

- PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Previte, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe, Historian Piper
- EXCUSED** Trustee Fittante, Recreation Director McDermott
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm
- MOMENT OF SILENCE** Mayor Welch held a moment of silence for Marjorie Maggard. Welch said she was the Town of Lewiston historian, a member of the Historical Association and a good friend to the Village of Lewiston. We are sorry to lose her.
- MINUTES** A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the January 21, 2025 and February 3, 2025 minutes.
- BILLS** A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the February 2025 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:
- General Fund: \$426,383.94
Trust & Agency: \$13,910.49
Total: \$440,294.43
- REPORTS** **Police Chief Previte** said they just received the new tower for festivals from a technology grant. We are currently receiving training for it. You will see this at summer events, it will be a great tool for us.
- Historian Piper** spoke on ongoing projects he is working on.
- LIAISON REPORTS** **Deputy Mayor Eydt** said he and Treasurer Longwell met with Lewiston Fire Dept. No. 1 in reference to the service awards.
- OLD BUSINESS** **Hometown Heroes Veterans Banners**
Paul Harrigan gave an update on the proposed Hometown Hero Veterans banners. Harrigan said he has been working with Lee Simonson of the De-Sign Committee and Tasia Fitzpatrick of Lewiston Beautification on proposed locations for the banners. To limit vandalism, it was proposed to place the banners on telephone poles instead of a lower placement on streetlamps. The locations mentioned were around Academy Park, from there on Center Street to 8th Street and from 4th Street to the water. Concerns regarding the placement and removal of a damaged or vandalized banner being taken down were brought up. Superintendent Mang said the cost to rent a lift to do this is roughly \$700 each time/day. Harrigan suggested fundraising to help with the cost or suggested a VFW member climbing a ladder as it would not be economically feasible to rent a lift each time.
- Mayor Welch suggested that flags of every service be placed around the Veterans Monument in Academy Park to honor all vets; this would eliminate many maintenance concerns.
- The discussion continued regarding additional locations for banners in case they have an overflow and sell too may. Superintendent Mang and Clerk Fundis requested that a count on the available locations be taken and to set a limit for financial and operational reasons.
- The VFW was requested to contact National Grid for approval to place banners on the poles. No action was taken.
- NEW BUSINESS** **Memorial Day Parade**
A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the Remembrance Committee's request to close Center Street to host the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th, 2025 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, and for use of Academy Park to host a luncheon from 1pm to 4pm.

Coulter Farms Farm Stand

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Coulter Farms, LLC., to host a farm stand daily from 9am to 6pm, beginning June 28, 2025 through November 28, 2025 at the Lewiston Landing area near the Fish Cleaning Station, contingent upon the amendment agreement being agreed upon and signed.

Barry Entertainment Free Concert– June 6, 2025

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Ray Barry of Barry Entertainment for use of Academy Park to host a free concert on Friday, June 6, 2025.

Be OK Wellness & Vendor Event – July 13, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Bobbi Stokes of Be OK Studio for use of Academy Park to hold a wellness and vendor event on Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 10am – 2pm, with a rain date of Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Resurgence Brewing Co. Beer Garden Event – August 1, 2025

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Resurgence Brewing Co. for use of Academy Park to hold a pop-up beer garden event on Friday, August 1, 2025 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm (dusk).

67th Annual Peach Festival – September 4 – 7, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request for Academy Park from August 30, 2025 through September 13, 2025 to host the 67th Annual Peach Festival from September 4, 2025 to September 7, 2025 and the Peach Fest Parade on Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 10am to 1pm.

Mighty Niagara Half Marathon and 5K Dash – October 4, 2025

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Niagara Hospice to host the 2025 Mighty Niagara Half Marathon and 5K dash on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Tech Trucking, Inc. Change Order Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve Change Order No. 3 request made by Tech Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00. This change order is to install additional framing to perimeter fascia board to complete soffit framing and installation and to install bracing to support fascia board extension. The total amount of this contract will increase to \$317,282.00.

Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the budget transfer requests from Treasurer Longwell as follows:

From: A00-1620-4152 – RB Electrical Upgrade - \$17,128.50

To: A00-1940-4000 – Grants - Village Share - \$17,128.50

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

DISCUSSION Mayor Welch said that a letter was sent to the Town of Lewiston as our host community requesting Greenway funds to construct a pavilion at the waterfront. The letter asked to be added to the February 24, 2025 meeting agenda for a presentation and further discussion. Unfortunately, I received a letter from the town stating that this was discussed at their work session on February 10, 2025 and the request was denied, to allow for more Town of Lewiston projects to be completed. Deputy Mayor Eydt said he was very upset; we requested a day to present this, and we didn't even get a chance. Engineer Marino said that we will continue trying to obtain funds for this project through the Lewiston Landing grant.

REPORTS **Engineer Marino** gave an update on the grant for the new water line project, the grinder for the fish cleaning station and proposed completion of the current Lewiston Landing project.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:41pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

NEW BUSINESS **Executive Session**
A discussion ensued on personnel and litigation. No Action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:51pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk