

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 Captain Salada, Fire Inspector Beebe, 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 6:02pm

PUBLIC **Academy Park Digital Sign**

INFO A public information meeting was held to discuss a proposed digital sign at Academy Park, to replace the prior community board sign that was in disrepair that was recently taken down. Mayor Welch stated that just a few days prior she had been notified by the Department of Transportation that signs are no longer permitted in the right of way. If the sign was moved further into the park to be placed on Village property, it would be too far back and wouldn't be seen.

MEETING

No public came forth to speak on this matter.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the May 2, 2022 Work Session minutes.

BILLS A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the May 2022 bills as presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amount:

General Fund - \$565,859.94
Capital Fund - \$11,723.03
Trust & Agency - \$10,921.24
Total - \$588,504.21

REPORTS **Police Captain Salada** mentioned that the department is getting ready for the upcoming festivals and Artpark concert series. Mayor Welch thanked the police department for their help during the paving of Center Street. Welch added that she was in communication with Chief Previte regarding the vandalism in the bathroom behind the Red Brick building. Cameras have been installed on the exterior of the bathroom, and there will be more police presence to monitor the area.

Historian Piper gave an update on the cemetery and Potters Field Monument. Piper is currently working on a self-guided tour for the cemetery

Recreation Director McDermott gave an update on the Annual Spring Fling event, which had a record breaking turn out of 160 runners. We were able to raise \$1,500.00. I would like to thank the Department of Public Works, the Lewiston Police Department, Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1, the Village Clerk's office, Paul Beatty, the Lew Port Key Club for their help with the event, and all local businesses for their generous donations.

McDermott also mentioned that Friday Family Fun Nights are back; majority of the events will be held at Marilyn Toohey Park, with the exception of movie night which will be held at Academy Park. Registration is available online.

OLD **Lewiston Landing – Final South Dock Added**

BUSINESS Deputy Mayor Eydt stated that the final south dock has been added to Lewiston Landing, and thanked Superintendent Wills for all the hard work he put into this.

NEW **Mason FOREVER Foundation 5K Fundraiser Request**

BUSINESS A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Lewiston Porter Girls Lacrosse

Team for use of the Richard F. Soluri Park on Thursday, June 2 from 3:00pm – 11:00pm, to host the Mason FOREVER Foundation 5K Fundraiser.

Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen – Electric Vehicle Event Parking Request

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen, located at 402 Center St., to block off the parking spots in front of the building on Saturday, August 6th, 2022 between the hours of 9am – 6pm; Gallo and National Grid will be hosting an Electric Vehicle event in the Gallo courtyard open to the public.

Donation Collections Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Community Missions of Niagara Frontier and Heart, Love & Soul to collect monetary and food donations during the Artpark concert summer season on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 7 Bon Iver
- Tuesday, June 14 Trombone Shorty's Voodoo Threuxdown
- Tuesday, June 21 Patti Labelle
- Tuesday, June 28 Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats
- Tuesday, July 5 Barenaked Ladies
- Tuesday, July 12 Tedeschi Trucks
- Sunday, July 31 Earth, Wind & Fire
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 Elvis Costello
- Thursday, Aug. 18 Brantley Gilbert
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 Dispatch & OAR
- Wednesday, Aug. 31 Boy George

Collections would take place on the corner of 4th and Tuscarora Street; volunteers will remain on sidewalks and out of the roadways. Proper insurance including the Village of Lewiston listed as additionally insured will be provided upon approval.

Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. Support Services – Water System Improvement

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the proposal from Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. to the Village of Lewiston to provide engineering support services for the proposed water system improvements on 9th Street to improve water system reliability which will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program.

Lewiston Landing New Hire – Michael Capizzi

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Superintendent Wills to hire Michael Capizzi as a part time employee at Lewiston Landing, effective May 17, 2022.

Budget Amendment Request by Superintendent Wills

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson was passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request from Superintendent Wills as follows:

From: A00-5142-1000 – Snow Removal - \$2,097.38

To: A00-5110-1000 – Streets Maintenance – \$2,097.38

Budget Amendment Request by Treasurer Longwell

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the budget transfer from Treasurer Longwell as follows:

From: A00-1325-4120 – Clerk/Treasurer Schools/Travel - \$56.30

To: A00-1325-4050 – Sick Leave Incentive - \$56.30

775 Cayuga Street – Tin Pan Alley Outdoor Bar & Covered Patio Plans

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted by Tin Pan Alley to build an outdoor

bar and covered patio at 775 Cayuga Street. The Planning Commission approved these plans on Monday, May 9, 2022.

411 Center Street – The Rose Hanger Exterior Staircase

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted by The Rose Hanger to build an updated exterior staircase at 411 Center Street. The Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions approved these plans on Monday, May 9, 2022.

Eighth Annual Mighty Fitz 5K Run

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve facilities contract request to hold the 8th Annual Mighty Fitz 5K on Saturday November 5, 2022 at 2pm. Insurance for the event will be obtained and provided to the Village upon approval.

DISCUSSION

Marilyn Toohey Playground Update

Mayor Welch stated that the playground is almost complete; we are pouring the splash pad this week, and we are running out of money. I would like to discuss with the board about using funds from the sale of the Ridge Street home to pay outstanding bills that are still coming in, as well as to install new basketball courts and fencing around the playground and courts. The current basketball court is hazardous and is in need of repair. In addition, the fence is important to provide safety, to keep children from running into the street, and to prevent the basketballs from bouncing into the parking lot, or into the playground and splash pad area. The basketball court estimate is around \$70,000 and the fence estimate is around \$60,000.

Clerk Fundis added that since initial quotes have come in, costs for materials have risen since the Covid-19 Pandemic. We need to accommodate for those price fluctuations, as the increases were not factored in with the initial estimates.

Recreation Director McDermott commented that the last time the basketball court was poured was in 2001; it has seen 21 years of use.

Mayor Welch stated that she felt that if the Village is no longer spending the money for the digital sign at Academy Park, utilizing these funds for the playground would be a great idea. I have also asked the fence company if they can give us a discount, I am waiting on a response.

Leone mentioned that he is waiting on a new abstract of title to finalize the sale of the Ridge Street house.

Trustee Conde stated that we can't stop the playground now; it has to be completed.

The Board of Trustees addressed their concerns with not have a set dollar amount for what was needed to complete the playground. Clerk Fundis suggested that she and Treasurer Longwell reach out to all contractors to acquire any outstanding bills and compile with the estimates for the fence and basketball court. It was decided this would be presented at the upcoming End of Year meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022 for further discussion and approval.

REPORTS

Superintendent Wills thanked all the volunteers for their help planting flowers. The hanging baskets will be going up next Tuesday. Paving will begin on Center Street tomorrow, and they will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and keeping Friday open. The street will be open the entire time.

Law Counsel Leone stated that he is currently working on a draft addendum to the facilities use agreement for use of the band shell at Academy Park to play music. The Village will continue to use the existing agreement and attach this addendum, where the performer will indemnify the village and holds harmless. I also would like to require the performer to provide a copy of the music license,

and agree to only perform what they have a license for. The addendum will also acknowledge that the village does not hire musicians/performers.

Leone added that he has been working on portions of the Village Handbook. I am not particularly fond of the language; it is very verbose and difficult to understand. I also have an issue with concerning matters being listed as the village attorney being the first point of contact; I feel this should be brought to the Board of Trustees first, then they can choose to enlist an attorney.

Engineer Marino gave an update on the splash pad, stated that he will be meeting with the contractors tomorrow. The DPW garage project is out to bid; all bids are due by June 2, 2022. Lewiston Landing Phase V is in the final stages. We are also working on the Academy Park restroom update and installation of the electronic vehicle charging stations. There are potential grant opportunities available.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Conde said that he recently got a good price on three ductless air conditioning units for the lower floor of the Red Brick building. I will be getting a price for the installation after this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Eydt stated that he appreciates all that everyone has been doing, as he has not been around. I recently received a kidney, and I ask everyone that has a license to please sign up to become an organ donor. You could save somebody's life.

Trustee Gibson mentioned that he attended the Spring Fling with Deputy Mayor Eydt and commented on what a great event it was.

Trustee Marasco mentioned how there was no Smelt Festival this year, and commented on the tragic shooting that occurred in Buffalo.

Mayor Welch stated that she is trying to finish the playground; the people who have donated their time and materials have been amazing. In addition, the paving of Center Street is moving along – thank you everyone for your patience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The End of Year meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Monday, May 23, 2022.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 5/24/22.

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 6:00pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022.

The Village Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:00pm on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022.**

The Village Election will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in the Red Brick Gym from 12pm – 9pm.

The Clerk's office and DPW will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day, and Monday, June 20, 2022, in observance of Juneteenth.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm.