair	Trustee, Village of Brockport
Chief Mike Henry	Brockport Fire Chief

Supervisor Milner opened the meeting and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Kimball explained that the Towns of Clarkson and Sweden have been trying to work with the Village of Brockport regarding extending the fire protection agreement; however the Village chose to pull out of negotiations back in May. The Towns recently received a letter from the Village asking to meet with the Towns. The Towns of Sweden and Clarkson asked that any proposals be submitted to the Towns for review by July 6th, 2011. No proposals were received. Supervisor Kimball stated that the Towns drafted a 14 point proposal and sent it to the Village for review on July 5th.

***see attached letter at end of minutes**

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Sweden Councilperson P. Connors

Seconded by Clarkson Councilperson A. Hoy

To enter into executive session to discuss the fire protection district at 5:10 PM.

Unanimously carried

No action taken.

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Sweden Councilperson Connors

Seconded by Clarkson Supervisor Kimball

To return to regular session at 5:37 PM

Unanimously carried

Supervisor Kimball reconvened the meeting at 5:40 PM

07.06.11

MOTION TO CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To call for a joint meeting with the Sweden Town Board on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street Brockport, for the purpose of discussion regarding a fire contract.

Unanimously carried

Supervisor Kimball complimented Mayor Castañeda, Fire Chief Henry and Trustee Blair for attending the meeting and the hard work of taking the information back to your Board. It was stated that the Clarkson and Sweden Town Boards will continue moving forward with alternative options as well. The Boards agreed that we all want to preserve the Brockport Fire Department.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Sweden Councilperson P. Connors

Seconded by Clarkson Councilperson P. Didas

To adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon S. Mattison

Town Clerk

APPROVED 07-12-2011

June 6, 2011

Maria C. Castaneda, Mayor, Village of Brockport
 Kent Blair, Trustee, Village of Brockport
 49 State Street
 Brockport, NY 14420

Dear Mayor Castaneda and Trustee Blair,

I am writing in response to your recent inquiries regarding fire protection services. We appreciate your interest although it is unclear whether the Village Board has rescinded its motion to “discontinue all discussions and negotiations with the Towns of Sweden and Clarkson regarding a fire district.”

The Towns’ goals regarding fire protection have remained unchanged since the Village abruptly withdrew from discussions. Here is a proposal that reflects the Town Boards’ position:

1. The Village agrees to the formation of a Joint Brockport Fire District (JBFD).
2. The Village agrees not to impede creation of the JBFD.
3. The Village agrees to continuation of payments under the existing MOU.
4. Per the attached letter dated 11/22/10, the Towns will deduct their proportional share of the savings from the closing of the dispatch office. The formula would be 7/12 of the line items times each Town’s payment percentage.
5. Both Towns agree to forgive any claims to the 2010 Fire Budget surplus contingent on the formation of the JBFD.
6. The Towns agree to forgive claims to the \$640,000 ambulance surpluses used by the Village in its general fund, contingent on the formation of the JBFD.
7. The Towns agree to forgive claims to 2010 and 2011 workers compensation program refunds that should have been credited to the fire budget or placed in a reserve for future fire department workers compensation premiums, contingent on the formation of the JBFD.
8. Both Towns will extend the fire protection contract with the Village to June 30, 2012. The budget and contract will be developed jointly with the Towns.
9. The Village will provide a report of Fire Department expenses through June 30, 2011.
10. The Village will provide an estimate of the year-end budget on October 1, 2011. It will be reconciled in January 2012 and any surplus will be applied proportionately to all three municipalities’ payments for the contract 1/1/12- 6/30/12.
11. Clarkson agrees to turn over its fire house to the JBFD for \$1.
12. Sweden agrees to build a fire house for the JBFD at a cost between \$125,000 - \$200,000.
13. The Village agrees to turn over all assets of the Village Fire Department to the JBFD.
14. The Village agrees to use all existing reserve funds as a down payment on a piece of firefighting equipment as determined by the current fire chiefs; for example, a new fire truck.

Sincerely,
 Paul Kimball, Supervisor
 Town of Clarkson

