

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2018

PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Trustee Marasco, Trustee Conde, Trustee Eydt, Law Counsel Joseph Leone, Building Inspector Candella, Supt. Brolinski, Captain Cain, Engineer Marino, and Clerk Treasurer Salada.

EXCUSED

Trustee Gibson, and Zoning Officer DeVantier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Welch opened the public hearing at 6:05 to amend the Village Code Section §11-46 15-minute parking; and Sec 11-37 Two-hour limit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM excluding Sundays and holidays. These local laws are requested to be removed from the village code.

Judy Munzi of the Lewiston Advisory Council, said I knew we had a two-hour parking limit on Center St. but it is not enforced. She asked why now are you looking to remove it from the code.

Mayor Welch answered this is just a housekeeping item; we recognize that it is almost impossible to enforce. We want to encourage visitors to come and stay, as long as they would like, and not worry about if they need to move their car.

Judy Munzi replied I know we want to be friendly to visitors but there are times when the two-hour parking rule is valuable. To me why take this off the books when you might in the future put it back on the books.

Mayor Welch said it is impossible for the police to enforce the two-hour parking; we have no meters, and no way to know how long the vehicle has been parked there.

Judy Munzi asked if the Village Board of Trustees had any intention on meeting with the businesses and discuss this further.

Mayor Welch suggested that the fifteen-minute parking be removed from the Village Code but that the Village Board delay making a change to the two-hour parking law until they discuss this with the businesses.

Trustee Eydt made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:16 PM, Trustee Marasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS

Marianne Gittermann stood and said she was here tonight representing the Garden Club; we would like to make Seneca Park (Bug Park) better with your permission. We would like to make Seneca Park maintenance friendly. Plant some Hydrangeas, lay down weed shield cloth, add some rock beds, remove the mounded ground and place some birdhouses in the area. We will hire a landscaper to assist with this project, trim the trees and shrubbery.

Trustee Marasco said I think that the Lewiston Library will be thrilled, Seneca Park is always weed ridden.

Mayor Welch said we appreciate your work on this project.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO SENECA PARK

Trustee Marasco made a motion to approve the Garden Clubs request to improve Seneca Park making it maintenance friendly, Trustee Eydt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Eydt mentioned the correspondence and donation the village received from the vendors who participated in the Hops and Harvest Festival toward safety barricades to be used at future festivals. Trustee Eydt asked for a motion to appoint the money designation to be placed in an account available to the Dept. of Public Works.

DESIGNATE FUNDS TO DPW

Trustee Eydt made a motion to debit the \$305 dollars donated by the vendors at the Hops and Harvest Festival to an account that is available for the Dept. of Public Works to use toward barricades and safety needs for future events. Trustee Conde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Trustee Conde made a motion to approve the September 17, 2018 and October 1, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes, Trustee Marasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BILLS

Trustee Conde said I have checked the October 2018 vouchers to be paid and found them to be in order and I make a motion for approval, Trustee Eydt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously to pay the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$211, 745.76	TRUST & AGENCY	\$11,961.02
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REPORTS:

Police Captain Cain said no report

Trustee Marasco said I heard on the evening news tonight at 5:30 PM that Taser the Lewiston Police dog is retiring due to Cancer.

Captain Cain answered, yes Taser was found to have lumps on his Lymph Nodes, he was sent to Cornell Small Animal Hospital and they estimated he had six weeks to live. Meanwhile Officer Stafford made a call to Homeland Security and they gave the Lewiston Police another Police Dog who is named Shadow. Homeland Security paid for the dog, and his training. The new dog has already started training.

Building Inspector Candella said no new projects just working along on those already approved.

Trustee Eydt asked how often do you stop in on the Fairchild Place construction site.

Building Inspector Candella said last week I spend four hours there on site. They are just about five weeks out of drywall completion. I did not find anything major during my inspection.

Trustee Eydt asked if the four and one had begun.

Engineer Marino answered the Supt of Public works is marking things out to begin. We have a plan to work things out with the contractors and in the next few weeks you should see the cuts in the pavement for the Sewer Lines.

Mayor Welch said both projects are going well it is looking nice, Rivers Edge is going very well also.

Trustee Conde questioned the elevation of the Ellicott Project Site, saying why is it so high.

Engineer Marino said I am not sure about that; I can check the elevation out.

Trustee Conde said it looks like it needs to be graded down. I thought the minimum was five inches off the side of the road.

Building Inspector Candella said the garage is twelve inches above the road, it is not necessarily a minimum.

Fire Inspector Beebe said I only have my written report which was submitted.

Recreation Director McDermott reported that the Annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Redbrick Gymnasium. The number of attendees usually depends on the weather. We get a lot of volunteers from Niagara University Circle K Kids and the Key Club. We hosted Bingo for kids and had one hundred and five attendees, we were very pleased with that. Our Children's and Adult Oil Painting is underway and the Boys and Girls Basketball for grades six, seventh and eighth has begun.

Mayor Welch said to Recreation Director McDermott you have an awesome department. I recently met with Senator Ortt and after our meeting we went for a walk through the building and down to the Recreation Department, he was amazed especially with the Recreation Department Weight Room.

Recreation Director McDermott said the thing about the weight room is that we get an influx of teens, teens who cannot use the fitness center at their school.

Mayor Welch added I also want to say I appreciate that you have been working on the Inclusive Playground for Toohey Park and with the plans for Academy Park.

Historian Russ Piper reported I have a new acquisition in my museum collection, and I have been working with a local author who is writing a fictional novel with a time setting of 1839 to 1843. I finally found a horologist to restore the French Clock in the museum room. Also I have been working with the Historic Association of Lewiston and incoming inquiries.

Mayor Welch said I appreciate the work you are doing and your knowledge; if anyone hasn't been to Russ Pipers Museum down the hall in the Redbrick I recommend that you visit soon.

LIAISON REPORTS:

There were no liaison reports given.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

REMOVE THE FIFTEEN MINUTE PARKING FROM VILLAGE CODE

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the amendment to remove Section §11-46 (fifteen-minute parking) of the Village of Lewiston, New York:

LEWISTON FIRE CO. NO1 MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the following membership requests from Lewiston Fire Company No. 1:

Conditional Membership – **Sara Ann MacFarlane**
Resignation of Membership- **Kimberly Ray Hill**

SET DATE FOR HISTORIC LEWISTON NORTHWEST JAZZ FESTIVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request from Northwest Jazz Festival of Lewiston, New York to hold the 17th consecutive event on August 23, and August 24, 2019.

Mayor Welch said that once the new facility contract is complete they will be completing that form. She also said that Historic Lewiston will be incorporated into the title of this event once again.

RE-INVEST VILLAGE FUNDS

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to give Mayor Welch approval to reinvest village funds into U. S. Treasury bills on October 25, 2018. The amount of \$998,380.00 is to be invested for a sixty-day period.

The Village of Lewiston made \$1,617.50 during the 09/01/2018 to 09/30/2018 investment period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss Mayor Appointments.

WATER AND SEWER CORRECTIONS

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request from Stephanie Myers Deputy Clerk to correct two final water sewer bill amounts in the computer due to a programming error.

NIAGARA RIVER REGION CHAMBER TO USE REDBRICK FOYER

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from Jennifer Pauly of the Niagara River Region Chamber asking to use the lobby at Village Hall for Tour of Homes ticket pick up and point of sale location. The request is for December 1, and December 2, 2018 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

BANK OF AMERICA LIGHTING CHANGE AT 767 CAYUGA STREET

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt and seconded by Trustee Marasco to approve the request from Bank of America 767 Cayuga St. to have two area lights as well as five LED canopy lights for the ATM Drive through with the option that if the wattage is problem then the wattage will be lowered. This project #2018-68 was approved by the Planning Board on October 9, 2018. In addition to the lighting approval the Village Board included approval for white picket fencing; option two as presented to the Village Board.

REDBRICK LEASE CONTRACT FOR ROOM 8

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to lease room 8 in the Redbrick municipal building to Shipp in Great Lakes an internet consulting business for one year starting November 1, 2018, at a rate of \$180 per month.

FACILITY CONTRACT WITH WILLOW CONSULTING FOR ARTISAN MARKET

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from Jamie Symmonds of Willow Marketing to hold an Artisans Market on Saturdays, May 2019 through October 2019 in Academy Park for a onetime fee of \$100.

REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer no report.

Engineer Marino reported that they are working on all things Lewiston Landing; we will have the bids ready before the next regular board meeting. I am included in a conference call Wednesday October 17, 2018 with Valeria Ivan of the NYS Dept. of State to give a review of the Lewiston Landing LWRP Grant to extend the contract. My hope is to get all the work done with in the existing deadline but I will take an extension for this project also.

Trustee Eydt said I would like to look at the work bids before they are sent out.

Engineer Marino added that he is waiting for some determination with the property ownership and the Whirlpool JetBoat.

Law Counsel Joseph Leone said he had some items to disclose in confidence to the Village Board.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Conde said no report.

Trustee Eydt said no report

Trustee Marasco said no report

Mayor Welch reported I have been pretty busy working on the all-inclusive playground and park at Toohey Park. I met with Jason Evchich for the Toohey Park Masons Mission playground. I went to St. Peters RC Schools playground ribbon cutting. I met with Senator Ortt and he wants to help us with our community improvements. I met with Lynn Marinelli of the Empire State Development, attended a ribbon cutting at the Fresh Fit Foods new location on Portage and Center St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Treasurer Salada read the following announcements:

The next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom, 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

The next Historic Preservation meeting will be held on October 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom at 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for October 23, 2018 is scheduled in the boardroom 145 N 4th St. Lewiston

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the boardroom, 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

Halloween Trick and Treating hours have been set for October 31, 2018 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The annual Village of Lewiston Recreation Halloween party is scheduled for October 31, 2018 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

ADJOURN

Trustee Conde made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting and enter into executive session to discuss Mayor Welch's appointments. Trustee Eydt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously at 6:55 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT

Law Counsel Joseph Leone, Mayor Welch, Trustee Marasco, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, and Clerk Treasurer Salada

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A brief discussion was held beginning at 7:09 PM no action was taken during the discussion.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn the executive session and enter into an open meeting session was made by Trustee Conde, seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously at 7:14.

Clerk Treasurer Salada went into the hallway and invited those who stayed back into the open meeting.

OPEN MEETING RESUMED

Mayor Welch reopened the Village Board meeting at 7:16 PM

MOTION TO ASK FOR A SIXTY DAY EXTENSION / FRONTIER HOUSE

Trustee Eydt made a motion to give Law Counsel Joseph Leone approval to ask for a sixty-day extension to the Frontier House contract. Trustee Conde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION TO APPOINT STEPHANIE MYERS AS DEPUTY TREASUER

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to change the appointment of Stephanie Myers from Deputy Clerk to Deputy Treasurer effective immediately.

MOTION TO APPOINT STACEY SHEEHAN AS DEPUTY CLERK

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to appoint Stacey Sheehan as Deputy Clerk effective immediately at a rate of \$30,000 per fiscal year.

Mayor Welch said she reviewed the applications on file and found that Stacey Sheehan was the best fit for the job.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 7:18 PM

Amy Salada Clerk Treasurer