

- PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Chief Previte, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe
- EXCUSED** Clerk Fundis, Historian Piper, Recreation Director McDermott
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:59pm
- Deputy Vazquez read an email from Rebecca Ruscito, who is Counsel with NYS Conference of Mayors, in regards to having a board meeting with candidates in the same building that an election is being held. The email states “Having the board meeting shouldn’t be a problem, but the candidates should not hang around the polling location and must be careful not to engage in any electioneering. But assuming that this doesn’t play a roll, I don’t see any problem with the village proceeding with the meeting.”
- MINUTES** A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the May 16, 2022 Board Meeting minutes and the May 23, 2022 End of Year Meeting minutes.
- BILLS** A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the June bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:
- General Fund: \$685,716.27
Capital Fund: \$43,410.92
Trust & Agency: \$10,916.73
- REPORTS** **Police Chief Previte** reported that Lew-Port and Niagara-Wheatfield School Districts will be adding one School Resource Officer, each, by September. The Police Department will add one full time officer for road patrol due to an increase of 30% in 911 calls within the last 10 years.
- Mayor Welch asked if they will patrol the new playground around dusk/night because that’s when the problems start.
- Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella** stated that he spoke to Law Counsel Leone last week about the three problem houses that are condemned and how to proceed.
- Law Counsel Leone said that the Board will have to ok the DPW going onto property to cut the grass.
- This will be discussed at the next village board meeting.
- LIAISON REPORTS** **Trustee Conde** gave an update on the installation of the air conditioning units in the Red Brick Gym saying that he met with one company and is waiting on a quote and will be meeting with a second company soon.
- Trustee Marasco** stated that the Garden Fest was a big hit for the businesses and for people getting together.
- Mayor Welch thanked the Garden Club and Beautification for all their hard work.
- OLD BUSINESS** Trustee Gibson asked if the east side of the playground will be fenced; Mayor Welch responded no because only three sides were approved. Deputy Mayor Eydt added that they all agreed not to put the 10 ft. fence proposed in between the splash pad and basketball court because it was going to look like a cage.
- NEW BUSINESS** **DPW Garage Addition – Construction Bid Award**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Gibson to award DPW Garage Additions Project Contract 2022-1G to Peak Construction

Group, LLC, in the amount of, \$1,398,300, inclusive of base and alternate bid items.

Deputy Clerk Vazquez polled the board and the motion passed with the following results: Trustee Conde “Yes” Trustee Marasco “Yes” Trustee Gibson “Yes” Deputy Mayor Eydt “Yes” Mayor Welch “Yes”

DPW Garage Addition – Electric Bid Award

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt to award DPW Garage Additions Project Contract 2022-1E to Frey Electric Construction Company in the amount of \$71,000.00 inclusive of base and alternate bid items.

Deputy Clerk Vazquez polled the board and the motion passed with the following results: Trustee Conde “Yes” Trustee Marasco “Yes” Trustee Gibson “Yes” Deputy Mayor Eydt “Yes” Mayor Welch “Yes”

Recreation Hire for Non-Paid Internship

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Brendan McDermott, Recreation Director, to approve the internship of Miles Kates of Niagara County Community College Sports Management Program from 06/22/2022 to 09/01/2022. This is a non-paid internship.

Lewiston Porter Youth Football Fundraiser Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Lewiston Porter Youth Football Program to host a car drying fundraiser event on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 10am to 6pm. This will require use of eight parking spots at Academy Park across the street from Magic Mist Car Wash, on the corner of North 9th and Cayuga Street.

Public Hearing for Rezone Request – 427 Plain Street

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss the request made by property owner, Christine Poirier, to change the zoning of 427 Plain Street from R-2, Residential, Two Family, Townhouse to R-3, Residential, Multiple Family, Townhouse.

Budget Amendment Request by Treasurer Longwell

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

Decrease Revenue line: A00-2660-0000 – Sale of Real Property - \$52,836.30

Increase Expense line: A00-1620-4150 – Village Hall Other - \$52,836.30

This is to use the approved funds from the sale of 475 Ridge Street for the basketball courts.

OTHER

Deputy Mayor Eydt stated that we have a problem with security on the playground with the older kids and inquired about cameras. Treasurer Longwell said she has a call into Graham Litt who did the cameras for the Little Yellow House and we are waiting for a quote.

Mayor Welch stated that she spoke with Dave Rulli about having electric out to the pavilion so we can have more light where the kids cannot hide.

DISCUSSION Bicentennial Sponsor – Banner Request for Band Shell

Treasurer Longwell stated that Leandra Collesano has a donor that is willing to donate more money for the Bicentennial Celebration if he can put a banner on the band shell with the name of the company. This will be for Sunday, July 3rd, only. Pete Coppins from the Bicentennial Committee said that they would put wooden stakes in the ground and the banner would not block anyone’s view. The board agreed they do not have a problem with this.

Skydiving to Plateau before Fireworks

Mayor Welch spoke with Jen Pauly and the Skydivers who came into Academy Park at the Christmas Walk would like to fly into and land at the Richard F. Soluri Park, on July 4th, an hour before the fireworks, free of charge.

Police Chief Previte is concerned about how much area they would need and to specify what area they will be landing and asked that the Skydivers contact him to make sure it is all coordinated.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson to approve Skydivers landing at Richard F. Soluri Park on July 4th, 2022 contingent on if the Bicentennial Committee is ok with it.

REPORTS

Superintendent Wills stated that he would like to talk about getting cameras at the playground, Lewiston Landing and the two zoned on Center Street. Mayor Welch said that she will be getting together with the Town Supervisor Broderick to go over the police contract and will bring it up with him then.

Engineer Marino gave an update that they are getting the contract moving for the electric and general for the new DPW garage. I am also finishing up the design package for the 9th Street water system improvements and coordinating with the Contractor for the metal stairs and the pavilion at Lewiston Landing for Phase V.

Superintendent Wills added that the bathrooms at Academy Park can be opened up and he will do a skim angle on floor where its cracked so no one trips on it. For the Bicentennial Parade, I am going to put a plow truck on 4th Street and one on Portage Road for safety.

REQUEST Fruit Stand Next to Fish Cleaning Station

Chas Shiah from Coulter Farms brought an aerial shot of where he would like to put a fruit stand in the grass next to the fish cleaning station. He would like to be operational seven days a week, 9am to 9pm. They wouldn't take up any parking, set up a tent every day and take down every night.

Law Counsel Leone said he needs to check with the Silo contract and make sure there is no conflict. Also, he will check our codes to see if we have any issues with sales coming from trucks verses brick and mortar businesses.

Mayor Welch told him to take a picture of the truck and fruit stand, and it will Also need to be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Treasurer Longwell stated that the Board will also have to figure out how much to charge for use of the space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Organizational meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is at 6:30pm on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting is at 6pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022.

The Village Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6pm on July 18, 2022.

The Clerk's office and DPW will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm.