

PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Captain Mike Salada, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Historian Piper

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02pm

RESIDENTS

Paul Harrigan stated that the VFW has decided to postpone the Hometown Hero Banner project this season; we have a lot of logistics to figure out. We are a small group of people and this is beyond what we can do. I am proud of everyone in this room, Tasia Fitzpatrick, Susan Hofert, and Lee Simonson for working together on this. The Town of Lewiston is still running this program.

NEW BUSINESS

Catching Dreams Charters, Inc. Fishing Tournament Fundraiser
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Catching Dreams Charters, Inc. for use of Lewiston Landing Park to host a fishing tournament fundraiser on Friday, August 1, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:00am.

No Sleep Entertainment LLC – Red Brick Paranormal Investigation
A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from No Sleep Entertainment LLC to conduct a paranormal investigation for a tv series at the Red Brick Municipal building on Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 7:00pm to 12:00am.

Italian Festival 2026 Request
A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities request made by Carmine Bianco of Pax Romana for use of Academy Park to host an Italian Festival July 17-19, 2026 from 11am to 10pm.

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 2024 Length of Service Awards
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Fittante to approve the following resolution:
LEWISTON FIRE CO NO. 1 2024 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM
2024 CERTIFIED POINTS APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Village is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Company, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty (50) points during 2024 to qualify for service credit;

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Company includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Village to be in effect during calendar year 2024, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Company, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members;

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Trustees (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Company to be posted for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Company for posting for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

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

Bond Resolution – Garbage Truck Purchase

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the following resolution:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED MARCH 3, 2025, OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISTON, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”), AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK AND APPARATUS FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$310,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$310,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE, SUCH AMOUNT TO BE OFFSET BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND/OR LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has identified a need for the acquisition of a garbage truck and apparatus for use by the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to acquire a garbage truck and associated equipment, including all necessary apparatus, warranties, and all preliminary and incidental costs thereto and in connection with the financing thereof (the “Purpose”). The estimated maximum cost of the Purpose is \$310,000.

SECTION 2. The Village Board of Trustees plans to finance the estimated maximum cost of such objects or purposes by the issuance of serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$310,000 of the Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law, such amount to be offset by any federal, state, county and/or local funds received. Unless paid from other sources or charges, the cost of such acquisition is to be paid by the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of such bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is a class of objects or purposes described in subdivision 28 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such acquisition is 15 years; however, the bonds issued pursuant to this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, will mature no later than five years from the date of the original issuance of such bonds or notes.

SECTION 4. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds.

SECTION 5. It is hereby determined the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five years.

SECTION 6. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds (and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds) as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation will be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes becoming due and payable in such year. Unless paid from other sources or charges, there will annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00, Section 62.10, Section 63.00, and Section 164.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Village Board of Trustees pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village. Without in any way limiting the scope of the foregoing delegation of powers, the Village Treasurer, to the extent permitted by Section 58.00(f) of the Local Finance Law, is specifically authorized to accept bids submitted in electronic format for any bonds or notes of the Village.

SECTION 8. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in this resolution.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the Village's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 10. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and may designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 11. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 12. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to call in and redeem any outstanding obligations that were authorized hereunder (at such times and in such amounts and maturities as may be deemed appropriate after consultation with Village officials and the Village's municipal advisor), to approve any related notice of redemption, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate any such calls for redemption pursuant to Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law, with the understanding that no such call for redemption will be made unless such notice of redemption shall have first been filed with the Village Clerk.

SECTION 13. The Village hereby determines that the Purpose is a Type II action that will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, no other determination or procedures under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") are required.

SECTION 14. In the absence or unavailability of the Village Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the Village Treasurer in this resolution.

SECTION 15. The validity of such serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such serial bonds may be contested only if:

1. (a) such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of the law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication of this notice; or

2. such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 16. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of such Local Finance Law, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Village for such publication.

SECTION 17. This Resolution is effective immediately.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:
Fittante – Yes Coppins – No Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch - Yes

Public Work Sessions – 2025-2026 Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to schedule public work sessions in the Mayor's Office for the Board of Trustees and Treasurer Longwell to discuss the tentative 2025-2026 Budget on:
Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5pm – Department Head Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2025 at 5pm

Public Hearing – Adopt 2025-2026 Budget

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6pm to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget.

DISCUSSION

Relay for Life / Lewiston Porter School District

A discussion ensued on Lewiston Porter School District placing purple ribbons along Center Street for Relay for Life. Mayor Welch suggested the ribbons be placed on the lamp posts.

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve Lewiston Porter School District placing purple ribbons on the historic lamp posts on Center Street for their Relay for Life event.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk