

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Fire Inspector Beebe, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Police Chief Salada

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

Mayor Welch made the following statement:

Good evening, before we get started, I'd like to briefly address the recent discussion in our community regarding the "possible" tenant at 780 Center Street. The recent Historic Preservation and Planning Commission application is for a proposed exterior change to enclose the existing drive-thru lane—not the selection of any future tenant. While there has been public conversation about a potential future occupant, the Village does not have the authority to approve or deny specific businesses, provided the use is permitted under our zoning code. Hence, we have numerous restaurants, bakeries, real estate offices, drug stores, coffee shops, banks and retail shops – which all do well. People have a choice of what businesses they want to support. As for Warren's, it seems like they have many faithful customers that will continue to support them. We understand that residents care deeply about our Village and its future. At the same time, reinvestment in existing buildings—especially those that may otherwise remain vacant or underutilized—helps strengthen our local economy, supports the tax base that funds essential services, and can improve convenience for residents by bringing additional goods and services closer to home. It can also draw more people into the Village, which benefits our broader business community. We appreciate the community's engagement and continued support, but this is not on our agenda tonight and therefore not open for discussion. Thank you.

MINUTES A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the March 16, 2026, March 23, 2026 Budget Meeting and April 6, 2026 meeting minutes.

BILLS A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the April 2026 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:
General: \$336,275.15
Trust & Agency: \$9,539.72
Total: \$345,814.87

REPORTS **Recreation Director McDermott** said he is partnering with the Special Olympics and will be hosting a basketball clinic on the outdoor courts this summer. More information will soon follow.

Historian Piper gave an update that the footers have been dug for the columbarium wall in the Lewiston Cemetery, and it will be set in two weeks. He spoke on the ceremony he will be holding on May 24, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS **Niagara Falls Country Club Fireworks**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Niagara Falls Country Club for Skylighters of WNY to set off fireworks on May 30, 2026 approximately between 9:30pm to 11pm to celebrate their 125th anniversary.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Service Pole Relocation

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve a grant of easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the relocation of an existing service pole from the property located at 200 North 1st Street, to an area to the south on Village of Lewiston property.

HPC Resignation – Jillian Stokes

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Jillian Stokes as a member of Historic Preservation Commission.

HPC Appointment – James Baptiste

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of James Baptiste from an alternate to a permanent member of the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jillian Stokes to June, 2029.

Academy Park Facilities Use Request – Barry-Harden Productions

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Barry-Harden Productions for use of Academy Park and the bandshell from 12pm to 11pm to host music concerts on the following dates:

June 13, 2026

July 17, 2026

August 16, 2026

REPORTS

Treasurer Longwell said at the Town of Lewiston Board meeting the Town Board approved to pay the 2026 electric bills to free up budgeted money for the village to have the windows on the first and second floors repaired. They also approved to pay up to \$80,000 to redo all 24 windows in the basement/Recreation department.

Town of Lewiston Councilman Bill Berg said that this is an appropriate expenditure, what the funds are supposed to be used for.

Trustee Coppins inquired about the process to bid this project out to 3 businesses.

Superintendent Mang gave an update on the annual water quality report, stating that there is a significant loss from various small leaks. We have contracted Rural Water to help pinpoint the problem areas.

Mang informed the Trustees that Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick offered to donate money for necessary repairs for some of the antique lights on Center Street. I am currently seeking estimates.

Mang updated the Trustees on the milling and paving schedule.

Engineer Marino gave an update on current projects.

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Trustee Conde thanked the Town of Lewiston for the financial assistance they have provided the village for recent projects and improvements.

Trustee Coppins said that she has been working with Mayor Welch and Deputy Mayor Eydt on the Memorial Day Parade. Coppins also asked Engineer Marino about the status of the Chamber of Commerce improvement bid.

Deputy Mayor Eydt announced that there will be an Earth Day Clean Up, starting at the Red Brick building this Saturday, April 25, 2026. The Lyons Club will be providing food, sponsored by Modern Disposal, and DPW will supply the gloves and trash bags.

Mayor Welch said that a meeting was held with the Lew -Port Youth Football program, as well as NYS Parks, Village and Town of Lewiston representatives to discuss use of Richard F. Soluri Park as well as the addition of pickleball courts and a pavilion. We have worked out a plan to accommodate everyone, and there will be additional improvements at the park, including additional parking in front of the dog park.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm.