

PRESENT

Mayor Welch, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Trustee Conde, Law Counsel Leone, Zoning Office/Building Inspector Candella, Police Chief Previte, DPW Superintendent Brolinski, Clerk Treasurer Myers, Deputy Clerk Fundis

ABSENT

Trustee Eydt, Michael Marino, Village Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 PM.

RESIDENTS

Residents in attendance had nothing to address.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Welch announced that a letter from Senator Robert G. Ortt 62nd District was sent informing the Village of Lewiston that the Senate passed S. 289, the bill to lower the speed limit on Center Street to 25 MPH.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conde, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to approve the May 20, 2019 Village Board minutes and the May 30, 2019 end of year meeting minutes.

BILLS

Trustee Gibson made a motion stating that everything was in order, and he appreciated the payroll being color coded. Trustee Gibson made a motion to pay the June 2019 vouchers as presented by the Clerk's Office. Trustee Marasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously to pay the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND \$ 291,535.20
TRUST & AGENCY \$5,222.78
CAPITAL FUND \$195,835.85

REPORTS

POLICE - Police Chief Previte stated that the cameras are working well, however they do use up a lot of memory while viewing them, and there is only so much available per month.

Chief Previte also stated that the festivals are all going well, and that they are still coordinating with other events.

Mayor Welch asked what was going to occur during graduation ceremonies at Artpark. Chief Previte said there will be an extra police car during graduations, and is still waiting on approval for Artpark shows for attendance of 5,000 or more.

Superintendent Brolinski suggested barricades be set up as they have in the past on Fourth Street and Tuscarora to prevent traffic from going east on Tuscarora, and to get traffic out of the Village faster.

BLDG. INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER – Ken Candella said that he submitted building and zoning reports, and there have been a lot of complaints about grass not being cut and garbage being put out too early.

Mayor Welch said that our trucks don't have the arm on the truck to pick up the heavy cans like Modern has, and that it states in the Village Code that the limit for the cans are 30 gallons, and the weight limit 60 pounds. We do not limit the number of cans the residents can have.

Superintendent Brolinski stated that the cans can be put out no earlier than 5PM the day prior to the pick-up day, and that the cans should be tagged with a reason why they are not picked up if there are any issues.

Trustee Gibson asked Ken Candella if he had seen the letter from Carol Palumbo in regards to 245 N. 9th Street, and Ken said that the letters were sent out, that it was taken care of.

RECREATION DIRECTOR- Recreation Director McDermott said that the summer schedule is up and moving, and that later in June/July we will be in the full spectrum of summer programs. Recreation director McDermott was happy to announce that last Thursday he met with the Service Field and they would be donating \$1,000 to the Marilyn Toohey all-inclusive park.

Mayor Welch stated that she appreciates the help, and we are still looking for more funding.

LIASON REPORTS

ARTPARK - Mayor Welch stated that she attended the Artpark Forum, and that it was very informative, run well; it is nice that they are involving everyone, and are very receptive to our ideas. In regards to the noise issues, Artpark has an idea to situate the amphitheater better, more directed towards the hill instead of the Village.

Trustee Claudia Marasco said that anybody can call Artpark to make comments on issues or concerns, and that we need to remind Artpark to keep up on their obligation to maintain the weeds and area around the fencing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to address.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Contract – What's the Point Ministries

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Conde, and passed unanimously to approve the request from "What's The Point Ministries" to hold a picnic at Hennepin Park on Sunday, August 4, 2019 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Doug Farley spoke on behalf of Pastor James, who was unable to attend due to his son graduating.

Redbrick lease – Essential Being Holistic Studio

A motion was made by Trustee Conde, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to approve the request from Essential Being Holistic Studio to amend the monthly rent to \$150 to match the amount the rooms on either side of room 7 are being charged.

Lewiston Fire Co No 1 Membership

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No 1 to remove the following individuals from the membership roster:

Nicole Sequin

Chris Ferrante

Cody McLendon

Lewiston Fire Co NO 1 Membership

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Conde, and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 to approve the following memberships:

Restrictive Membership: Eve Elizabeth Pacia

Conditional Membership: Spencer James Hewitt

National Grid Street Lighting Program

A motion was made by Trustee Conde, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to have Mayor Welch sign and send a non-binding letter to National Grid to include the Village of Lewiston in a program to replace the 190 street lights throughout the village. This program will save the village \$3,409.16 in the first year of the program.

Mark from National Grid stated that the initial cost would be \$6,700, but the incentive they are offering is in the amount \$9,900, which would give the Village a credit of \$3,200.

Trustee Marasco asked if we were keeping the same light posts, and if just the bulbs were being changed. Mark said that head unit would be replaced.

Mayor Welch said that this conversion is for the street lights only, that Superintendent Brolinski would take care of the antique lights. Mayor Welch said she spoke with Trustee Eydtt who has spoken with the town about this, and that it was a better idea to stay with National Grid, because even in 20 years if the lights were to go out, National Grid will change them at no cost to us. The savings will start as soon as we switch, which Mark said this will begin as soon as the Village produces a letter stating we are ready to start the conversion.

Recreational Hire

A motion was made by Trustee Conde, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Recreation Director McDermott to hire Jason Boslet for the position of Recreation Leader at the pay rate of \$13.07.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Welch opened the discussion about Barone Building Companies proposal for Onondaga Street - Street End. David Boniello is interested in buying the property, has offered \$35,000 for the property, and possibly wants to put a four-plex there.

Law Counsel Leone said a public hearing would have to be held before the sale is complete, and in his opinion, a cash sale would be fine.

Trustee Conde said that we would need to look into the cost of moving the fire hydrant and water lines. Superintendent Brolinski said that it would cost about the amount that is being offered for the property. Law Counsel Leone brought up that

closing costs are a few thousand dollars, and would like to put some of that on the purchaser, or sell the property as is.

Mayor Welch opened the discussion for the residents request for a stop sign on North Ninth Street at Onondaga Street. Mayor Welch asked Chief Previte if he looked into this intersection.

Chief Previte stated that he has been monitoring the area, and the speed the pedestrians are driving is not a consideration for a stop sign, and that the amount of traffic does not warrant a stop sign. Chief Previte will be moving the speed sign here in the next week or two, and also have police cars in the area.

Mayor Welch brought up the discussion about the delays with Lewiston Landing, with the water levels being so high it is very hard and they cannot weld the sheet pile. It will probably be another season before it will be in full use. We are currently giving out free passes to slip holders, the launch is still open, and we are doing the best that we can.

REPORTS

CLERK TREASURER – Deputy Clerk Fundis stated that the 2019-20 Village tax payments are coming in steadily. Deputy Clerk Fundis also said we are currently working on getting the water bills done. Our old system has now failed, we can no longer obtain accurate readings in properties that have not replaced their water meter head. We only have about half of the Village meter heads changed, roughly 600 properties need to have their water usage estimated. We have reached out to all that we have contact information for, and will be placing stickers on the upcoming water bills to have residents contact us to have theirs changed if they have not already.

BOARD REPORTS

TRUSTEE MARASCO – Trustee Marasco addressed the Richard F. Soluri Park dedication, stating that it was a great event, and thanked everyone involved. This Thursday, the Frontier House presentation is at 6:30PM at the Library, traveling might be dicey with a graduation at Artpark. The Jazz Festival is coming along, have all their vendors and they are still looking for volunteers. The 765 Fairchild development is still looking for tenants to rent/lease.

MAYOR WELCH – Mayor Welch thanked the Garden Club for the Garden Festival – it brought in people from all over to this event, they do a great job and give back to the community. Mayor Welch said that since the election on June 19th, 2018, it has been a very busy year which I have thoroughly enjoyed. We have accomplished a lot; The Frontier House, Fairchild Apartments, Eighth and Center development soon to be complete, Riversedge Condos on Tuscarora, the new development of 444 Center Street, the second story addition of Como Deli, and the old HSBC Bank. There is more development coming; the reconstruction of the waterfront, and the DOT has been in contact with the Village officials about resurfacing Center Street in the future.

Mayor Welch thanked all new investors in the Village for doing these developments. I am usually in the office every day, my door is open for residents and businesses, I try to attend every meeting, and want the people to know I am their voice, and any concerns or issues they have to please let me know. We have great board members, Village staff, DPW, engineers, building and fire inspectors, boards of commissions, Historian, Police Chief – thank you for allowing me to be your mayor. It has been a great year, we have gotten a lot done. The all-inclusive Marilyn Toohey Park is in the works, we have funding and hopefully in August we will have some ground breaking. We will begin work on Academy Park after the summer events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Board will hold the annual Organizational meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Village Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Historic Preservation meeting will be held on Monday June 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco, seconded by Trustee Gibson, and passed unanimously to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 6:37PM.

Shannon Fundis

Deputy Clerk