

- PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe
- EXCUSED** Treasurer Longwell
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.
- MINUTES** A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the July 21, 2025 meeting minutes.
- BILLS** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the August 2025 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:
General Fund: \$459,944.02
Trust & Agency: \$11,943.44
Capital Fund: \$8,070.00
Total: \$479,957.46
- REPORTS** **Police Chief Salada** said that they have obtained \$50,000 in grant money from Homeland Security for barricades to be used on Center Street for events, that will supplement what we borrow from Niagara County.
- Mayor Welch said that the police have been addressing the issue with electronic bikes and scooters in the village. Salada said there are laws surrounding this, they are not allowed to operate these if they are under the age of 16. The issues are the kids under 16 doing wheelies in the middle of Center Street and cutting cars off; somebody is going to get killed.
- A discussion ensued on electronic bikes and scooters as well as overall safety for cyclists throughout the village.
- Recreation Director McDermott** gave an update on registration for summer programs, as well as upcoming fall programs, and that the NY BRICKS grant was submitted on Friday, August 15, 2025 for funds related to a possible expansion of the recreation center. We are also putting together a sponsorship for the basketball program, we have already raised \$4,250 to help keep costs down for families.
- NEW BUSINESS** **Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market 2026 Season**
A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Rachel Jolbert for use of Academy Park to hold the Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market on Saturday's from 7am to 2pm beginning May 31, 2026 through October 27, 2026, and for use of the pavilion and extending the rental time to 4pm on June 27, 2026 and October 10, 2026. The market will not be held during the weekends the park will be used for Peach Fest. This approval is conditional upon an updated facilities use agreement being signed, and the required insurances being obtained and filed with the Clerk's office.
- Rhythm & Roots Festival 2026**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Native Connection Inc. for use of Academy Park to hold the Rhythm & Roots Festival on Saturday, July 25, 2026 12pm to 12am. This approval is conditional upon an updated facilities use agreement being signed, and the required insurances being obtained and filed with the Clerk's office.
- Executive Session**
A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting to discuss real property and personnel
- DISCUSSION** **Waterlines**
Trustee Eydt asked about the status of the new waterline to be installed in the village. Engineer Marino said the EPA grant is going through the NEPA process, then we will

have to work with the parkway. Engineer Marino was asked if there are other grant opportunities available for infrastructure projects; Marino said that there are, however, they are very difficult to get because the grants are normally awarded to disadvantaged communities.

Trustee Fittante asked what the status is for the new storm sewer being installed to help with the recent flooding issues. Superintendent Mang said we are just waiting for the materials.

Smoking In Public Parks

Clerk Fundis gave an update on a recent concern brought to the Village Board of Trustees regarding smoking in public parks at a recent event held by a private organization. Fundis said the facilities use agreement that the organizers sign already has verbiage stating that smoking is not permitted. The Village has also ordered No Smoking or Vaping signs to be put in the park for the police to enforce this matter.

Shoring Safety Device

Superintendent Mang provided information and an estimate for a shoring safety device that is OSHA compliant that will provide a high level of security for the laborers. It prevents caving in and somebody becoming engulfed. It is a 4x7 aluminum box that will accommodate what we need to do.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a shoring safety device.

Lighting at Academy Park

Mayor Welch stated that updates are needed on the electricity in Academy Park, especially with all the new use of it. We need more power boxes, and a light on by the restroom shining into the park. It is very dark in that area at night. We will revisit this for the next budget.

REPORTS

Clerk Fundis updated the Trustees on the special use permit granted to Lisa Brochey at 535 Oxbow Lane to permit a hair salon in the residential home. Fundis said the permit will expire at the end of the month, and a letter was sent to Brochey informing her that she will need to reapply and be approved by the Village Board of Trustees if she would like to continue. If an application is not submitted by the expiration date, another letter will be sent informing her that she has to cease operation.

Superintendent Mang said the fish cleaning station had issues over the weekend. I would like permission to get an estimate for a flush valve; this was eliminated with the update to the station. We have no water source, and the grinder keeps backing up. I also want to propose charging an entry fee for use of the fish cleaning station. Monitoring this could be added to the Harbor Masters' operations. I am suggesting a one-time fee of \$5.00 for the day, other municipalities charge a fee. This fee will help with upgrades and repairs and will hopefully hinder abuse. This price would be included in season launch passholders and Lewiston Landing slip holders. The abuse is not by the charter captains; it is people coming here from other areas.

Law Counsel Leone updated the board on a request from the recreation department to sign a document for a grant for an addition to the Red Brick Recreation facilities, and that a deed and survey were found and obtained after a difficult search.

Engineer Marino said he has been working on quotes for Trustee Coppins for the windows, doors, and roof for the Chamber of Commerce building.

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Welch gave an update on the new bathrooms being constructed in the bottom floor of the Red Brick building. We are looking into updates to the gym floor too.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the Executive Session to order at 6:52pm.

NEW BUSINESS **Executive Session**
A discussion ensued on offers submitted for the sale of the Little Yellow House at 476 Center Street.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:06pm and enter into a public meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

BUSINESS **Little Yellow House – 476 Center Street Property Sale**
A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, a motion was duly made and seconded to accept an offer for the sale of the property known as the Little Yellow House, located at 476 Center Street; and

WHEREAS, the offer submitted provides for a purchase price of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00), with a down payment of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the purchaser has agreed that the property shall be sold “as is”, with no inspection contingency, and to accept the 2025 survey; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated closing date shall be on or about September 15, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the sale of the Little Yellow House, located at 476 Center Street, under the terms set forth above.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:
Fittante – Yes Conde – Yes Coppins – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch - Yes

ADJOURN A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the public meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:10pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

BUSINESS A discussion ensued on DPW laborer’s health insurance and employment status.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:33pm and enter into a public meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

BUSINESS Laborer Wende MacKellar Health Insurance

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante to cancel Wende MacKellar’s health insurance effective immediately based on knowledge of new employment.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:34pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk