

- PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Historian Piper
- CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.
- OLD BUSINESS

Niagara Crossing Parking Area/Retaining Wall

A discussion ensued on the proposed retaining wall and perpendicular public parking spaces to be installed by Niagara Crossing Hotel on North First Street across from the hotel.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve a retaining wall and perpendicular public parking spaces on 1st Street with the following stipulations:
 - Add weeping drainage.
 - Extend the length of the parking space 2ft to fit the village code requirement of 9x20 spaces, with compacted back fill.
 - Drawings submitted will be part of specifications in agreement with the Village of Lewiston and Niagara Crossing.
 - Approval conditional upon signing agreement and providing necessary insurance.
 - Provide drawings stamped by Engineer
 - Verify stone base beneath new pavement.
- NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Department Hiring Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve a request by Recreation Director Brendan McDermott to hire Greydan Barnwell for the position of Recreation Leader at the pay rate of \$17.00 an hour.

Recreation Department Hiring Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve a request by Recreation Director Brendan McDermott to hire Carmelo Raimondi for the position of Recreation Leader at the pay rate of \$17.00 an hour.

Department of Public Works Hiring Request

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Superintendent Mang to hire Kyle Winstel for a laborer position with the Department of Public Works at the starting payrate \$22.89/hour.

Department of Public Works Hiring Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Superintendent Mang to hire Jason Wook for a laborer position with the Department of Public Works at the starting payrate \$22.89/hour.

Department of Public Works Hiring Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Superintendent Mang to hire Austin Willis for a seasonal laborer position with the Department of Public Works at the starting pay of \$17.85/hour.

Public Meeting – 2024-2025 Audit

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to hold a public meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30pm to discuss the 2024-2025 Audit with Lumsden and McCormick, CPA.

Facilities Use Request – Field of Flags Ceremony @ Academy Park

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Leah Dowling and Lewiston Porter IEC for use of Academy Park to host a Field of Flags and ceremony on November 7, 2025.

Facilities Use Request - Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale @ Academy Park

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Boy Scout Troop 855 for use of Academy Park on the corner of Cayuga and 9th Street from November 22nd, 2025 through, approximately, December 20, 2025 for their annual Christmas Tree sale.

Facilities Use Request – Farmers Market @ Academy Park

A discussion ensued on the request made by Brian Reilly for use of Academy Park to host weekly farmers markets on Sundays in 2026. Reilly stated he would like to have a true farmers market and a destination for families. The Village Board of Trustees asked Reilly to return to an upcoming meeting with more information on the event and layout. No action was taken.

Budget Amendment Request

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request from Superintendent Mang as follows:

From: A00-8140-4080 – Small Parts – \$208.92

To: A00-8140-1020– Storm Water License - \$208.92

Executive Session

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

DISCUSSION**Traffic at 8th & Center Street**

Deputy Mayor Eydt addressed concerns about the traffic and hazardous conditions at the intersection at 8th Street and Center Street. Police Chief Salada said it is very dangerous and supports a light at that intersection, Mayor Welch asked Salada to write something up and she will contact NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and request a traffic study.

Upward Niagara Matching Grant

Mayor Welch said that the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Lewiston Beautification Committee and Garden Club for a matching grant to purchase new garbage cans along Center Street.

Striped Parking – Center Street

Trustee Fittante suggested that parking spaces be striped along Center Street, spaces every 23 feet in length to help with limited parking and parked vehicles not spacing appropriately. Police Chief Salada asked that 20 feet at intersections and crosswalks be striped as well.

Fire Protection Services Agreement

Treasurer Longwell gave an update on the meeting held with Supervisor Steve Broderick from the Town of Lewiston, Longwell and Deputy Mayor Eydt from the Village, and Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to discuss the Fire Protection Services Award Agreement. Longwell said it was agreed upon that verbiage in the agreement will be changed from \$300 per qualified member to \$500 per vested member, regarding the Town of Lewiston's financial contribution. A few days later I received a call saying that the town was unable to increase the price per vested member to \$500 at this time but will still change the verbiage to vested member. This will increase the Town's contribution to the village from \$3,000 per year to \$29,000 per year. We will schedule a public hearing to vote on the updates to the contract. No action was taken

Energy Lighting Upgrade – Red Brick Gym

Mayor Welch mentioned a program through National Grid to upgrade to energy efficient lighting in the Red Brick Gym, National Grid will cover 70% of the cost, \$9,626.00, and the Village will be responsible for the remaining 30%, \$3,812.10. They will also be installing a new switch so the breaker panel won't have to be used to turn the lights on and off.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the National Grid Energy Lighting Upgrade in the Red Brick Gym.

Updates to Laws & Forms – Facilities Use Agreement, Boat Slip Rental Agreement, Setback Diagram for Zoning Regulations, Definitions in Code
Clerk Fundis presented updated agreements and changes to the code for the Village Board of Trustees and Law Counsel Leone to review for future approval.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Mang

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

NEW BUSINESS **Executive Session**
A discussion ensued on real property and personnel.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:26 pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk