

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Myers, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Fire Inspector Beebe Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Chief Previte, Recreation Director McDermott

EXCUSED Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the Village Board of Trustees meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05pm.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Welch honored the following recipients with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution to community:

Quinn Miller, who delivers The Sentinel to residents in the village, also picks up bottles and cans to be recycled and raised \$600, which he donated to the Care-N-Share Food Pantry. This will be able to provide 215 Thanksgiving dinners with the money Quinn raised.

Jeffrey Fleming, who is an Eagle Scout, worked under the direction of Superintendent Wills to clean up the Lewiston Cemetery.

Jason Lombardi from A-1 Lawn Care built steps on the village right of way of South 7th Street at Orange Cat.

MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the October 19, 2020 Village Board Meeting and November 2, 2020 Work Session minutes.

BILLS A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the November 2020 bills as presented by Treasurer Myers.

REPORTS **Recreation Director McDermott** gave his report on the upcoming annual Lighting of the Tree, which will take place in Academy Park this year on Saturday, December 5, 2020. This event was moved to Academy Park to help promote a safe and socially distant event for families. There will also be a decorated tree this year at the Gazebo at Hennepin Park, donated and decorated by the Garden Club.

McDermott also mentioned that he will be hosting an art class with Compeer Niagara Mental Health Support, an organization that works with those with mental health conditions; we are always opening our community to agents such as this to help offer programs and recreation.

Historian Piper stated that he has received some new donations, and mentioned to Superintendent Wills that the gravestones from Ridge Road need to be set in.

LIAISON REPORTS **Trustee Marasco** stated that the Jazz Fest is on hold indefinitely, with the possibility of a virtual event sooner than August to be planned. Also, President of Jazz Fest, George Osbourne, has taken a step back; Carol Calato will be the new President.

Mayor Welch joined my fellow board members at the VFW Memorial on Veterans Day; Trustee Marasco nice job speaking as their liaison. Was a very moving, and socially distanced event.

Trustee Eydt stated that a meeting with sewer treatment plan will be held on this upcoming Friday, and I will report on this at the next meeting.

**NEW
BUSINESS** **Lewiston Fire Co. #1 Roster Requests**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 to add the following for Restricted Memberships:

Vito Wojick

Emma Woods

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Co. #1 to remove **Calista Tanguay** from the Village list.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 to remove **William Kilmer** from the Village list. We are saddened to hear of the passing of a long time member. We appreciate his dedication and service, and give our condolences to the family and the fire company.

Niagara Hospice Mighty Niagara Half Marathon Request

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request made by Niagara Hospice to hold the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021, using the same route with the race beginning at Artpark.

Joint Commission Meeting to Discuss Historically Designated Properties

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to schedule a joint meeting with the Village Board of Trustees, Planning and Historic Preservation Commission immediately following this meeting to discuss historic property standards and guidelines.

DISCUSSION**GHD State Environmental Quality Review – Solar Energy System Local Law**

Law Counsel Leone stated that when the Town of Lewiston decided to do something with solar energy, they proposed a local law and had to do a SEQR, followed by a moratorium, which is now expiring; this is an informative document for the Village of Lewiston, we are not listed on this.

Center Street Camera Service Renewal

Chief Previte addressed an issue with payment that needs to be sorted out between the Town and Village of Lewiston for the service plan for the surveillance cameras located on Center Street. Previte stated that initially the cameras and service plan were purchased for the police department; the service is a joint communication intel center with Lewiston, Niagara Falls and Lockport located in Niagara Falls; all have access should something happen. The cameras have been used in investigations in the past. The location of the cameras was my decision as well as the District Attorney's, as it is one of the busiest sections of the town to cover, especially with the business concentration and traffic. We have not had to use them for large events or festivals yet.

Mayor Welch said we need to decide on whether we are going to pay this and/or continue the service. I have spoken with Treasurer Myers, who said this \$2,680 charge for a one-year service was not budgeted for.

Chief Previte stated that last year, because the bill was unexpected, he was able to get the District Attorney's office to pay for this, even though their commitment to it had ended. For this year, it was not factored in the budget when I asked to have it in there, so I was asked to approach the Village Board. I have looked into seeing if we could use these cameras without the WCCTV service, however these cameras are proprietary; they are only good with this service provider. The

alternative would be for us to purchase our own camera system and would have to have some type of support system; otherwise, we would have to go with another provider.

Mayor Welch said it is not that I do not think it is a good thing. We can look into budgeting for this next year, but it is not budgeted for at this time.

Trustee Eydt asked that when the cameras were used for investigation in the past, was it beneficial to the point that this amount of money is a well spent investment if we could find the money.

Chief Previte stated that it is hard to project and impossible to anticipate, I wouldn't want something to happen after saying that it isn't beneficial.

Trustee Conde asked if this was a joint decision with the Town of Lewiston to install these cameras; Conde said I wouldn't mind splitting the costs with the town.

Chief Previte responded that the Village was solely approached and made this decision; the town stated that if they paid half of this bill, they would take one of the cameras and move it to a place that would be beneficial to the Town of Lewiston. This service will be terminated in 24 hours if we do not respond to the service provider.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to temporarily terminate the surveillance camera service and to revisit this upon review of the 2021-2022 budget.

Red Brick – Cleaning/Sanitizing Service

Treasurer Myers discussed a plan to have the Red Brick building cleaned and sanitized professionally using a current Trust & Agency account that is designated for maintaining the building. I have consulted with our attorney, Pat Brown, who said he sees no issues with this, as long as it is approved by the board. I also spoke with Superintendent Wills who has given his approval.

Wills stated that with Covid-19 cases on the rise, our doors open to the public, and the rooms being rented, I think it would be a good idea to get back on track with sanitizing and cleaning for the safety of visitors and employees.

The Village Board gave Treasurer Myers their approval.

REPORTS

Clerk Fundis asked the Board of Trustees if they would like to discuss the proposed Public Meeting laws and rules of decorum. Fundis stated that the proposed rules were the same that the Town of Lewiston has posted and follows.

Chief Previte stated that he agrees with the Town of Lewiston's rules, that he recommends this and can personally attest to times when this was useful.

No action was taken; the Board of Trustees decided to work on this and discuss further at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Wills mentioned the extremely deteriorated state that the Academy Park sign is in, and that their letter stock continues to deplete; I wanted to address this so that the subject of looking to replace this doesn't get forgotten.

Engineer Marino discussed temporary signage Greenway has proposed for the bike path throughout the Village of Lewiston. The ice boom will be arriving in two shipments. The first one will arrive this Friday, and we will begin work on assembling it and prepare for installation. Marino also reported on the second REDI grant check has been sent out, and that there have been no updates on the grant money from DASNY for the Marilyn Toohey All-Inclusive Playground at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is cancelled for the month of November.

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held at 6:00pm, followed by the Planning Board meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, December 14, 2020.

The Village Board of Trustees Board work session will be held at 6pm on Monday, December 7, 2020.

The Clerk's office and DPW will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Shannon Fundis, Village Clerk