

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Deputy Superintendent Haskell, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Superintendent Mang, Deputy Clerk Cassick,

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01pm.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATES

Tasia Fitzpatrick of the Lewiston Beautification Committee gave an update on recent projects, as well as plans for next year. Fitzpatrick said the committee has more than 20 volunteers; we oversee the budget and the baskets and ground flowers on Center Street. We raise funds through donations, grants, and work with Upward Niagara and Community Leaders, as well as the Lewiston Garden Club. We also had our first ever benefit at the Barton Hill Mansion this year, which was very successful. Some of the highlights for this year that we have done are the upgrades to Lewiston Landing with a new black fence, six new metal picnic tables, eight new garbage cans, and swings, which unfortunately did not make it through the season. We will be looking for a more durable swing to replace these. We also have re-worked the gardens near Marilyn Toohey Park and the Peace Garden. The Lewiston Garden Club purchased all new Christmas wreaths for this year, which cost \$7,500.00. Clerk Fundis’ mom is currently making all the bows for the wreaths. Next year we plan to add green to the stone columns at 4th & Center, the stone garden in front of Stuarts around the clock at 5th & Center, around the gazebo at Hennepin Park now that the bushes have been removed and add bushes in front of St. Peters at 7th & Center. We recently participated in Trick or Treat on Center, providing 500 painted rocks for the kids to decorate, filled the planters on Center with pumpkins, and will be participating in the tree lighting ceremony at Academy Park. We could not survive without the Department of Public Works who are there working alongside us and are grateful to Mayor Welch and the girls in the office who are always helping. I would also like to thank Trustee Coppins who helps with decorating the Chamber of Commerce building, and to the Moose Lodge who decorates the Academy Park Bandshell.

RESIDENTS 432 Center Street - Brickyard Tree Removal Request

Deputy Superintendent Haskell submitted a letter of recommendation to the Trustees to have a village tree removed in front of 432 Center Street. Haskell said the tree is too big, the roots are causing the bricks to pop up which is causing a tripping hazard.

Mayor Welch said she would like the tree to be taken down but keep the garden and plant an ornamental tree between Brickyard Brewing Company and Al Bax’s building at 444 Center Street. Trustee Fittante suggested contacting a landscaping company to choose the best tree, as there are more trees that will be coming down along Center Street and we should come up with a plan. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the removal of the village tree in front of 432 Center Street, and to replace it with an ornamental tree between 436 & 444 Center Street. The type of tree is to be determined, after consulting with a professional landscaping company.

NEW Red Brick Room Rental

BUSINESS A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the month-to-month tenant lease agreement with Vera Chapman for room #6 at the Red Brick Municipal Building.

Planning Commission Appointment

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Karla DallaToree to an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

Facilities Use Request – Lewiston Assembly of God @ Academy Park

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Lewiston Assembly of God

for use of the bandshell at Academy Park for Christmas Caroling on December 12, 2025 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm.

Niagara Scenic Parkway Viewshed Creation by NYS Parks

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the prepared Full Environmental Assessment Form for the development plans for the Niagara Scenic Parkway Viewshed Creation by NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The proposed action will not result in any adverse effect or environmental impact, and a Negative Declaration will be filed.

Facilities Use Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the updated Facilities Use Agreement as presented by Clerk Fundis.

Boat Slip Rental Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the updated Boat Slip Rental Agreement as presented by Clerk Fundis.

Schedule Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00pm on the adoption of the following laws:

-Local Law #1-2025 – Amend Sec. 8 – Zoning Schedule, to add Sec. 8-1 – Setback Illustration

-Local Law #2-2025 – Amend Sec. 7 – Definitions

Budget Amendment Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request from Superintendent Mang as follows:

From: A00-1620-4140 – Splash Pad – \$750.00

To: A00-1620-4130– Supplies - \$750.00

From: G00-8120-4052 – Sanitary Sewer – Outside Contractor – \$1,000.00

To: G00-8140-4080 – Small Parts - \$1,000.00

Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund

A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Trustee Fittante to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL WATER LINE PROJECT RESERVE FUND

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Capital Water Line Project Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of capital improvement. The type of capital improvement to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the construction/reconstruction of a new water line underneath the Niagara Scenic Parkway.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Village of Lewiston. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a

schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.
Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Fittante – Yes Coppins – Yes Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch – Yes

OTHER 125 Center Street Shed Removal
Trustee Conde asked Deputy Superintendent Haskell on the status of the shed removal at 125 Center Street. Haskell said he wasn’t made aware of the request of the shed removal until last week. I looked at it today, and am working on a way to remove without causing damage to the property.

DISCUSSION Trick or Treat Hours
Trustee Eydt mentioned that the Village is really the only municipality that has Trick or Treating hours until 8pm. Most others end at 7pm, and there aren’t many kids out that late. This is something to think about for next year.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk