

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Treasurer Myers, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Candella, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Captain Cane, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Clerk Fundis

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

RESIDENTS Elizabeth Freck – Lewiston Artisan Market

Elizabeth Freck stated she is the Head Farmer at Thyme’s Right Organic Farm in the Town of Lewiston and sells her products at the Lewiston Artisan Market for the past four years. Freck requested to have parking spots reserved on Portage Rd. at Academy Park to give farmers a chance to set up safely. Also, requesting they be notified a week in advance if there will be other events going on in the park during the same time. Lastly, to have a temporary structure, 4x7 shed, to store their information and supplies every week.

Mayor Welch stated we could put up a sign that says 7am to 9am Market Parking and then afterwards everyone could use it. As far as the shed, right now would be hard to factor in due to the construction that will be going on with the hopes of a pavilion and the restoration of the bathrooms. The band shell might be a possibility to store the items and to check into that.

Sonora Miller – Lewiston Artisan Market

Sonora Miller thanked the Village Board for taking the time to listen to Liz Freck presentation regarding the market.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Eydt and seconded by Trustee Claudia to approve the minutes from the Village Board Meetings held on April 19, 2021 and May 3, 2021. The board meeting minutes passed unanimously.

BILLS A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the May bills as presented by Treasurer Myers in the following amounts:

General Fund:	\$163,135.87
Trust & Agency:	\$11,792.28

REPORTS Captain Cain - Stop Sign at Oxbow Ln and West Ln

Captain Cain stated that Chief Previte sat out there a while and also placed the speed sign and concluded that there is not enough traffic to justify a stop sign at the corner of Oxbow Ln and West Ln the police will continue to place the speed sign there to make sure people are slowing down.

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer suggested that maybe Josh Maloni, with the Sentinel, put something in the paper about grass cutting and keeping yards clean. Leaves and grass are to be bagged and big pick up is the first working Monday of each month.

Trustee Eydt asked Candella if he would check out a red dodge truck that has been sitting on the village right away on Cayuga Street for a long time and the tires are almost flat. The registration expired in 2015. Candella will check it out and issue a notice.

Recreation Director McDermott

Recreation Director McDermott expressed what a great turn out they had at the Spring Fling event and wanted to thank the DPW, Lewiston Police, Lewiston FD #1, and Board Members for their assistance throughout the event and with the ceremonial ground breaking for the new inclusive playground at Marilyn Toohey

Park. Recreation Director McDermott also thanked the local businesses and community members for donating goods and services. They were able to raise \$1,500.00 at the Basket Auction and after paying the few remaining bills the rest of the money will be donated to the new inclusive playground.

Historian Piper

Historian Piper gave an update on the cleanup at the Lewiston Cemetery and says he is two thirds up the hill but will need help with the bigger trees which Superintendent Wills said they will get to it as soon as they can.

Historical Preservation Commission

Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman, Loretta Frankovitch announced that her Board will be having a meeting on May 18, 2021 at 6pm in the Board Room to discuss updating the Historical Preservation Code Book.

LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Marasco

Trustee Marasco met with the Jazz Festival Committee and sometime in August they are planning on having a fundraiser event and hear some music.

The Bicentennial is moving along and a year from now we will be celebrating July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2022. The Bicentennial Committee is accepting donations for the fireworks.

The VFW is having a Memorial Ceremony at Academy Park, May 31, 2021 at 11am.

NEW BUSINESS

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Membership Request

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 for Ricky Wayne Horton for a Conditional membership.

Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Membership Request

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 to accept the resignation of Seth Lutman.

iRun WNY

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by iRun WNY to host the inaugural Niagara Falls USA Marathon on April 30, 2022 along with 5K and half marathon options. The concept course would start and finish in Historic Lewiston, New York; while traveling through Artpark and Niagara Falls to LaSalle Waterfront Park, where they would turn around and head back to the village.

Organizational Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to schedule the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6pm.

755 Center Street – The Stone House

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve, contingent on NYS DOT approval, the plans submitted for 755 Center Street, The Stone House, for an outdoor patio to be used for seating and a safety gate across the driveway as presented. The removal of the tree in village right of way was also approved. The Historical Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on May 10, 2021.

460 Center Street – Frontier House

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the plans submitted for 460 Center Street, The Frontier House as presented. The Historical Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on May 10, 2021.

HPC Request to Add Tab to The Village Website

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request from the Historical Preservation Commission to add to the Village website a tab for the Historical Preservation Commission with information and resources for property owners.

419 Center St. – Request for Outdoor Patio

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the updated plans submitted for 419 Center Street to sublease and utilize the adjacent space for an outdoor patio and additional seating for Carmelo's Coat of Arms, located at 425 Center Street. The Historical Preservation and Planning Board Commission approved this request on May 10, 2021.

DISCUSSION**340 N. 4th Street – Tree Removal Request**

Superintendent Wills stated there were two trees on the property that are Village trees. We had one removed last year. The second tree is on the list to come down and Wills contacted the Arborist to make it a priority.

Hennepin Park – Reserved Parking Request

A discussion ensued regarding a request for reserved parking on S. 4th Street side of Hennepin Park during a wedding on August 7, 2021. Renee Morse requested three parking spots during the wedding. Superintendent Wills said he will leave a few cones at the park but they are responsible to put them up. Mayor Welch said they cannot put them up before noon on the day of the wedding and they need to be taken down immediately after.

REPORTS**Superintendent Wills**

Superintendent Wills reported that all of the flowers and hanging baskets will be coming in tomorrow.

Wills is working with Josh Stack on the south docks to finish up the last couple of boat slips down at Lewiston Landing.

Mayor Welch thanked Superintendent Wills and appreciates all of the DPWs hard work.

Law Counsel Leone

Law Counsel Leone said we have been having an ongoing issue with Guardian Insurance over premiums for a while now. Law Counsel Leone has been working closely with Treasurer Stephanie Myers and wanted to thank her for finally getting through to Guardian Insurance when he was unsuccessful.

Engineer Marino

Engineer Marino stated that he has a crew coming in tomorrow to get the work going on the charge stations and the electrical needs for the upgraded bathrooms in Academy Park and upgrades being made to the Fish Cleaning Station.

Engineer Marino wanted to thank Treasurer Myers for getting us over the finish line for the first \$50,000 Grant, through D.E.C., towards the new recycling truck.

Mayor Welch added that she had read about President Biden's new funding for Parks which includes new parks and enhancing old parks. Mayor Welch said hopefully we can get in on that for Academy Park and up at Dick Soluri Park.

**BOARD
REPORTS****Trustee Conde**

Trustee Conde asked Engineer Marino where if there is any progress on the drawings for the DPW garage addition. Marino stated that they will have preliminary drawings within the next couple of weeks.

Trustee Eydt

Trustee Eydt reported that the Band Shell up at Academy Park is going to be moving very soon. It is staked out and they are just waiting on the footer, floor plan and will start putting the shovel in the ground within the next week or two.

Finishing up the LWRP Projects that we have been working on forever. The State says we have to wrap it up by July 17, 2021 to get it all approved which will help us with future grants.

On Wednesday, May 19th, have a meeting with the Water Board to discuss the water improvements to the Village where we are coming up with a master plan that we can use for now and the next 25-30 years. We do not have the money now but will have a plan, in writing, for when the grants come in. But what we have to do now is get the water across the Parkway from 104 into the Village and then we can start moving in different directions through the Village.

Thanked Recreation Director McDermott for the Spring Fling and said the kids had a good time.

Trustee Marasco

Trustee Marasco commented on what a spectacular event the Spring Fling was and how she enjoyed watching all the kids run around and have fun. It was a magical event and thanked Recreation Director McDermott.

Mayor Welch

Mayor Welch stated that it was great to see all the kids lined up on the street at the Spring Fling and seeing all the parents and grandparents come out to the event was great.

Mayor Welch said we are still waiting on the \$475K COVID relief funds from the Federal Government. There is also an infrastructure grant that is coming out and hopefully we could use that for the waterline coming into the Village.

Mayor Welch thanked the Garden Club who has worked very hard through the Village and stated everything looks beautiful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

The Village Board of Trustees Board End of Year meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

The Historical Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 6:00pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021

The Clerk's Office and DPW will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 7:02pm.

Donna Vazquez, Deputy Clerk