

BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch opened the Village Board Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Trustee Conde, Trustee Marasco, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Previte and Clerk Treasurer Salada.

EXCUSED

Trustee Gibson, Trustee Eydt, Supt. Brolinski, Zoning Officer DeVantier, and Building Insp. Candella.

RESIDENTS

No residents came forward to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco and seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three yes votes to approve of the October 15, 2018 and November 5, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes as written.

BILLS Trustee Gibson had the vouchers to audit and had relayed the message to Mayor Welch that he found no errors and recommended that they be accepted for payment.

Trustee Conde made a motion to accept the November 2018 vouchers for payment as recommended by Trustee Gibson. Trustee Marasco seconded the motion and it passed with three votes to pay the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$364,068.61	TRUST & AGENCY	\$2,509.06
CAPITAL	\$4,914.00		

REPORTS

Police Chief Previte reported; the Police Department has survived another Festival Season as well as concerts. We are all set for the Christmas Walk and Santa’s arrival as well. I had the opportunity to do an active shooter presentation at the Lewiston Library for the staff. I also have done one for the Town of Lewiston’s employees. I would like to offer to do one for the Village of Lewiston if you are interested.

Mayor Welch said yes this would be good to do.

Brendan McDermott Recreation Director reported that he had submitted his written monthly report and gave a few highlights; the Annual Halloween Party went off without a hitch; approximately one hundred adults and children attended. I want to thank the local businesses and the community for the donations of over seven hundred dollars in cash, candy, and pizza.

It rained for the annual Wild Turkey Hunt but we still had seventy-five participants which I thought was a great turnout, said McDermott.

Recreation Director McDermott said the contract for use of the WTS facility has been finalized for the tennis program. I opened up registration for this program this afternoon and I already have two registrants; this is going to be a popular program for us.

The Boys and Girls Basketball leagues were the largest that we have seen in five years, it is also on the upswing. Along with this the Lewiston Porter Varsity boys and Girls Basketball teams are supposed to be great this year.

In terms of the upcoming Christmas Season we have the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Friday November 30, 2018 followed by Breakfast with Santa, and Cookies and Crafts with Santa. We have a busy few weeks coming.

Recreation Director McDermott added I work as a counselor for Frontier School; we have done the active shooter presentation at our school and it is a fantastic experience. I would like to be a part of this presentation when it is offered.

William Brodie Chairman of the Zoning Board Appeals reported they had a variance request for 700 Oxbow Lane pool house which was approved.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Welch said Trustee Marasco and I have met with many of these groups Artpark, and Jazz Festival, we try to make all the meetings.

Trustee Marasco added we met with Senator Higgins at the Niagara County LEAP meeting; his message was we need to work on infrastructure upgrades and medicine and medical coverage. We went to the opening of the Shop Local it went well, Anne (Mayor Welch) and I went and we bought, we shopped.

Mayor Welch said we have some really nice shops; I hope everyone takes advantage.

Trustee Marasco added the wreaths and garlands have been put up on Center Street, I would like to thank the Garden Club for their work. Mayor Welch and I went to Pendleton to visit the Mason's Mission Park, it is amazing, we are hoping to see a park like this in Toohey Park.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three votes to approve the request to remove Local Law Section 11-37 the two-hour parking limit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM excluding Sundays and holidays from the Village code.

Mayor Welch said a public hearing was held on October 15, 2018 to amend Village Code Section §11-46 15-minute parking; and Sec 11-37 Two-hour parking limit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM excluding Sundays and holidays. These local laws were requested to be removed from the village code.

The two-hour parking portion of this public hearing approval was delayed until input from the local businesses was obtained. This law is almost impossible to enforce and we feel it is best to remove it from the

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three yes votes to approve the request from Boy Scout Troop 855 to hold the annual Christmas Tree Sale at Academy Park; corner of Cayuga and S. Ninth St. November 25, 2018 to December 23, 2018.

HOSPICE DASH 5k & MIGHTY NIAGARA HALF MARATHON

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three yes votes to approve the request from Maureen Rizzo representing Hospice Dash 5k and the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon asking to hold this event on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

PET WASTE CLEANUP AT ACADEMY PARK

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three yes votes to approve the request from Lewiston Animal Hospital to place a Pet Waste Cleanup Station at Academy Park at the corner of Portage Rd and Cayuga St.

ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three yes votes to allow the Village of Lewiston Recreation Department to use Hennepin Park on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM to hold the annual "Lighting of the Holiday Tree".

RECREATION TO HIRE ANITA HARLESS/ANOTHER THYME ENTERTAINMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three yes votes to approve the request from Recreation Director McDermott to hire Anita Harless form musical group "Another Thyme" as musical entertainment for the annual Lighting of the Holiday Tree at Hennepin Park on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM, in the amount of \$75.00 from account A00-7310-4120 (Events).

LEWISTON FIRE COMPANY NO 1

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three votes to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No 1 to accept the resignation of **Carter Milano** from the membership roster.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 470 RIDGE STREET

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three votes to approve the development plan for 470 Ridge Street (new build). This plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Board and is contingent on Historic Preservation Commissions approval on November 26, 2018.

Trustee Conde asked why is this approval coming to the Village Board of Trustees before the Historic Preservation Commission gives their approval.

Mayor Welch said that once the structure was taken down the site was no longer historic. The developer has agreed to resemble the current structures on Ridge Street.

Clerk Treasurer Salada said this had gone to the Historical Preservation previously under a different owner with a different development plan and at that time they were advised that the property was historic even without the structure on it. More recently the Chairman of Historic Preservation has corrected that previous statement made by another individual to be that without the historic structure the property is not historic unless the property is located in the Historic District. So with this clarification; only property in the historic district is historic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three votes to enter into executive session immediately following this Village Board meeting to discuss a proposed contract and the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

RIVERS EDGE DUMPSTER RELOCATION

Trustee Conde made a motion to approve the request from Sam Talarico for the Rivers Edge Condominium project at 20 Tuscarora Street; to relocate the dumpster away from the condominium building and closer to the right of way. This motion was seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three yes votes.

Trustee Conde asked the new placement is not at the street or in the right of way correct.

Mayor Welch answered no it will not be, and it will be screened in.

Fire Inspector Beebe said the dumpster needs to be screened in.

Trustee Conde said I just want to be sure that everything is covered, I am okay as long as it is not on the right of way and as long as it is screened in.

William Brodie said if there is no other option and this change does not require a variance I am fine.

DISCUSSION

REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer Salada reported on that the training of her two deputies is going well. She also said I have completed my written report from the NYCOM Fall Training School and have distributed the report to the Village Board members. I am available to discuss the material anytime you would like to.

Clerk Treasurer Salada continued with; The KeyBank Investment Account was reinvested on October 25, 2018 and now has a value of 1,003,000.00. We have made a profit of \$3,159.45.

Clerk Treasurer Salada concluded with; Deputy Treasurer Myer, Fire Chief Les Myers and I are meeting with Jerry Mann of BMG Insurance Consultants on November 27, 2018 to discuss Cancer Insurance options for Lewiston Fire Company No. 1, and then Deputy Myers and I will meet with Jerry Mann to discuss options for 2019 employee health insurance options.

Law Counselor Leone said nothing at this time.

Engineer Marino from Nussbaumer and Clarke reported we have been working on buttoning up the bid package for the Lewiston Landing damage, and move forward with the Lewiston Landing project. I had a recent visit with the Village's Insurance Company and the Insurance Companies Engineer. We have been going back and forth on the Lewiston Landing project.

Engineer Marino continued saying he has talked to DASNY (Dept. of State New York) to relocate funding which was previously set for certain improvements at Lewiston Landing. We are hoping to change the Lewiston Landing improvements request and are hopeful to include Toohey Park behind the Redbrick. I have sent the details of what the village proposes to do on those properties. DASNY has had some personnel changes and it has been hard to get a person of contract. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Conde reported I have initiated a meeting on November 26, 2018 with Theresa Little of Nussbaumer and Clarke to discuss the heating and cooling for the Redbrick School municipal building.

Trustee Marasco reported that Mayor Welch and I helped at the Lower Niagara Moose Lodge pull raffle numbers.

Mayor Welch reported I have been very busy every single day going to meetings, fund raisers, and events. I am here every day at 9:30 AM if you need me; I'm here.

Mayor Welch said Happy Thanksgiving have a good holiday, enjoy your families and your meal.

Mayor Welch saw Russ Piper Village Historian in the audience and asked if he had anything to report.

Russ Piper, Village Historian reported that he will be in his museum room every day for the Christmas Walk; December 1, 2018 and December 2, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Treasurer Salada read the following announcements:

The next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom, 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

The next Historic Preservation meeting will be held on November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the boardroom at 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018 has been canceled due to no business.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the boardroom, 145 N 4th St. Lewiston.

The Village Clerk's office and the Dept. of Public Works will be closed on Thursday November 22, 2018 and Friday November 23, 2018 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Reminder that starting December 1, 2018 according to Village Law there is no parking on Village Streets 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM

All leaves must be bagged and placed to the roadway after December 1, 2018.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed with three votes to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session to discuss the Collective Bargaining agreement and a proposed contract at 6:25 PM.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT

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

A conversation was held between the Village Board of Trustees and Law Counsel Leone no action was taken.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco, seconded by Trustee Conde and passed with three votes to adjourn the executive session at 7:21 PM.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer