

PRESENT

Mayor Collesano, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Sutherland, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Law Counsel Joseph Leone, Engineer Michael Marino, Bldg. Insp. Candella, Police Chief Previte, Zoning Officer DeVantier and Clerk Treasurer Salada.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Collesano called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIDENCE

No residents came forward to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was brought forward for questions or discussion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Sutherland to approve the September 18, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes and the October 2, 2017 Village Work Session minutes as presented.

BILLS Trustee Sutherland made a motion saying he found the vouchers in order and to pay the Vouchers as listed, Trustee Gibson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously to pay the October 2017 vouchers totaling:

GENERAL FUND: \$89,294.25 TRUST AND AGENCY: \$26,098.74

REPORTS

Police Chief Previte reported that he received notification from the District Attorney that the Lewiston Police Department has been awarded grant funding for two cameras on Center St. These cameras will allow for live recorded feed to a website. The website will be available to the Village Board and Supt. of Public Works also.

Trustee Eydt asked how large of an area will the cameras cover.

Chief Previte answered I will not know until I see it, it is a circular type.

Trustee Eydt asked if this camera can be connected to the other cameras at Hennepin Park and down at Lewiston Landing.

Chief Previte said I will have to look into that, it depends on how it is wired.

Trustee Eydt said that would give you more coverage.

Building Inspector Ken Candella said he had submitted his written report.

Project Liaison Skip Hauth, reported that Ellicott Development delivered environmental plans for Building number two, I plan to review them the first part of next week. There is nothing significant in the plans. I have not been given the schedule of activity for this construction site. The Construction site is fairly stable and they have been maintaining the fence.

Building Inspector Candella asked if there was a PDF form of the Ellicott Development environmental plan.

Hauth answered not yet.

Project Liaison Hauth continued reporting on 765 Fairchild Place construction; I have a number of contacts going underway for the earth work and civil work to be done before the snow flies. I have been asking for the project activity plan. Mayor Collesano said that's good news we are all getting questions about these projects.

Hauth said they developers are not active on the site but they are in the background; the ball is in their court.

Zoning Officer Ed DeVantier said his written report was submitted.

Trustee Sutherland asked Zoning Officer DeVantier about 880 Onondaga Street.

Zoning Officer DeVantier said the first step is to report the property to the Zombie Hotline. The neighbors have already contacted the mortgage holder.

Recreation Director McDermott announced that Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM the Recreation Center will host the annual Halloween Party in the Gymnasium. The Circle K, Niagara University and Lewiston Porter volunteers will be helping again this year, they do a great job.

Recreation Director McDermott further reported that the Kids Bingo event had great attendance, and again the Key Club of Lewiston Porter did a great job assisting with that event.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Sutherland and Trustee Gibson reported that the Lewiston Fire Company #1 had an upcoming Wine tasting and Pairing event; November 3, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Police Chief Previte was to assess the need for more Speed limit Signs on Mohawk Streets full length From North Second Street to North Ninth Street.

Chief Previte said he drove the Mohawk Street area and many areas where a speed limit sign would be helpful. Chief Previte said four speed signs would be helpful on Mohawk St. I also noticed that there are not enough on other Village Streets like Onondaga and Oneida Streets. He suggested that when Supt. Brolinski gets back they take a ride and put together a list where signs are needed.

Mayor Collesano said good, thank you Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN TRICK & TREAT HOURS

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to set the Halloween Trick and Treating date and time as follows; October 31, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Village of Lewiston.

CHAMBER LEASE AT 895 CENTER STREET

A motion was made by Trustee Sutherland seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve renewal of the Lease agreement with the Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce 895 Center St. Lewiston, NY for the term of five years commencing on January 1, 2018.

GARDEN CLUB GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request from the Lewiston Garden Club allowing them to apply for a \$1000 grant from the National Garden Club. The funds would be used to create a stone wall around one of the gardens on Center St.

Marianne Gittermann gave a brief presentation on the request from the Garden Club to apply for a Plant America Grant worth \$1,000. A location had not been chosen yet for the improvement that could be decided if and when they awarded the grant.

Mayor Collesano said I have no problem with approving this request the only thing I would like to draw attention to is that Center Street is owned by NYS DOT and approval may have to come from them also.

Marianne Gittermann concluded saying we appreciate all the Village Board does for us.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Sutherland and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments as submitted by the Supt. of Public Works and Clerk Treasurer Salada:

From – A00-5110-4091 Streets Maint. Asphalt	\$7,488.04	To – A00-5112-2000 Permanent Improvements	\$7,488.04
From – A00-5110-1000 Streets Maint. Payroll	\$506.00	To – A00-8810-1000 Cemeteries Payroll	\$506.00
From – A00-3620-2000 Safety Inspection Equip.	\$320.00	To – A00-3620-4130 Safety Insp. Schools and Travel	\$320.00
From – F00-9040-8000 Compensation	\$20.00	To – A00-9040-8000 Compensation	\$20.00
From – G00-9040-8000 Compensation	\$20.00	To – A00-9040-8000 Compensation	\$20.00
From – G00-8130-4170 WWTP	\$675.74	To – A00-1325-4150 Clerk Treasurer Other Expenses	\$675.74

LEWISTON FIRE CO NO 1 MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Sutherland and passed unanimously to approve the conditional memberships of Nicole Sequin and Amanda Mrzygut as presented by Lewiston Fire Company No. 1.

765 FAIRCHILD PLACE ROOF LINE APPROVALS

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Sutherland to approve the design changes for 765 Fairchild Place, James Jerge; The roof line the utility closets being placed in the pillars on the outside of the apartment buildings, along with the colors as presented and recommended at the Planning Board meeting on October 10, 2017.

Mayor Collesano asked Clerk Treasurer Salada to poll the Village Board the voting was as follows:

Trustee Gibson	“YES”	Trustee Sutherland	“YES”
Trustee Eydt	“YES”	Trustee Conde	“YES”
Mayor Collesano	“YES”		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Sutherland seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to enter into executive session immediately following this Village Board meeting to discuss pending litigation.

DISCUSSION

Law Counsel Joseph Leone gave an update on the Frontier House 460 Center Street:

Law Counsel Leone said at the September 2017 Historic Preservation meeting it was determined to move forward and send a letter to Richard Hastings outlining requests for a repair schedule, informing him of available grant funds and time line

restrictions. The time frames previously given to Mr. Hastings have come and gone; the owner of the building has been asked to do some things and did not. There was talk about suitable contractors with Historic Building expertise, and fines for the work deadlines.

Law Counsel Leone continued saying the Hist. Preservation Commission is looking for information from the owner at the October 23, 2017 meeting. The county Clerk's records say the property is owned by a corporation. The Hist. Preservation Commission is hoping to meet with the owner and get this back on the right track, and assist with applying for State and Federal grant funding.

Mayor Collesano opened discussion on the Niagara County water rate increase:

Mayor Collesano started by mentioning a recent Niagara Gazette article highlighting the Village of Youngstown's water rate increase.

Trustee Conde asked if this increase is county wide.

Trustee Sutherland said yes it varies as to whether you contract with the County or if you do not. The Village of Lewiston does contract and could see an increase of .15cents per thousand gallons of usage, which would be an increase of \$4,000 per quarter.

Mayor Collesano added that we will not be sure until Niagara County Officials vote just what we are looking at. At this time we are just notifying of the possible change in the rate. This change would take effect in January 2018.

Trustee Eydt opened a discussion saying it has been brought to his attention that two Village Trees have been cut down without the Village Board's approval.

Trustee Eydt continued saying one individual came to the Village Board and asked for permission to cut the tree down and was told no. The tree has since been cut down. I think there should be something done.

Trustee Sutherland said should we start with a Police Report.

Chief Previte said yes that is considered Criminal Mischief.

Law Counsel Leone said the Real Property Law says something about willfully damaging a tree of mature value. I will look into this please put this under old business on the November 6, 2017 work session agenda.

Trustee Eydt said they are Village Trees, the people's trees you can't just go around and cut them down willie nillie, free rein.

REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer Salada reported that on October 31, 2017 any unpaid Village Tax bills will be forwarded to Niagara County Real Property for collection. Currently there is \$22,434.06 in outstanding taxes due. I am confident that that number will be reduced by more payments before the October 31, 2017 deadline.

Clerk Salada spoke about training her office employees had been attending. She also spoke about the Records Grant progression saying that the records were currently at Beil's being scanned into the new program.

Law Counsel Joseph Leone reported that he started to look into drones and no sooner had I done that did I find out that Orchard Park has rescinded their laws on drones. I don't necessarily know on what grounds to tread on at this time. The FAA is really concerned about air space. This is an enormous evolving area of law we will have to wait and see.

Chief Previte said we don't have anything enforceable; trespassing is the only possibility, if the drone is below the height of the structure (home).

Trustee Sutherland asked if a compliant is made that someone is spying and can prove it, if a drone comes to a window or over a pool in a backyard that not enforceable.

Chief Previte said yes and no if it's obvious for example five feet off the ground then yes, the height has to be determined.

Trustee Sutherland said that's crazy.

Engineer Marino reported on his research for village water lines. I am researching water lines and the possibility of connecting to other lines to assist with water pressure throughout the Village of Lewiston. I will compile my findings and make a recommendation. Hopefully next Spring there can be some upgrades.

Engineer Marino continued saying I am still waiting for news on the waterfront: waiting for the water level to recede.

Trustee Eydt recommended that Engineer Marino reach out to Renee Parsons of the New York State Department of State office.

Engineer Marino said I will touch base with Renee Parsons and let her know we are in a holding pattern.

Engineer Marino said he has been working with Supt. Brolinski to put together an application to Greenway for funds to improve the Fish Cleaning Station Bathrooms.

Engineer Marino said I do not know how to proceed with the Pathway Grant.

Trustee Eydt answered get ahold of Bernie Rotella he worked on that grant he will be able to assist you.

Engineer Marino spoke of the upcoming Grant opportunity for an Electric Vehicle Charge Station in the Village of Lewiston. Marino said there are many ways to set this up most commonly the customer prepays for a set amount of time to charge the vehicle, the Village would host the site charge a rate and receive funds for the service.

Trustee Eydt said we are a destination we should look at this.

Engineer Marino said he believes it is a first come first serve type of grant.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Eydt reported that he would like to revisit the electrical wires and poles down at Lewiston Landing. Trustee Eydt said I was down there recently and noticed that it looked like a spider web going this way and that. There are six electric poles in that one block of Lewiston Landing and one big transformer. Can we reach out to National Grid and see if there is a solution.

Mayor Collesano said he recalls that National Grid was willing to work with the Village of Lewiston on that project and make some changes. I remember the cost at \$375,000.

Trustee Eydt said we have to repair that waterfront area. We need to take a good look at this.

Trustee Sutherland said I would like to thank the Dept. of Public Works for putting the fence up around the power box at Academy Park.

Trustee Sutherland further reported that he, Trustee Eydt, Pam and Skip Hauth, and thirty three other volunteers came out to polish the Freedom Crossing Monument and the Tuscarora Monument.

Trustee Sutherland also thanked Recreation Director McDermott for looking into holding a UNYTS blood drive in the gymnasium.

Mayor Collesano reported that his family and he recently attended a presentation of After the Sun Fell (a movie filmed in the Village of Lewiston). Mayor Collesano said the movie was very well presented; I had a small cameo spot in this film production. I was told they were happy to have been in Lewiston and that they would like to come back.

Josh Meloni the Niagara Frontier Publications reporter said that Mayor Collesano was very good in his six seconds of this movie production.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Collesano had Clerk Treasurer Salada read the announcements as follow:

There will be a Village Board Work Session Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM held in the Village Hall Municipal Building.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet for any appeals on November 14, 2017 at 6:30 in the Village Hall Municipal Building.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Village Hall Municipal Building.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously adjourn the Village board meeting at 6:54 PM and enter into executive session.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT

Mayor Collesano, Law Counsel Joseph Leone, Trustee Sutherland, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Eydt, and Clerk Treasurer Salada.

A brief discussion was held no action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM with a motion from Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer