

PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Trustee Eydt, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Superintendent Wills, Building Inspector Candella, Village Historian Russ Piper, Recreation Leader Brendan McDermott, Treasurer Myers, Clerk Fundis, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Fire Chief Myers

PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2020-21 Budget

A public hearing was held prior to adoption of the 2020-21 proposed budget. No residents were present at the remote meeting. Mayor Welch made the following statement:

“We worked hard on this budget. We met with the Department Heads and went through every line of the budget. We were able to make some cuts but we also had to make some increases.

With our uncertain future due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of businesses, our projected and much needed revenues and State funding may be significantly lower and will cause a great impact to our budget.

This year’s budget includes a slight 1% tax increase. That doesn’t even cover the increases in Health Insurance, Retirement, Utilities, and State mandates. This is not even a cost of living increase and we are well under the 2% tax cap requirement. We will also be using \$400,000 of the Village’s fund balance to balance the budget.”

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the March 16, 2020 Village Board Meeting minutes and April 6, 2020 Budget Meeting minutes.

BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt to approve the April 2020 bills as presented. Trustee Gibson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL FUND: \$190,009.91

TRUST & AGENCY: \$3,807.64

CAPITAL FUND: \$125,271.58

LIAISON REPORTS Trustee Marasco

Trustee Marasco thanked the Lewiston #1 Fire Department and Lewiston Police Department for their part in the holiday drive by parade, and for making Easter special for our residents.

OLD BUSINESS Red Brick Tenant Rent

A discussion was held regarding the Red Brick tenants and some of their requests made to reduce the rent by half during the COVID-19 pandemic and our current ‘PAUSE’ state we are in.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and seconded by Trustee Eydt to reduce the monthly rent by half for the months of April, May and June 2020.

The board was pulled and the motion passed with five YES votes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment Request made by Superintendent Wills

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request made by Superintendent Wills as follows:

From: A00-1640-4020 – Central Garage Gasoline - \$3,00.00
To: A00-8160-4050 – Refuse & Garbage Outside Contractor - \$3,000.00

Budget Amendment Request made by Treasurer Myers

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

From: A00-9060-8000 – Hospitalization - \$13,079.41
To: A00-9040-8000 – Self Insurance Comp - \$13,079.41

Budget Amendment Request made by Treasurer Myers

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request made by Treasurer Myers as follows:

From: A00-1680-4050 – Central Data Processing - \$161.22
To: F00-1680-4050 – Central Data Processing - \$161.22

Budget Amendment Request made by Treasurer Myers

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

From: A00-1680-2000 – Equipment - \$1,267.40
To: A00-1680-4050 – Central Data Processing - \$1,267.40

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the 2020-2021 budget:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston held a public hearing on April 20, 2020 as specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative 2020-2021 budget and,
WHEREAS, all persons desiring were here at the public hearing, and
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the 2020-2021 budget and hereinafter set forth in the total amount of \$1,158,059.00 with a tax rate of \$7.65 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 1 G, 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, 2020.

Village Board polling results:

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

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Roster 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 Executive Committee to drop **Alyssa Winstanley** from its rolls

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Roster Request

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 to accept the membership resignation of **Madelyn Richeal**.

DISCUSSION

2020 Village Election

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2020 Village Election. Clerk Fundis stated that during an election webinar she attended held by NYCOM, it was stated that regarding caucuses, they would have to be postponed until June 1st, 2020 or later, unless there were to be held remotely due to the most recent Executive Order mandated by Governor Cuomo.

Law Counsel Leone stated his recommendation that the caucuses be held remotely prior to June 1st, 2020, expressing his concern that if caucuses are done that late, it may run risk of not being able to do the election.

REPORTS

Superintendent Wills addressed that there will be no more leaf pick-ups throughout the village until Fall. All grass clippings and leaves will need to be placed in bags. The equipment has been dismantled for the season, and a notice was placed in the Sentinel to inform the residents.

Engineer Marino addressed the construction status at Lewiston Landing, stating that they intended to pour the remaining concrete on this day, however the weather did not cooperate. They planned to reschedule for Wednesday, April 22, 2020, weather permitting.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Conde asked that Mayor Welch keep everyone informed regarding any financial assistance coming from the Federal government.

Trustee Gibson commended Superintendent Wills and the Department of Public Work employees for the wonderful job they are doing to maintain the village during this time.

Trustee Eydt also commended Superintendent Wills and the Department of Public Works staff for their efforts, and stated that he hoped our residents were able to get outside to get some exercise and fresh air.

Mayor Welch made the following statement:

“I’d like to take this time to thank all of our health care providers, first responders, postal employees, grocery store workers, restaurant workers, pharmacies, businesses and residents who have taken care of us in our time of need during this pandemic. Please remember all they have done for us when this crisis is over.

We have a beautiful community, and it has been heartwarming to see people out walking and biking, and spending time with their families and pets. Please stay positive as we look forward to a beautiful summer as businesses re-open and restrictions are lifted.

We are a village of festivals and events, and although some have been cancelled, I’m hopeful that we will still be able to have some of them. We still have to remain cautious and continue to practice safe distancing and hand washing to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Our many thanks to all our State, County, and Local Officials for keeping us so well informed and updated on this pandemic. Also special thanks to Josh Meloni who has continued to report all the local news and updates.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Village Clerk Shannon Fundis, Treasurer Stephanie Myers, Deputy Clerk Donna Vasquez, Supt Larry Wills, and the Department of Public Works, Building Inspector Candella and Fire

Inspector Beebe who have continued to work tirelessly to keep our Village going during this time. I also want to thank Engineer Mike Marino who is continuing to work on our current grants and future funding for the Village, and our Village Board who continue to serve the residents of this Village.

Village of Lewiston Event Upcoming Events

A brief discussion was held regarding the status of upcoming events. It was mentioned that at this time, The Taste of Lewiston, Porter Cup, Garden Festival, Smelt Festival, and the Spring Fling were canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Also, the Chamber of Commerce would not be printing their 'Come Play In My Backyard' brochures due to the uncertainty of events going forward.

Lewiston Landing Boat Slips:

A brief discussion was held regarding the personal boat slips at Lewiston Landing. It was stated that due to the sizes of the slips changing, the placement of certain boats may need to be evaluated and relocated. Clerk Fundis & Treasurer Myers discussed that letters would be sent to all slip holders asking for the dimensions of their boats along with their renters agreement.

Mayor Welch stated that she would like to get slip holders in as soon as May 1st, pending the completion of construction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Village Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled at 6pm on Monday, May 18, 2020, to be held remotely at <https://www.zoom.us/>. Login information for this meeting can be found on our website, <https://villageoflewiston.net/>.

All Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are postponed until after June 1, 2020.

ADJOURN

A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 6:40pm.

Shannon Fundis
Clerk