

PUBLIC Adoption of 2021-22 Proposed Budget

HEARINGS Mayor Welch opened the public hearing at 6:04pm with the Pledge of Allegiance on the adoption of the 2021-22 proposed budget.

No residents spoke on this topic; A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:05pm.

Amend Local Law 2021-1

Mayor Welch opened the public hearing at 6:05pm to amend Local Law 2021-01 – Flood Damage Prevention; to include the Village of Lewiston Municipal Building address as the location of the map repository to include the location for the flood maps.

No residents spoke on this topic; A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:06pm.

Adoption of Five-Center Water Rate Increase

Mayor Welch opened the public hearing at 6:06pm to adopt the proposed five-cent water rate increase from \$3.70 to \$3.75 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed, effective for the July 1, 2021 billing cycle.

No residents spoke on this topic; A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:07pm.

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Myers, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Candella, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Captain Cane, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

RESIDENTS **Barbara Kivi** presented a plan to the board to rezone the property, 155 South 5th Street, to allow for retail business. Kivi stated that there are commercial spaces surrounding the property, and that she has a buyer interested in purchasing the space to fix up and utilize for retail. Kivi also stated that the historical integrity of the home would not be effected.

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella suggested that a special use permit be submitted instead of rezoning the property.

Mayor Welch stated that rezoning this property would be spot zoning, and not something the board would do. Welch stated that if they would like to apply for a special use permit, a public hearing would need to be held, where a proposal and business plan, including additional parking, would need to be presented to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and Village Board. It was also mentioned that a special use permit would need to be reapplied for annually.

Resident, owner of 625 Oxbow Lane, expressed his concern for the need for a stop sign at the corner of Oxbow and West Lane. He stated that there are many children in this area, and feels that this would slow down the traffic between N. Fifth to N. Eighth Street.

Mayor Welch stated that she will contact Chief Previte on this matter for him to review the area.

Trustee Eydt added that a public hearing would need to be held after listening to the recommendations from Chief Previte.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Eydt and seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the minutes from the Village Board Meetings held on March 15, 2021 and April

5, 2021 and the minutes from the Budget Meetings held on March 22, 2021 and March 29, 2021. The board meeting minutes passed unanimously. Trustee Marasco voted no to the budget meeting minutes, which passed with four yes votes.

BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the April bills as presented by Treasurer Myers in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$543,019.50
Capital Fund: \$1,030.00
Trust & Agency: \$2,959.34

REPORTS

Recreation Director McDermott gave a report on the upcoming annual Spring Fling event that will be held at the Red Brick on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11am. We will be doing the annual basket auction during the event, and I have reached out to many local businesses for donations; all proceeds will go towards the Marilyn Toohey All-Inclusive Playground. We will also be doing our one-mile fun run, with security escorts from the fire and police department.

Historian Piper gave an update on the work he has done in the Red Brick building; the hallway is complete and the Clerk’s office is almost done. I also will be walking through the Opera House with Eva Nicklas who will be donating some furniture, documents and artifacts.

NEW

Resolution to adopt 2021-22 Budget

BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Trustee Eydt to adopt the 2021-22 Budget:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston held a public hearing on April 5, 2021 as specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative 2021-2022 budget and,

WHEREAS, all persons desiring were here at the public hearing, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the 2021-2022 budget and hereinafter set forth in the total amount of \$1,226,190.00 with a tax rate of \$7.76 per thousand, is here by adopted, and that the several amounts stated in the column titled “Board Action” in schedule 1A, Schedule 1F and Schedule 1G, together with the amounts set forth in schedule 3 as required for payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, and the new salaries, grades and wages stated in schedule 5 shall be hereby fixed at the amounts shown as effective June 1, 2021.

Village Board polling results:

Trustee Gibson	YES	Trustee Marasco	YES
Trustee Eydt	YES	Trustee Conde	YES
Mayor Welch	YES		

Resolution to amend Local Law 2021-01 – Flood Damage Prevention

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to amend Local Law 2021-01 – Flood Damage Prevention; to include the Village of Lewiston Municipal Building address as the location of the map repository.

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Membership Request

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 for Richard Grandy to change from Restricted to Conditional membership effective his 18th birthday on April 15, 2021.

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Membership Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 for Emma Woods to change from Restricted to Conditional membership effective her 18th birthday on April 16, 2021.

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Line Officer Request

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to appoint the following as Line Officers for the Lewiston Fire Department #1 for the year of 2021-2022:

Chief – Lester Myers

1st Assistant Chief – William McEvoy

2nd Assistant Chief – Spencer Lilly

3rd Assistant EMS Chief – Matthew Grainge

105 Center St. – Request to build permanent roof

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted for 105 Center Street to build a permanent roof over an existing deck. The Historic Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on April 12, 2021.

700 Center St. – Request to replace wood siding with Hardie Board

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted for 700 Center Street to replace siding and new soffits with Hardie Board. The Historic Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on April 12, 2021.

419 Center St. – Request for Outdoor Patio

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted for 419 Center Street to sublease and utilize the adjacent space for an outdoor patio and additional seating for Carmelo's Coat of Arms, located at 425 Center Street. The Historic Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on April 12, 2021.

100 S. 3rd St. – Request for Construction of New Home

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and Trustee Eydt in unison and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted for 100 S. 3rd Street for construction of a new home. The Historic Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on April 12, 2021.

Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the budget transfer amendment request from Treasurer Myers as follows:

From: A00-1990-4000 – Contingent - \$5,842.20

To: F00-8340-4015 – Meter Purchase - \$5,842.20

Planning Commission Resignation – Diana Lewandowski

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Diana Lewandowski as a member of the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Appointment – Savana Bevacqua

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to appoint Savana Bevacqua from an alternate to a permanent member of the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Diana Lewandowski to June 2022.

Recreation Department Request – Street Closing

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco, seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to use Marilyn Toohey Park for the 25th annual Spring Fling, and to close Onondaga Street from N. 3rd to N. 4th Street on Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Recreation Department Request – Balloon Sculptor

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to hire Bruce Ruark, a balloon sculptor, at the cost of \$250 from TA 94 (Recreation) for the time period of 11:00am to 1:00pm on Sunday, May 16, 2021 for entertainment at the Spring Fling.

Academy Park Facilities Use Request – Embodied by Jenna LLC - Yoga

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Jenna Fadale of Embodied By Jenna, LLC, for use of Academy Park to hold Gentle Hatha Yoga classes on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm from July 5, 2021 to August 30, 2021. Insurance will be provided upon approval.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to go into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss water bill appeals.

DISCUSSION**Hennepin Park – Reserved Parking Request**

A discussion ensued regarding a request for reserved parking on S. 4th Street side of Hennepin Park during a wedding on August 7, 2021. It was decided that not enough information was given to determine what would be permissible. Clerk Fundis said she would reach out to them again and request more details on the length of time and how much parking is being requested.

Fencing Along Center Street

Mayor Welch discussed the need for the deteriorating fences throughout the village to be replaced. Welch stated that many are falling apart, and that she would like to switch to a vinyl option. The existing wood is a maintenance nightmare for the Department of Public Works.

Susan Hofert, a village resident and member of the Historic Preservation Commission, stated that she would love to preserve the look of the white picket fences throughout the village, and thinks it is a great idea to look towards replacing with a commercial grade vinyl or a product more sustainable.

Welch asked Hofert if she would discuss this with the Historic Preservation Commission and asked Treasurer Myers to add this discussion to the agenda for their upcoming meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer Myers discussed the additional services the Clerk's office will be retaining with the existing payroll company to ensure that the village is in compliance and all necessary documents are up to date. They will also be handling annual training requirements for all employees and keeping everyone up to date on trainings and certifications.

Superintendent Wills wanted to remind the residents that at this time they are required to bag the leaves and grass and put out to the street on their regularly scheduled garbage pickup day; we do not pick the un-bagged leaves up with the truck until around or after Halloween. Wills added that the ice boom is almost out, and the water and power are on at Lewiston Landing; most boat slips will be ready by May 1, 2021.

BOARD REPORTS **Trustee Eydt** mentioned that there would be another meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6pm. on the village water infrastructure and adding another line for an additional water source into the village.

Trustee Marasco discussed her work weeding, pruning and planting around the Chamber of Commerce, the Circle and the Peace Garden. I also have been helping the Garden Club and just want to say I appreciate all that you do.

Mayor Welch said she had the pleasure of walking with some members of the Garden Club for a few hours on Sunday and we mapped out where the planters and pots will be placed. I am glad that I was to be a part of this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village of Lewiston Annual Spring Fling, as well as groundbreaking for the Marilyn Toohey All-Inclusive Playground, will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 27, 2021

The Village Board of Trustees Board work session will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, May 3, 2021

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 6:00pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021

The first full week in May, 5/3/21 – 5/7/2021 will be big pick up week.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and Trustee Conde in unison and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 6:50pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION Mayor Welch opened the executive session at 7:03pm.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the executive session at 7:43pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk