

- PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Gibson, Law Counsel Leone, Superintendent Wills, Engineer Marino, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Police Chief Previte, Fire Inspector Beebe, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper
- EXCUSED** Trustee Conde, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm.
- MINUTES** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the February 20, 2024 and March 4, 2024 minutes.
- BILLS** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the March 2024 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:  
     General Fund: \$208,554.76  
     Capital Fund: \$25,325.42  
     Trust & Agency: \$4,678.56  
     Total: \$238,558.74
- REPORTS** **Police Chief Previte** announced that the Lewiston Police Department will be completing an active shooter drill at St. Peter’s School next week.
- Recreation Director McDermott** informed the Trustees that he has sent out letters to local businesses requesting donations for the annual Spring Fling and Fun Run.
- Historian Piper** said he acquired new pieces for the museum. I got a quote for the flag pole to be placed at the Lewiston Cemetery. I received a significant amount in donations. If it is alright with the board, I want to start the process now, as I am shooting for a Memorial Day dedication. Mayor Welch said please just get the location approved by Superintendent Wills.
- OLD BUSINESS** **NYS & Local Retirement System Work Day**  
 A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve New York State and Local Retirement System Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials Trustee Tina Coppins and Fire Inspector Barry Beebe.
- NEW BUSINESS** **Lewiston Council on the Arts – Event Relocation Request**  
 A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request to relocate the Lewiston Council on the Arts event, Shakespeare in the Park, from Hennepin Park to Academy Park on July 29, 2024.
- 2024-25 Budget Public Work Sessions**  
 A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to schedule public work sessions in the Mayor’s Office for the Board of Trustees and Treasurer Longwell to discuss the tentative 2024-2025 Budget on:  
     Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5pm – Department Head Meeting  
     Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5pm
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 855 – American Flags on Center St.**  
 A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Boy Scouts of America Troop 855 to place flags at the intersections on Center Street from 4th Street to 9th Street. Installation would occur mid-May to be in place prior to Memorial Day weekend. The items needed for this year’s installation are as follows:
- |           |             |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| U.S Flag  | 25 @ \$4.27 | \$106.75 |
| Flagpoles | 8 @ \$20.90 | \$167.20 |
| Total     |             | \$273.95 |
- Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Memberships**  
 A motion was made by Trustee Gibson Eydt seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of the following Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 members:  
     Connor Pawlikowski                      Jed McInnis

**Lewiston Fire Co. No., 1 Memberships**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the following Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Restricted Memberships:

Savannah Rutland                      Max Ljiljanich

**2024 Election Polling Place**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Gibson to adopt the following resolution:

**2024 ELECTION - POLLING PLACE RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston, New York that the General Village Election for the Village of Lewiston, New York in the County of Niagara will be held at the Village of Lewiston Municipal Building, located at 145 N 4th Street, Lewiston, NY014092 on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 and the polls for said election will be open between the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 9:00 PM (Election Law 15-104 3).

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Gibson – Yes                              Eydt – Yes                              Welch - Yes

**Public Hearing – 2024-25 Budget Adoption**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6pm to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget.

**Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Service Awards**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Gibson to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE LEWISTON FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER SERVICE AWARDS**

WHEREAS, the Village is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law(GML); and

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Company, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty points during 2023 to qualify for service credit; and

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Company includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Village to be in effect during calendar year 2023, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Company, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members; and

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Trustees (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Company to be posted for thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Company for posting for a minimum of thirty days.

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Gibson – Yes                              Eydt – Yes                              Welch - Yes

**DISCUSSION****LWRP Comment Request-Federal Funding NYS DOT Bridge Washing/Sealing**

Mayor Welch addressed the memorandum submitted by NYS Department of State Office of Planning and Development, regarding the federal funding for a project consisting of washing and sealing one bridge in the Village. Welch said the bridge is within our boundary, and this is standard for them to reach out to us. Superintendent

Wills said we supply the water for them. The Village Board of Trustees had no issue with this project. No action was taken.

Trustee Coppins entered the meeting at 6:12pm.

#### **Lewiston-Porter Intern**

Clerk Fundis asked for approval from the Board of Trustees to hire an intern from the Lewiston Porter High School Business Program. The intern is required to work 80 hours total. Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick and I came up with a list of job duties and submitted it to the Internship Coordinator who was very excited for one of their students to have this opportunity. The intern position does require compensation, which would come to a total of \$1,200.00.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the Clerk's office hiring an intern from Lewiston-Porter High School with compensation, totaling \$1,200.00.

#### **Boat Slip Modification Request**

Lewiston Landing Boat Slip Renter, Tom Hogan, presented a plan to have two jet ski ramps installed at his dock, to be able to lift the jet skis out of the water when being stored at the dock. Hogan explained that Anchor Marine/Greater Lakes EZ Dock will complete the installation and take it down each year. The Village docks will not be impacted, they will drive two poles in the water using a hydraulic press to install, and a barge to pull them out.

Engineer Marino said he has seen these types of docks at other marinas. The concern here is how to anchor the dock not the water; there is a lot of rock in the area, are the two posts sufficient. Anchor Marine is familiar with these waters, but it is a risk, and they may move.

Law Council Leone stated that if the board approves of this, an addendum to the lease agreement will need to be drawn up, as well as verbiage added to the lease agreement for other potential slip holders that would want to do something similar.

The board requested that Hogan attend the next meeting with the installation contractor to give more information on the process.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to table this discussion until next month's meeting.

**REPORTS** **Engineer Marino** said that the Academy Park pavilion plans are out for bid, and due by April 11, 2024.

**BOARD REPORTS** **Trustee Coppins** addressed the ongoing issue with the village right of way used as a garden at the corner of South Third Street. Mayor Welch said she contacted the neighbor closest to the garden area and informed them not to put anything in there, that Lewiston Beautification may adopt this garden and maintain it. After speaking with Lewiston Beautification, I don't think they want to adopt this garden. It is the village right of way and was given over to the above-mentioned property owner long ago. I would like to keep everything out of the garden but flowers. If anybody would like to plant something, it will have to be run by the Board of Trustees first.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously that the garden on the bend of South Third and Cayuga Street will stay natural with only flowers, with no additional items in it.

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and Deputy Mayor Eydt in unison seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm.