PRESENT Mayor Cota, Deputy Mayor Coppins, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Mang, Fire Chief Beebe, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Trustee Collesano, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Cota called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

RESIDENTS Beautification members**,** Tasia Fitzpatrick and Susan Hofert, provided feedback on the proposed laws to establish the Beautification Committee within the Village. While understanding why the proposed laws are necessary for auditing and financial reasons, they expressed concerns about a five-person board disrupting and dramatically changing how the group currently operates, volunteers not having interest in reporting to a board, being responsible for taking minutes or having meetings, as well as no procedure being defined on how the board members would be chosen.

Mayor Cota clarified that the proposed laws to create the committee are so that Beautification can continue to operate as is, however a system must be put in place to meet financial and legal requirements, including public meeting laws.

A discussion ensued on the bylaws. The Trustees stated that no decision is being made tonight, we will take the time necessary to hear suggestions and do more research on how other communities operate.

Public Hearing to Adopt Local Laws #1-2026 & 2-2026
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6pm to adopt the following local laws:
Local Law #1-2026 – Establish Lewiston Beautification Committee
Local Law #2-2026 - Beautification Committee Bylaws

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the August 17, 2026 meeting minutes, and the September 8, 2026 meeting minutes passed with three yes votes, Trustee Conde abstained.

BILLS A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the September 2026 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

General Fund: $274,637.82
Trust & Agency: $17,034.96
Total: $291,672.78

REPORTS **Police Chief Salada** said Peach Fest went smooth, especially with a busy Saturday due to a sold out concert at Artpark.

Recreation Director McDermott gave an update on the Youth Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee, who are planning to start scheduling quarterly meetings.

Historian Piper gave an update on the museum, the columbarium wall, and said we are getting ready for the Marble Orchard Walks and telling ghost stories in the gazebo on October 9th.

Superintendent Mang gave an update on snow removal, striping in the village, MS4 updates. asphalt patching and leaf pick up which will begin the week of October 26, 2026. The flower baskets will come down next Monday.

Engineer Marino gave an update on the docks at Lewiston Landing and the construction that is about to begin in the first week of October at the Chamber building.

LIAISON/BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Cota gave an update on Haunted Lewiston and announced the special edition of the Sentinel will begin distribution at the Harvest & Hops Festival this weekend.

Deputy Mayor Coppins gave an update on Beautification and plans to meet with the Artpark director.

OLD BUSINESS

724 Onondaga Street – Tree Removal Request

Superintendent Mang said he is still waiting on an estimate from the arborist. A discussion ensued on the residents' bid versus the requirement for the village to pay prevailing wages. No action was taken

NEW BUSINESS

DPW New Hire – Seasonal Laborer Position

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Superintendent Mang to hire Konner Marshall to fill the vacancy of the seasonal DPW position, at a rate of $17.85/hr.

HAL 1st Annual Ghost of William Morgan 5K Race

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by The Historical Association of Lewiston to host the 1st annual Ghost of William Morgan 5K Race on Saturday, October 24, 2026, beginning at 9am.

Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment requests as follows:
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $8,141.00
To: A00-1630-1000 – Red Brick Personal Services - $8,141.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $3,697.00
To: A00-1640-0000 – Central Garage Personal Services - $3,697.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $18,843.00
To: A00-5110-1000 – Streets Maintenance Personal Services - $18,843.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $4,472.00
To: A00-5110-1020 – Streets Maintenance Vacation - $4,472.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $2,450.00
To: A00-5110-1030 – Streets Maintenance Holidays - $2,450.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $490.00
To: A00-5110-1040 – Streets Maintenance Personal Day - $490.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $163.00
To: A00-5110-1050 – Streets Maintenance Float Holiday - $163.00
From: A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements - $4,349.00
From: A00-1990-4000 – Contingent - $525.00
To: A00-7110-1000 – Parks Personal Services - $4,874.00
From: A00-1990-4000 – Contingent - $7,799.00
To: A00-8160-1000 – Refuse & Garbage Personal Services - $7,799.00
From: A00-1990-4000 – Contingent - $6,401.00
To: A00-8189-1000 – Recycling Personal Services - $6,401.00
From: F00-8340-4052 – Trans Dist Outside Contractor - $2,753.00
To: F00-8340-1000 – Trans Dist Personal Services - $2,753.00
From: G00-8120-4052 - Sanitary Sewers Outside Contractor - $597.00
To: G00-8120-4052 – Sanitary Sewers Personal Services - $597.00

The Village Board of Trustees previously approved a new Collective Bargaining Agreement, which includes wage increases resulting in an additional payroll expenditure of $60,680.00. Proposed budget transfers are being presented to provide the necessary appropriations for these increased personal service expenditures. Of the total amount, $42,605.00 is proposed to be transferred from A00-5112-2000 – Permanent Improvements, as the Department of Public Works has completed the CHIPS work and the Superintendent has confirmed that the remaining funds are available for transfer. An additional $14,725.00 is proposed to be transferred from A00-1990-4000 – Contingent, which is an appropriation established to provide funding for unforeseen or additional expenditures that arise during the fiscal year. The remaining $3,350.00 is proposed to be transferred from outside contractor appropriations within the Water and Sewer Funds, where the funds are available for

transfer to the appropriate personal service accounts. These proposed transfers will provide the necessary budget authority for the increased payroll expenditures associated with the approved Collective Bargaining Agreement without requiring the use of fund balance.

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante and seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE RED BRICK FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston has unclassified revenue available for transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to transfer Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seven Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents ($29,507.53) from unclassified revenue to the Red Brick Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, the transfer will provide funding for the continued maintenance, preservation, and improvement of the Red Brick Municipal Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston hereby authorizes the transfer of $29,507.53 from Unclassified Revenue to the Red Brick Fund Balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary accounting entries to effectuate this transfer.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Conde – Yes Fittante – Yes Coppins – Yes Cota - Yes

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante and seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER LINE PROJECT CAPITAL ACCOUNT H19 AND AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF PROJECT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is undertaking and/or anticipating water line infrastructure improvements and related capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to establish a separate capital project account to properly identify, segregate, track, and account for revenues and expenditures associated with the Water Line Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village currently maintains funds within the General Fund that have been designated for water line infrastructure improvements and related eligible capital project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village also maintains a Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund containing funds previously set aside for water line infrastructure improvements and related eligible capital project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees desires to establish a dedicated Water Line Project Capital Account H19 and transfer applicable project funds currently held within the General Fund and, where legally and financially appropriate, funds held within the Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund into the newly established capital account; and

WHEREAS, establishing the dedicated capital account will provide for greater financial transparency, accountability, and proper segregation of funds associated with the Water Line Project, while allowing the Village to accurately track all project-related revenues, transfers, grants, appropriations, and expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston hereby authorizes and directs the establishment of a Water Line Project Capital Account H19 for the purpose of receiving and expending funds related to the Village's water line infrastructure project and associated eligible capital project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the transfer of funds currently designated for the Water Line Project and held within the General Fund to the newly established Water Line Project Capital Account H19, in such amount as determined and authorized through the Village's budgetary and accounting procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the transfer of available funds from the Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund to Water Line Project Capital Account H19, to the extent such transfer is permitted by applicable New York State law and the requirements governing the use of the reserve funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to determine the appropriate amounts available for transfer from the General Fund and, where applicable, the Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund, and to make the necessary accounting entries and transfers to establish and fund Capital Account H19 in accordance with applicable New York State law, the Village's adopted budget, and generally accepted municipal accounting practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the authorized transfers, funds deposited **into Water Line Project Capital Account H19** shall be accounted for separately from the General Fund and shall be restricted to expenditures properly associated with the Water Line Project and related eligible capital project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all expenditures **from Capital Account H19 shall** be made in accordance with applicable Village policies, procurement requirements, budgetary authorizations, grant requirements, and New York State law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer shall maintain appropriate accounting records for Capital Account H19 and shall properly record and account for all transfers, grants, appropriations, project revenues, expenditures, and other funding sources associated with the Water Line Project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Conde – Yes Fittante – Yes Coppins – Yes Cota - Yes

Executive Session
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting to discuss personnel .

DISCUSSION

535 Oxbow – Special Use Permit Renewal
A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the renewal of the special use permit for one year to Lisa Carney-Brochey to operate a beauty salon at 535 Oxbow Lane, based on the following original stipulations, and that no changes have been made:
-Hours of operation between 8am to 8pm
-Maximum of 2 chairs and 2 sinks
-One 9 x 20 parking spot that runs parallel to the street, paved adjacent to the existing driveway is permitted.
-The special use permit is conditional upon approval from the building and fire inspector, DPW and health and safety inspections.

LWRP – Artpark Waterline
A discussion ensued on the SEQR presented to the Board of Trustees to replace waterlines in Artpark. This was reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 14, 2026, who found no issues and referred to Engineer Marino for review. Marino and Superintendent Mang had no concerns, stating it is inside of Artpark, and pressure and flow will remain the same. The Village Board of Trustees stated they have no objections to this project moving forward.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:09pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Mayor Cota, Deputy Mayor Coppins, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick

BUSINESS A discussion ensued on personnel.

ADJOURN A motion was made by and passed unanimously to close the Executive Session and return to a public meeting at 8:13pm.

PUBLIC MEETING

ADJOURN A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk