

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Historian Piper, Recreation Director McDermott, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe

Trustee Coppins arrived at the meeting at 6:26pm.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm. Welch thanked the following Lower Niagara Moose Lodge 584 members who volunteered their time to paint the Hennepin Park Gazebo:

Timmy Quarantillo	Ron Parent
Stanley Sciera	Kelly Weber
Mary Brubaker	Clint Cassick
Donna Cassick	

RESIDENTS Donna Merrill addressed concerns about a discontinued village street end no longer being maintained as a pathway. Merrill said I have lived here for 29 years, and people have always used that path. It is now overgrown; there are long vines and weeds that have come across the pathway and into my driveway. I was told the village is no longer keeping up with this area of forestry. Merrill asked if the Village would help with the overgrowth.

Superintendent Mang said this path has not been maintained for around eight years. The last Superintendent to maintain that area was Terry Brolinski. We do not maintain the brush, but we will absolutely maintain the trees or any safety hazards that could potentially cause damage to the property or people. I am uncomfortable with the DPW maintaining this due to the distance from the village right of way. I would feel more comfortable if a full evaluation was done by the entire board. I do not feel that the ground cover is that invasive, we have had issues with trees in the past, but I have insured Donna (Merrill) that we will continue to take care of those.

Mayor Welch said that if we maintain this and it is used as a path, it opens us up to a liability if somebody was to fall and get hurt. We do not want to encourage people to walk through that area. We will have two Trustees go to the property to assess.

MINUTES A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes and the July 7, 2025 Organization meeting minutes. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

REPORTS **Historian Piper** gave an update about recent donations and artwork he has acquired, along with furniture from the Frontier House.

NEW BUSINESS **Village of Lewiston Cemetery Deeds for Historian Russell H. Piper, Jr.**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Conde to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is a community rich in history which has been fortunate to have a Historian who has been and remains dedicated to preserving its heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Village Historian, Russell H. Piper, Jr., has provided his extensive collection of historical paintings, artifacts, and other items of significance for display at the Village Red Brick Building; and

WHEREAS, the Village Historian, Russell H. Piper, Jr., has devoted countless hours and effort to the care and refurbishment of the Village Cemetery, the condition of which had previously been largely bypassed; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston recognizes that the stipend provided for the efforts of the Village Historian is markedly less than the contributions received by the Village of Lewiston;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it is

RESOLVED, that in lieu of an increase in stipend and in recognition of the extraordinary dedication and devotion of the Village Historian, Russell H. Piper, Jr., to the Village of Lewiston, he is hereby presented with ownership of two (2) graves at the Village of Lewiston Cemetery, being Section F, Row 6, Plots 17 and 18, and

the Mayor and the Village Clerk are authorized to issue a deed or other written document to Russell H. Piper, Jr. evidencing the same.

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

441 Center Street – Façade Renovations

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the façade renovations for 441 Center Street as recommended and approved by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions at the July 14, 2025 meetings. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

445 Center Street – Façade Renovations

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the façade renovations for 445 Center Street as recommended and approved by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions at the July 14, 2025 meetings. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

Recreation Leader Position

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Recreation Director Brendan McDermott to hire Beau Duggan for the position of Recreation Leader at the payrate of \$17.00 an hour. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

Mighty Fitz 5K & 10K Run

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Paul Beatty, Jr. to host the 11th annual Mighty Fitz 5K & 10K on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 2pm. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request from Treasurer Longwell as follows: (Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.)

From: A00-3120-4052 – Consolidation – \$23,667.00

To: A00-1325-4010 – Admin Telephone - \$23,667.00

From: A00-9785-6000 – Installment Purchase Debt – \$327.03

To: A00-9785-7000 – Installment Purchase Interest - \$327.03

NYS Comptroller Standard Work Day Reporting

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante and seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt to adopt the following resolution,

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller requires that the governing body establish the Standard Work Day for reporting days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the Clerk of this body; and

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System Regulation for Reporting Time for Elected or Appointed Officials, Section 315.4, Record of Activities, (b)(5) Completion of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolutions, prescribes as a standard work day for elected or appointed official to no fewer than six hours nor more than eight hours for each such elected or appointed office or position for the purposes of calculating days worked for those who are enrolled in the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System; and


WHEREAS, officials who begin a new or subsequent term of office are required to complete a three-month record of activities (ROA) within 150 days of the start of the term and submit it to the secretary or clerk of the governing board within 30 days of completion; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the three-month record of activities submitted by Village of Lewiston officials has been summarized on New York State and Local Retirement Systems (NYSLRS) Standard Work Day and Report Resolution Form RS 2417-A.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees adopts the Record of Activities as presented on Form RS 2417-A and authorizes the

Village Clerk to post form RD 2417-A for at least 30 days on the Village of Lewiston Website and at the entrance of the Village Hall at 145 N 4th Street, Lewiston, NY, in accordance with the requirements of public notice established by

Office of the New York State Comptroller

 **NYSLRS**

New York State and Local Retirement System
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

Please type or print clearly
in blue or black ink

Received Date

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Employer Location Code

40323

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A
(Rev.12/23)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lewiston / 40323 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials:									
Kenneth Candella			Building Inspector/Zoning Officer	7/2022-7/2026	6	12.06	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

the New York State and Local Retirement System.

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting to discuss real property. Trustee Coppins was not present for this motion.

DISCUSSION Storm Sewer Project

Superintendent Mang said that the DPW will be doing major infrastructure improvements on the southeast corner of the village, from 771 Mohawk Street to the corner of 9th & Mohawk. This is directly related to the recent flooding issues. There are two municipalities conjoining in the area near Kiwanis Park, and this will prevent water from accumulating in this problem area. Mang addressed funding for this project, recommending that the budget line designated for Beautification be used for infrastructure improvements; I feel it is better to help the residents directly affected by this. Two-thirds of the materials for the project have been ordered. After work is completed, we will begin rehabilitating the yards that have been affected; we are hopeful for completion of the project by the end of October. This should make a big difference in the long run. A discussion ensued on the funding. Mayor Welch said that the village also has a Grant line available, as we do not have any active grants at this time.

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve an out of cycle payment to Niagara Precast, in the amount of, \$18,149.60 for the storm sewer project, to come out of account A00-1940-4000 – Grants Village Share.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Coppins said she has been working with Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick on replacing the doors and windows at the Chamber of Commerce building. The Town of Lewiston would pay for this with their energy fund.

BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the July 2025 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$500,634.62
- Trust & Agency: \$24,677.14
- Total: \$525,311.76

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Mang, Law Counsel Leone

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the Executive Session to order at 6:53pm.

NEW **Executive Session**
BUSINESS A discussion ensued on real property. No action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:13pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk