

BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch opened the Village Board meeting with the Pledge of Allience at 6:00 PM.

RESIDENTS

No residence came forward to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was brought forward.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and pass unanimously to approve the November 19, 2018 and December 3, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes.

BILLS Trustee Marasco made a motion to pay the December 2018 vouchers as presented by the Clerk's Office in the following amounts:

Trust & Agency	\$3,752.80	General Fund	\$155, 029.21
Capital Fund	\$23,600.		

REPORTS

Zoning Officer DeVantier said his written report had been submitted.

Fire Inspector Beebe said his written report had been submitted.

Recreation Director McDermott reported he also had submitted his written report and said he wanted to highlight that the January 2019 Tennis and Soccer programs are near capacity. McDermott said, we have eighty kids registered for the soccer program and thirty-eight for the tennis program. These programs will operate at the WTS tennis facility located at 435 N 2nd Street. Recreation Director offered his sincere thanks to Gary Hall for letting the Village Recreation Program use the facility at no charge.

Historian Russ Piper reported he met with the Town of Niagara, Historian, Mariana Rhodes, and that he received a letter from the New York State Parks and Recreation, the letter said that they were considering the Village Cemetery for historic designation which will open up grant opportunities and other monies for restoration.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Eydt reported that the previously scheduled Water Pollution Control meeting for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 is being rescheduled. I will report on that once we get notification of the day and time.

Trustee Marasco reported that she, Mayor Welch, and other representatives have begun meeting for the Memorial Day parade. I have attended the Lower Niagara River Region meeting where they spoke of another successful tour of homes event. Also I want to remind everyone of the 19th annual ceremony at the Tuscarora monument to commemorate the morning of December 19, 1813 when Lewiston was attacked by British Forces, the Tuscarora Hero's risked their lives and came to the aid of their Lewiston neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

LEWISTON FIRE CO NO 1

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to accept the resignation of the following members:

Andrew Fultz

Aaron Lilly

LEWISTON FIRE CO NO 1

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to accept the following as a restricted member: **Eva Marie Frankovitch**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the revised Sexual Harassment Policy.

NEW FACILITY CONTRACT FORM

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the revised Facility Contract.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VFW 's PLANS TO IMPROVE THE MONUMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution supporting Lewiston's Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487.

Mayor Welch read the following resolution aloud:

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS' MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF LEWISTON'S CIRCLE OF HONOR

Whereas: The Village of Lewiston has proudly provided its property at Academy Park to honor local veterans who have courageously served in defending our freedoms, and

Whereas: The current memorial, created and jointly maintained by Lewiston's Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487, and the Village of Lewiston, is in need of improvements that will enhance the readability of the veterans' names, create a safer and more prominent eternal flame, and upgrade the memorial's presence as a place of honor and distinction, and

Whereas: In an effort to be more inclusive and to insure that no veteran's service is forgotten, the VFW has modified its policy to allow names on the memorial to include any and all veterans who have been born in Lewiston, or lived, attended school or worked in Lewiston, and who have served our community and our country since the American Revolution, and

Whereas: It is the goal of the VFW to have Lewiston host one of the most distinctive small town veterans' memorials in America by featuring the eternal flame which has been generously donated by the Village of Lewiston, along with a large granite circular platform that will highlight the honor stones and create a new "Circle of Honor," and

Whereas: The VFW has worked diligently over the past year to solicit private funds to help in the improvements, along with publicizing and promoting its new policy to include all veterans' names who have been associated with Lewiston,

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Lewiston continues its support of the VFW's efforts, and reaffirms its long standing policy to host the veterans' memorial at Academy Park, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Village of Lewiston believes that the Circle of Honor is well deserving of Niagara River Greenway funds to help complete the project which exemplifies the essence of our local heritage and honors

Lewistonians who have been put in harm's way to protect and defend the freedoms we hold so dear.

Trustee Eydt asked how is the plans for the monument coming along.

Vince Panozzo said that they have eighty new names for the monument from all across the United States. We have also collected thirty-two thousand dollars in funding for the new monument. Some of the future donations will come from our applications to the Greenway Commission, an application to the Bridge Commission, Russell Salvatore, Gary Hall of WTS, KeyBank and North West Bank. God willing, we will have enough to close this project in the next six months. One request we have is to see a survey of Academy Park. We also plan to put the eternal flame inside of a rock. The monument will be all one level and we plan to remove the bushes, to make it better for the village.

Supt. Brolinski expressed happiness for the eternal flame being placed inside a rock.

Trustee Marasco asked if they would consider including those who are unable to pay to have their name on the monument.

Vince Panozzo answered, yes we are not in this to make money we just want to make the monument better. Also we are considering going to the Village Cemetery to pick up the names of those who fought in the revolutionary War and the War of 1812, for the monument.

Mayor Welch said that the village Offices do have Cemetery Records that you are welcome to take a look at.

Trustee Marasco said it sounds like you have a great plan.

CATARACT CRUISERS CAR CLUB FACILITY REQUEST

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson, (Trustee Eydt asked to modify this to include a \$100 fee for using Academy Park) The motion passed unanimously to approve the request from Cataract Cruisers Car Club they are asking to hold their event at Academy Park on Fridays 5:00 PM to Dusk, May 17, 2019 to August 30, 2019, for the fee of \$100.

MEMBERSHIP REQUEST LEWISTON FIRE CO. NO. 1

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request from, Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to accept **Kevin Day** as a conditional member effective July 3, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP REQUEST LEWISTON FIRE CO. NO. 1

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co No. 1 to approve **Karl Frankovitch** as a conditional member effective December 17th, 2018.

ELECTION RESULTS APPROVAL LEW. FIRE CO. NO. 1

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to accept the results of an election held on December 5, 2018 electing **Jed McInnis as 2nd Assistant Chief.**

LEWISTON FIRE CO NO 1 CANCER INSURANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee conde and passed unanimously to approve the Senate Bill S8019A signed by Governor Cuomo on August 4, 2108 effective January 1, 2019. This bill exempts the cost of volunteer firefighter enhanced cancer disability benefits from the fire district budget spending limitation. This bill requires any fire district, department or company in New York that has eligible volunteer firefighters to show proof of insurance coverage that meets

the requirements of law or show satisfactory proof of the ability to pay such compensation to ensure adequate coverage for all eligible volunteers.

The proposed cost to the Village of Lewiston to cover Lewiston Fire Company No 1 (with 20 eligible members) is \$2,740.00 through VFIS NY Cancer Coverage to come out of account A00-3410-4150 FIRE OTHER.

DISCUSSION

No discussion was held.

REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer Salada reported that the Clerk's Office was preparing the water billing for January 2019. Deputy Treasurer Myers is working on integrating the new meter head system with the fourteen-year-old current system. She said I have been updating village policies and finalizing the updated Facility Contract. We all have been doing support work for the proposed Marilyn Toohey Park All Inclusive Playground. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to all.

Supt. of Public Works Brolinski reported, the leave collection (vacuuming) is done we have switched the equipment over to winter, snow removal mode. We are ready to rock and roll.

Supt. Brolinski said that he would like to keep the grease trap discussions open until we come up with a solution.

Mayor Welch said a grease trap letter will be going out to all the Restaurant owners; informing them of the changes, penalties involved with not properly disposing of their grease waste.

Trustee Eydt said I would like for the news to place this subject in an upcoming publication.

Mayor Welch directed the conversation to Josh Meloni of the Niagara Frontier Sentinel;

We will be sending letters out to all the restaurant business owners to let them know that if they do dispose of the of grease improperly or do not have / maintain their grease traps every time the Dept. of Public Works goes out to clear the grease plug it comes with a cost in the area of \$1,600 minimum. Clearing the grease only pushes it on to the Town Sewer Treatment Plant where it causes further problems in the town. If this problem is continual the responsible party will be charged the fee \$1,600 or what the cost was to clear the grease from the Sewer lines, every time the Dept. of Public Works is called to clear the plug.

Trustee Marasco said our residents should not have to pay for the noncompliance of the law by others.

Law Counsel Joseph Leone reported I have the proposed deed and intended documents for the Rivers Edge Condominium projects request to purchase a portion of the Village Right of Way in front of their complex at 20 Tuscarora Street. You can vote on this or discuss it is up to you.

Mayor Welch said this property was given a special use for this property and that is not the proper way; we need to deed this over to the owners of Rivers Edge.

Trustee Eydt asked the dimensions of the piece of property they are requesting to purchase.

Law Counsel Leone answered the dimensions are 51.50 x 141.24 and 64.55 x 190.74 on the other side of the property.

Mayor Welch added that the Rivers Edge representatives did meet with Supt. Brolinski and the Village Engineer, who gave their approval for the easement.

Law Counsel Leone said that the purchaser did not give me a legal description for the easement, but they gave me a survey. I will attach a copy of the survey to the deed so everyone knows what I am talking about.

Supt. Brolinski said there should be two easements.

Law Counsel Leone said the request is to convey the property known as the right of way to the owners of the Rivers Edge Condominiums, the property is within the boundary and the balance of the property will still be village (right of way).

Mayor Welch said the property has already been given to them for use through a special use permit.

Law Counsel Leone agreed, and said the resolution should be;

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Village of Lewiston agrees to convey to Rivers Edge LLC the portion of land as depicted on the survey which is attached, with a ten-foot-wide public drainage easement area (in the area previously granted to Rivers Edge in a special use agreement).

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt and seconded by Trustee Gibson to accept the resolution as written above.

The Village Board of Trustee was polled with the following results:

Trustee Conde	“YES”	Trustee Eydt	“YES”
Trustee Marasco	“NO”	Trustee Gibson	“YES”
Mayor Welch	“YES”		

The resolution to convey a portion of village right of way to the Rivers Edge, LLC passed with four “yes” votes.

The second motion was as follows:

MOTION TO ALLOW MAYOR WELCH TO EXECUTE SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to allow Mayor Welch to execute the deed and documents for the sale of the easement on behalf of the Village Board.

Engineer Marino reported we have advertised the bid package for Lewiston Landing. We are having a pre-bid meeting this Friday, December 21, 2018. The bids are due and will be opened at 11:00 January 4, 2019.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Conde said no report I would just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Eydt said I have spoken to the representatives for a new street lighting program which will require the local municipalities to come together to save on the lighting. There are two different programs one with the New York State Power Authority and one with National Grid. For either program there has to be five hundred street lights total, the Village of Lewiston has on hundred and seven street lights, we need to get other municipalities involved. The Town of Porter, Town of Wheatfield, Town of Niagara, and the village of Youngstown want to be included. We will have to purchase the street lights and this involves changing the light fixture to LED Lighting.

Trustee Eydt continued; right now we need to get the costs in line, the LED lights are said to last twenty-five to thirty years and have lower maintenance. The cost to purchase the fixtures and change out the lighting is absorbed over two years of savings. After the two-year period it is found money. We are also looking to change out the antique lights on Center Street.

Trustee Eydt also reported we had a meeting this past week with the NYS DOS; we will have to do some revisions to the LWRP draft 1 and draft 2 and then submit the revisions to the state. Trustee Eydt closed with Happy Holidays. Trustee Gibson wished everyone happy, safe holidays.

Trustee Marasco thanked recreation Director McDermott and his department for everything they do for this community. You are amazing, your youth and adult programs, and activities from basketball to oil painting are wonderful. This is an amazing opportunity we have available to us here in the village. Thank you many times to you and your staff.

Trustee Marasco further said the Dept. of Public Works goes from leaves to snow to rain to cold to whatever every day brings on the streets of the village.

Trustee Marasco said our staff in the inter office our Amy, our Stephanie, our Stacey that always keep us going in the right direction handling all the nuts and bolts that go with keeping us going. I really have to say thank you to them as well.

Trustee Marasco said Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mayor Welch said it has been a busy last six months since the election till now; meetings, events, festivals. We have accomplished a lot and there is a lot more to come. I am looking forward to 2019. Hopefully the Frontier House will be sold to an individual and hopefully repaired and restored. I am excited about the all-inclusive playground in Marilyn Toohey Park. I have been working very hard on this project and hope to see this project completed in the summer of 2019. If you can donate we will accept any amount you can give.

Mayor Welch continued, Thank you everybody, my fellow Trustees, and those in the Clerk's Office help a lot. I am here every single day if anyone needs me, to meet, or to call.

Mayor Welch closed with I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Treasurer Salada read the announcements aloud.

The Department of Public Works is no longer vacuuming up the leaves roadside; the Village Equipment has been switched over for snow removal. Leaves must be bagged per Village Code December 1.

All meetings are held in the Village Board room at 145 N 4th Street unless notified:

The next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

The next Historic Preservation meeting will be held on January 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Reminders December 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019 according to Village Law there is no parking on Village Streets 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

The garbage collection in the month of December 2018 will have no changes. Garbage collection personnel only will be in to work on December 24, 2018 and December 31, 2018 in the morning.

The Village offices and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for the New Year Holiday

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer