

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Police Captain Salada, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm

RESIDENTS

Alex Vanderlip, who installed a retired flag collection box at the Red Brick for his Eagle Scout project last year, said he has collected many retired flags and would like to hold a flag retirement ceremony, on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 7pm in Academy Park. A burn barrel provided by the Lewiston Police Department will be placed on the old brick pad near the Lewiston VFW Circle of Honor Ceremony.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the April 15, 2024 and May 6, 2024 minutes.

BILLS A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the May 2024 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$320,676.63
Capital Fund: \$83,187.38
Trust & Agency: \$12,155.54
Total: \$416,019.55

REPORTS **Police Captain Salada** said we have had a 64% increase in our call volume, 47% increase in arrests and 103% increase in traffic stops. We have had a busy start, and it's not even festival season yet.

Fire Inspector Beebe spoke on the letters he has been working on regarding the condition of the structure located at 885 Oneida Street. Beebe said it is structurally sound, it is more of a habitability issue.

Recreation Director McDermott said the recreation department has been busy with registrations. Our Spring Fling Fun Run had 180 runners. Thank you to the Clerk's office, DPW, Lewiston Police Department, and the organizations that volunteered for this. Also, thank you to the businesses who support us and provide donations, and to Paul Beatty who volunteers his time for the race.

Historian Piper gave an update on new pieces that have been added to his collection and the status of the monument and flagpole to be erected in the Lewiston Cemetery. Piper mentioned the dedication ceremonies he will be holding on Sunday May 26, 2024 in the Village Cemetery at 12pm and 1pm.

LIASON REPORTS **Trustee Conde** asked Recreation McDermott how the prep work for the bathroom remodel on the first floor of the Red Brick Building was going. McDermott said they are all cleared out. Engineer Marino said this would go out to bid soon, to start the project this summer.

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

From: A00-5142-1000 – Snow Removal Payroll – \$5026.89
To: A00-5110-1000 – Street Maintenance Payroll - \$5026.89

From: A00-8560-4080 – Shade Trees Small Parts – \$1241.00
To: A00-8560-4051 – Shade Trees Stump Removal - \$1241.00

From: A00-8560-4150– Shade Trees Other – \$850.00
To: A00-8560-4051 – Shade Trees Stump Removal - \$850.00

From: A00-5110-4091 – Street Maintenance Asphalt – \$9879.00
To: A00-8560-4051 – Shade Trees Stump Removal - \$9879.00

From: A00-1620-4052 – Outside Contractor – \$14.04
To: A00-1620-4050 – Village Hall Service Contract - \$14.04

From: A00-5010-2000 – Equipment – \$600.00
To: A00-5010-4000 – Contractual - \$600.00

From: A00-5110-1020 – Vacations – \$1,666.72
To: A00-5010-1020 – Safety Awards - \$1,666.72

Budget Transfers

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

From: A00-1325-4010 – Administration Telephone – \$299.75
To: A00-1325-4052 – Clerk-Treasurer Outside Contractor - \$299.75

Facilities Use Request for Academy Park – Slice Fest

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request by Bashar Srouji and Ray Barry for use of Academy Park and the bandshell to host Slice Fest, a pizza festival with some of the top pizzerias in WNY on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 2:00pm to 10:00pm. This event will have local artisan and merch vendors, beer/wine/seltzer tent and live local music, a kids area for building their own mini pizzas, dough tossing contest, face painting, henna tattoos and more. This event will raise money for the Lew-Port Youth Football and Cheer and Wrestling programs.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting.

DISCUSSION

885 Oneida Street

Law Counsel Leone reviewed the different options the Village can take to address the uninhabitable property at 885 Oneida. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to have a notice posted on the property addressing the owner; without a result, send to the Town of Lewiston Court for violations.

Village Cemetery – Plot Deed

A discussion ensued on the proposed deed for Village Cemetery plots, the cost of the plots, and the responsibility of the buyer regarding digging of a grave. A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to offer to sell each plot for \$1,500.00, and including the requirement for submittal of proper insurance for opening a grave, and returning in six months to level out and finish it.

Carriage Rides

Lee Simonson spoke on proposed carriage rides on Saturday's during non-festival weekends throughout the Village. This is a trial, a work in progress, we would like to see what the public reception is. We plan to start in front of Tom Deal's property, during the ride stop at the museum for a tour. The entire experience should take about 45 minutes.

Mayor Welch asked if NYS DOT has been contacted. I am concerned about the amount of traffic we have; 20,000 cars per day travel on Center Street. I would like something from NYS DOT or suggest moving this all to our side streets.

Simonson said we have done a lot of research, this is not a procession, parade or festival, and we are not closing down the street. We have not heard back from NYS DOT, but the only requirement which we plan to do is to place an orange triangle on the back of the carriage, indicating that it is a slow-moving vehicle. If

traffic becomes an issue, we will shift and have people get on and off the carriage at the museum.

Law Counsel Leone said there is nothing in the Village Code about carriage rides; please provide the proper insurance and adequate cleanup. Simonson said the horses will be wearing mud bags. Clerk Fundis said Simonson has already submitted the liability insurance with the Village listed as a certificate holder.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to allow the carriage rides to start on Center Street and travel on the side streets for eight non-festival Saturdays at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm; and we request that you come back to the Village Board in July to update us.

Waterfront Safety Issue

Resident Chantal Tinklepaugh addressed safety concerns by the waterfront due to the increased business and traffic with Whirlpool Jet Boats and Griffon Gastropub, both located at 115 S. Water Street. Tinklepaugh said there are 200 people crossing the street at a time, there are delivery trucks parked in the middle of the road; there are so many accidents waiting to happen. Firetrucks couldn't even get down the street if my house was on fire. The delivery trucks cause the street to be a one lane road, there needs to be a loading area for this. There are also large vehicles parking in the spots along the building that have their bumpers sticking out of the spot into the road.

Law Counsel Leone said your concerns were sent to the principal of Whirlpool Jetboat, who submitted a lengthy reply. The village has not ignored this, the police have been contacted, now the question is what we can and need to do.

Suggestions were made by Mayor Welch for delivery trucks to use the parking lot, to park farther down, or schedule deliveries at a better time when it isn't as busy. Trustee Coppins suggested that cars not park in the loading zone to leave that accessible. Deputy Mayor Eydt said there is a clear area where the dumpsters are, those can be pushed back to give more space for delivery trucks.

Tinklepaugh stated that the property owner does not have a current lease. Treasurer Longwell said that she recently received notice from the state that the village lease is in the process of being renewed.

Mayor Welch said the village will speak with the property owner to discuss a plan to work out these issues. No action was taken.

Lewiston Artisan Market

Clerk Fundis said Rachel Jolbert said that a couple of her vendors that are breweries would like to serve alcohol during the market. That was not part of the initial proposal and approval, and she will need Village approval for her vendors to apply for temporary licenses from the State Liquor Authority. A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to allow alcohol to be sold at the Lewiston Artisan Markets for the 2024 season.

REPORTS **Superintendent Wills** said the flowers have been delivered, we are currently hanging the baskets now.

Engineer Marino gave an update on the DPW garage progress, the Academy Park pavilion, and the bids for the fish cleaning station, along with alternate bids to include the stairs and pavilions.

BOARD **Trustee Eydt** mentioned the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May
REPORTS 27, 2024 at 11:00am.

Trustee Coppins asked about the bike path in Academy Park, and asked where the money was coming from for this. Superintendent Wills said that there is a line in the budget specifically for the bike path.

Mayor Welch gave updates on the recent meetings she has been attending, for the parkway, the search for the new Artpark Director and work with Beautification

ADJOURN A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 6:57pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Wills

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the executive session to order at 6:57pm.

BUSINESS A discussion occurred on litigation and personnel. No action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the executive session at 7:38pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Wills

CALL TO ORDER A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

BUSINESS A motion was made by Mayor Welch seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the hiring of a cleaner/maintenance position for the Red Brick building and grounds, upon personnel review of applications.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk