

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

EXCUSED Deputy Mayor Eydt

PUBLIC HEARING **Proposed 2024-25 Budget**

Mayor Welch opened the public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 Budget with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01pm.

No residents spoke on this matter. A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:02pm.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

RESIDENTS A resident inquired about a fire hydrant on North Third Street not working properly, and asked who was responsible for the hydrants in the village.

Superintendent Wills said the Department of Public Works is responsible for all the hydrants, they are inspected annually. The hydrant you are speaking of is designed to shut down if it is opened too quickly. We were aware of the issue and were there at 7am this morning to get this hydrant operational.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed with three yes votes to approve the March 18, 2024 and April 1, 2024 minutes. Trustee Conde abstained.

BILLS A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the April 2024 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$206,336.20
Capital Fund: \$15,901.24
Trust & Agency: \$5,142.25
Total: \$227,379.69

REPORTS Recreation Director McDermott reminded everyone that the Spring Fling and One Mile Fun Run will be on Sunday, May 12, 2024. We are also working with the Lew-Port School District on utilizing space for our basketball program. We have been expanding and are outgrowing our space.

Historian Piper spoke on the estimates he has acquired on columbarium walls for the cemetery, and the process for payment. Piper also spoke on the flagpole and bench to be installed at the cemetery. I have \$350 left to raise for the bench. We will have dedication ceremonies for the flagpole and bench on May 26, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS **Boat Slip Modification Request**

A representative from Anchor Marine spoke on the installation process for two side by side jet ski ports at Lewiston Landing boat slip #11. Engineer Marino addressed concerns that it potentially could be too hard to anchor the poles in. Anchor Marine representative, James, said if the poles won't set, we will not install them. We have about 20 setups on the lower river, I don't see any issues especially with this being in the slip. Marino said it won't disturb the bulkhead, and it is not attaching to the existing docks. If there was any damage caused, you would be responsible. Law Counsel Leone said the Village of Lewiston would have to be named as additionally insured on your insurance policy. Superintendent Wills stated that if this continues, we need to make sure boat slip renters obtain board approval and they are professionally installed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Tom Hogan for the boat slip modification for installation of two side by side jet ski ports at the Lewiston Landing boat slip #11, contingent on insurance being provided with the Village of Lewiston named as additionally insured and approval by the Village attorney.

NEW 2024-2025 Budget Approval

BUSINESS A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and seconded by Trustee Conde to adopt the following resolution to approve the 2024-25 Budget and tax rate:

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 has been duly presented to the Board of Trustees by the Budget Officer and

WHEREAS, a duly advised public hearing has been held thereon,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget as changed, altered and revised, be and hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Lewiston, in the total amount of \$5,444,091.00, for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget be set at \$8.164858 per thousand.

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

Gibson – Yes Coppins – Yes Conde – Yes Welch – Yes

Lewiston Garden Club Perennial Sale

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by the Lewiston Garden Club to host the Perennial Sale in and/or in front of the Red Brick Gym on May 16-18, 2024.

Catching Dreams Charters Charity Fishing Tournament

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Catching Dreams Charters for use of Lewiston Landing Park to host a fishing tournament fundraiser on August 2, 2024 from 7:00am to 11:00am. A drawing of the rooms being rented will be attached to the lease.

Red Brick Rental Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the Red Brick lease agreement with Joel & Mary Jo Erway of Betterway Enterprises for room #9 & 9b for a one-year lease. A drawing of the rooms being rented will be attached to the lease.

Academy Park Pavilion Bid Award

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to award the Academy Park Community Pavilion Bid to Tech Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$307,912.00, contingent upon review of the Village Law Council, Building Inspector and Town Building Inspector.

Trustee Coppins inquired about how the steel ceiling was being attached. Engineer Marino said each bidder had a different approach. We will have a meeting with the awarded bidder, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella and Town of Lewiston Building Inspector Tim Masters to review this.

Change Order Request – Wargo/Peak

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the change order requests from Wargo/Peak for the DPW garage addition as submitted, in the amount of \$9,229.44. This change order is for extra stone needed after excavation and was verified and agreed upon by Engineer Marino.

Inter-Community Services Donation Collection Request

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Inter-Community Services Inc. to collect both monetary and food donations at the main entrance of Artpark and the entrance by Syro's on the following dates:

June – 18th & 21st

July – 6th, 19th & 24th

August – 10th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 27th, 29th

Board of Trustee Election 2024 Inspectors

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins and seconded by Trustee Conde to adopt the following resolution appointing an Election Chairman, Election Inspectors and to

compensate the Election Custodian for the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-302 of the NYS Election Law the Village Board of Trustees appoint Paul Naus as Chairman, Richard Gworek, Doreen Albee, and Ashlee Chmiel as Election Inspectors, for the forth coming Village Election to be held on June 18, 2024, and

RESOLVED, Roberta Drozek as Alternate Election Inspector, who shall assume the Office of Inspector of Election and who shall perform duties, in the absence of the above-mentioned Election Inspectors, and

RESOLVED, Bruce Gonka as a Voting Machine Custodian,

FURTHER RESOLVED, to compensate said Inspectors and Alternate Inspectors of Election, at the hourly rate of \$15.00, and to compensate the Chairman an extra \$10.00, and the Voting Machine Custodian \$50.00 each per voting machine.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:
Gibson – Yes Coppins – Yes Conde – Yes Welch – Yes

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Member Resignation

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to accept the resignation Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 member, David Dehn.

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Line Officers

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of the following Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Line Officers:

Chief – Spencer Lilly

1st Assistant Chief – William McEvoy

2nd Assistant Chief – Chris Copland

3rd Assistant EMS Chief – Matthew Grainge

Academy Park Local Vendor & Fundraising Event – Bianca Falsetti

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Bianca Falsetti for use of Academy Park and the bandshell to host a local vendor and fundraising event on Friday, June 21, 2024 from 4:30pm-9:30pm, with submission of an additional rain date.

DISCUSSION Oneida Street Condemned Property

A discussion ensued on the condemned property, 885 Oneida Street. Law Counsel Leone reviewed Article 6 of the Building Regulations. Leone said the Village Board first must appoint a committee of one person, from a board or an employee. This could be the building and/or fire Inspector(s). They will submit a report, and a notice will be sent to the property owner with a return receipt. A survey will be required. The Village Board will determine if the property is repairable or if it is not, and potentially a safety hazard. The costs will be borne by the Village of Lewiston; if they are not paid, notices can be sent, and this cost can be added to the property owner's taxes.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve Law Counsel Leone to start the process under Article 6 of the Building Regulations.

Historical Association – Carriage Rides

A discussion ensued on the Historical Association's proposal to have carriage rides on Saturday's during non-festival weekends. Mayor Welch said we do not have a lot of information on this. Clerk Fundis said she emailed Lee Simonson asking for a planned route for the carriage rides and asked him to contact the NYS Department of Transportation to see if there are any special requirements because Center Street is a NYS DOT Road, not the village. Mayor Welch said we would need NYS DOT approval; this is not a special event. Trustee Conde added they would also need approval from the board for use of the village streets. Mayor Welch said we will need more information before a decision can be made, and maybe we will ask Simonson to attend a meeting to discuss it further. No action was taken.

REPORTS **Superintendent Wills** spoke on the condition of the fish grinding station. When it goes down again, it may be down for good. Engineer Marino said that is the next project to go out for bid within the next few weeks, along with the Lewiston Landing stairs and pavilion at the waterfront.

A discussion ensued about the money for the pavilion and stairs. Engineer Marino said there is a matching grant for \$400,000, the village is responsible for matching 25%. There is another application in the Department of State for the other set of stairs. Trustee Conde asked if the grant expires; Marino said yes, we have another year or two.

Law Counsel Leone said he submitted the proposed documentation for the cemetery plot deeds for future residents. Please let me know of any comments or changes you may have.

Engineer Marino said we have contracts in place, trying to get the Academy Park pavilion going, and are finishing up the DPW volunteer building. We are also working with the Federal budget opportunities for bringing in an additional water line from across the parkway. Mayor Welch said if all goes well, we will have \$956,000 for this water line project.

BOARD REPORTS **Trustee Conde** asked Recreation Director McDermott for the best construction timeline for the Red Brick bathrooms to be completed. McDermott said anytime from June through August would be the best, because we do a lot of activities outside those months. Mayor Welch said we will also have to send the bathroom and updated electrical projects for the Red Brick building out to bid.

Trustee Coppins said Trustee Conde and I are working on bids for the point work that needs to be done on the exterior of the Red Brick building. Trustee Conde said we will start at the south end, then move towards the north.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk