

- PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Salada, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper, Fire Inspector Beebe
- EXCUSED** Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Deputy Clerk Cassick
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.
- RESIDENT** Resident Gary Roulley of 245 N. Water Street spoke to the board about the recent issue with the lift station losing power resulting in water backing up into his house. Roulley said he has reached to his insurance company and inquired on what the next steps will be. Superintendent Mang explained the village has no access to the lift station, that is operated by the Town of Lewiston. Clerk Fundis stated that he must first submit the claim to his insurance company, after which the insurer will decide whether to seek subrogation from our insurance company.
- MINUTES** A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve May 18, 2026 meeting minutes.
- BILLS** A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the June 2026 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:
- General: \$462,004.95
Trust & Agency: \$12,006.90
Total: \$474,011.85
- REPORTS** **Historian Piper** thanked everyone for help with the Veterans monument, and spoke about potential permanent flag holders provided by the VA.
- Recreation Director McDermott** said the summer basketball program has begun, and will take place outdoors unless the weather is bad. McDermott also announced that the fourth-grade girls basketball team won the state championship.
- NEW BUSINESS** **Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Appointment – Karl Terryberry**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Karl Terryberry to an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Recreation Department Intern Hires**
A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the hire of Leah Chretien and Paul Klooseterman, Lewiston-Porter Business Academy interns to work in the Recreation Department from June 20, 2026 to August 20, 2026. The cost to pay the interns will be covered by the Business Academy, and this will be no cost to the village.
- DISCUSSION 360 North 2nd Street – Special Use Permit Application**
Resident Nicole Ferrari of 360 N. 2nd Street submitted a proposal to turn her detached garage into a dog grooming business for her daughter. Ferrari mentioned that she initially wanted to put a shed that had been converted into a dog grooming facility in the driveway.
- Law Counsel Leone said this proposal will end up going to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Converting the garage is much more palatable than adding a new structure on the lot. Leone advised Ferrari that a special use permit is only granted for one year at most; please keep in mind that you will have to come back to this board to renew. There will also be a public hearing with Village Board of Trustees after review from Planning and ZBA where neighbors may attend.
- Trustee Fittante said a full plan with sewer, water, heat, etc. would have to be submitted; Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella would have to do a plan review. No action was taken.

Chamber of Commerce & Red Brick Ceiling Bids

Engineer Marino reviewed bid totals submitted for the project. Discussion ensued on the funds needed for replacement of the gym ceiling. Clerk Fundis informed the trustees that we are still waiting on quotes for the window repairs on the top two floors of Red Brick to determine if we will have the funds to move forward with the gym ceiling.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve Nussbaumer & Clarke's recommendation to award the bid to Walter S. Johnson Building Co., Inc. in the amount of \$167,905.00 for the Chamber of Commerce building energy improvements with a contingency of \$15,000.00, contingent upon approval from the Town of Lewiston.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve Nussbaumer & Clarke's recommendation to award the alternate bid for the Red Brick Gym ceiling replacement to Walter S. Johnson Building Co., Inc. in the amount of \$119,500, with a contingency of \$10,000, contingent upon available funding.

Trustee Fittante suggested reaching out to Supervisor Broderick from the Town of Lewiston to see if the energy grant would cover insulation for the ceiling and replacement of the ceiling.

DPW Equipment

Superintendent Mang asked for board approval to purchase a new John Deer mower. The Kubota we have is constantly in the shop and down for repairs. The trade in value for the Kubota is \$15,500 that would be applied toward the purchase. The John Deer is more robust, and we have several similar units so parts will be transferrable. If we are down a mower it will heavily affect snow removal. A request was submitted to CHIPS and they approved the purchase; this will be at no cost to the village and will be available in August.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a John Deer mower in the amount of \$30,400, to be funded by CHIPS and the trade in for the Kubota totaling \$15,500.

Verizon Abandoned Lines Removal Request

Mayor Welch addressed a request made by Lee Simonson for approval by the Village Board to send a request letter to Verizon to take down their old lines running across Center Street. The board had no issues with this.

Michael Dowd – Property Purchase Request

Law Counsel Leone revisited the request made by Michael Dowd to purchase village land adjacent to his property. Dowd had the property resurveyed. Leone said Dowd is looking to acquire 30 ft adjacent land that has been confirmed by Superintendent Mang that the property will not be used by the village. A discussion ensued on declaring the property a surplus, which can then be sold or transferred. If approved, this would have to go to the Planning Commission and Niagara County for the resubdivision. Further discussion on determining the value of the property ensued. It was suggested to have local realtors complete an assessment of the land. No action was taken.

REPORTS

Clerk Fundis spoke on a letter the village received regarding businesses along Center St. leaving tables in the walking path on the sidewalk; Mayor Welch talked to each business contributing to the issue immediately. Welch said she still has to speak with the owner of Coffee and a Paper.

Superintendent Mang gave an update on the repairs needed for the clock on the corner of North 5th and Center Street; our current system is obsolete. We will revisit when we receive an estimate for new parts and assembly.

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Trustee Coppins said she would reach out to Supervisor Broderick to inquire insulation for the Red Brick gym ceiling would be covered under the energy grant, and if that would cover the costs for the ceiling repair work.

Mayor Welch commented on the movie currently being filmed in the village. Thank you Shannon and the girls in the office and the DPW for your help and for switching out the flowers and hanging the wreaths.

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

Shannon Fundis, Clerk