

**PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Previte, Historian Piper, Recreation Director McDermott

**EXCUSED** Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6pm.

**MINUTES** A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the January 18, 2022 Village Board Meeting and February 7, 2022 Work Session minutes.

**BILLS** A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the February bills as presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

**General Fund: \$242,051.17**

**Trust & Agency: \$6,288.78**

**Capital Fund: \$33,571.26**

**Total: \$281,911.21**

**REPORTS** **Police Chief Previte** requested that organizers for upcoming events be required to contact the Lewiston Police and Lewiston No. 1 Fire department and to submit an emergency plan prior the Village Board of Trustee approval is granted.

Previte also stated that there are extra police cars patrolling with the recent change in weather; stating that they are addressing issues the best they can, and asked that residents please inform the police of any issues going on in their neighborhood.

**Historian Piper** discussed his focus on the Potters Field Monument, stating that it should be set in place sometime in May. Piper also mentioned that the Lewiston Lions Club would be donating trees for around the monument, and are looking into getting help with cleaning up the markers. There will be a ceremony for Potters Field on July 3, 2022.

**Recreation Director McDermott** stated that the youth basketball program is wrapping up and the men's basketball program will be starting soon. The Spring Fling will be on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS** Mayor Welch gave an update on the International Peace Garden Poem, stating that Bob Gianetti and Dan Buttery have come up with a design to display the poem, and a final draft should be ready soon to present to the Village Board of Trustees for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS** **Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Roster Request**  
A motion was made by Trustee Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 to accept the resignation of Gregory S. Joseph, II.

**Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival Request**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce to hold the Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival on September 24-25, 2022 on Center Street and that the Open Bottle Law be lifted for the festival. The request includes the street closing of Center Street from Eighth to Fourth Street, Niagara Street (closed from Center to Plain Street) / North Fifth Street from Ridge to Center / South Fifth Street (Closed from Center to Plain Street), the use of Hennepin Park, The Peace Garden, and Academy Park for over flow parking (weather permitting).

**SEQR EAF – 860 Center Street**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the prepared SEQR EAF for the development plans for 860 Center Street, Lewiston NY. The proposed action will not result in any adverse effect environmental impact and a Negative Declaration will be filed.

**Development Plans – 860 Center Street**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the development plans for 860 Center Street. The plans were approved by the Historic Preservation & Planning Commission on February 14, 2022, with the concession made by Planning that a solid four foot fence be put in place on the Onondaga side with tall shrubbery, extended all the way to the North side of the property. This approval includes the revisions requested by the Planning Board to include a retaining wall, as well as a six-foot dumpster enclosure.

**Lewiston Porter Youth Football Request for Use of Richard F. Soluri Park**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and Trustee Marasco in unison and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Lewiston Porter Youth Football for use of Richard F. Soluri Park to hold the following:

-Flag football practices on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5pm to 8pm from April 11 through June 26, 2022.

-Flag football games on Saturday or Sunday from 7am to 3pm between the first weekend in May through the third weekend in June.

-Tackle football and cheer practices on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5pm to 8pm from July 26 through November 1, 2022.

-Tackle Football games on Saturday or Sunday from 7am to 7pm between the third week of August to the first week in November.

This approval is contingent upon the proper insurance being provided, and adding the Village of Lewiston as not liable on the program's waiver.

**DISCUSSION****South 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Sutherland Street Request**

A discussion ensued on the proposed street name changing from South 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Sutherland Street, in honor of Bruce Sutherland. Mayor Welch stated that after speaking with the Village Board of Trustees and Jackie Sutherland, everyone feels a bench to honor Bruce is more fitting. There is also a concern about address changes and confusion that it may cause with the street name change.

Trustee Eydt added that he spoke with the Ashley's, residents of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, who stated they were against changing the street name. Since the article on this was in the Sentinel, most people have come forward stating that they have great respect for Bruce, but are not in favor of the street name change.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and Trustee Gibson in unison and passed unanimously to approve a memorial bench be placed in the village right of way in front of Orange Cat, 703 Center Street, in honor of Bruce Sutherland.

**Village of Lewiston Cemetery Plots**

A discussion ensued regarding the sale of unused land in the cemetery for additional cemetery plots. Engineer Marino will be surveying and using underground radar on the property. Pricing for plots was also discussed. No action was taken.

**REPORTS**

**Superintendent Wills** thanked the residents for assisting with snow removal, and for the gifts that have been brought to the garage for the Public Works employees.

Wills also wanted to give a reminder for residents to keep the garbage contained when it is put out, as it is a windy time of year.

**Engineer Marino** gave an update on the progress with the Department of Publics Work addition and stairs at Lewiston Landing.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Board Work Session meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, March 7, 2022.

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 6pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022.

The Village Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, March 21, 2022.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and Trustee Marasco in unison and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:35pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Superintendent Wills

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the Executive Session to order at 6:40pm.

**BUSINESS** A discussion ensued regarding the sale of 475 Ridge Street. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:09pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Superintendent Wills

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**BUSINESS** A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to counter offer a submitted offer of \$260,000 for the purchase of 475 Ridge Street, in the amount of, \$275,000 including the purchaser to be required to pay all closing costs. The counter offer includes that the property will be sold 'as is', and to accept a historical designation of the property, under general municipal law.

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk