

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Welch called the Village Board meeting to order with the pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION OF 25 YEARS DEDICATED SERVICE TO LARRY WILLS**

Mayor Welch had Deputy Supt. Larry Wills come forward and presented him with a certificate acknowledging his twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Village of Lewiston. Mayor Welch, Supt. Brolinski, and Deputy Supt. Wills had their photo taken by the local news media representatives.

**RESIDENTS**

Vincent LaForte from 901 Onondaga Street said he was representing himself and his neighbor James Lynch (who was also present). He said that the intersection of Onondaga and N. Ninth Street is a two way stop, and he would like to see the village change this intersection to a four way stop intersection. He stated that the Lewiston Police do a fine job but they cannot be everywhere. The morning and evening traffic is an issue.

Mayor Welch said she is pretty sure this has come up before.

Vincent LaForte said the traffic goes around stopped school buses, and has even gone up onto lawns to get around stopped vehicles. This is a heavy pedestrian route and I am concerned for the safety of others. When the new shopping plaza goes in there will be more traffic.

Mayor Welch asked Chief Previte to take a look at that intersection and give his recommendation on the intersection.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Eydt spoke about the recent correspondence from National Fuel requesting that the Village of Lewiston please advise them of any public improvement projects in our jurisdiction.

Trustee Eydt mentioned for example when Center Street is repaved we will have to advise them of that upcoming project.

Mayor Welch said there will be many meetings coordinated with New York State DOT for that project.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the February 19, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes and the March 4, 2019 Village Board work session minutes as presented.

**BILLS**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson saying I have audited the March 2019 vouchers and found them to be in order; I make a motion to pay the vouchers as presented by the Clerk's office. Trustee Marasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously to pay the following amounts:

<b>GENERAL FUND \$468,568.34</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>\$3,821.06</b>
<b>CAPITAL (H)</b>	<b>\$5,25.27</b>	

**REPORTS**

**Police Chief Previte** reported that they had a successful active shooter event at Niagara Wheatfield School which included the West Street School and the Eric Road School. Also on April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM the Friends of the Library will be hosting an informational Opioid Crisis speaker series, in the Redbrick gymnasium. There will be

guest speakers from all across the county coming to speak for example; Rebecca Wydish.

Mayor Welch said this is a great thing they are trying to make everyone aware of what is going on in the world.

Trustee Marasco added this event was generated by a village resident Florence Pearsall.

**Building Inspector Candella** said his written report was submitted to the Clerk's Office. No questions were brought forward.

**Zoning Officer DeVantier** said his report was submitted to the Clerk's office for distribution. No questions were asked in regards to his report.

**Fire Inspector Beebe** also said he had submitted his monthly report for distribution. No questions were brought forward.

**Recreation Director McDermott** gave an outline of his department's current activities;

We are finishing up the indoor Soccer Program we had 119 registered participants. We had 47 participants in the winter Tennis Program. We had a great turnout for the Kids Bingo night; 72 guests. We are looking forward to the upcoming Floor Hockey program on March 22, 2019.

Recreation Director McDermott added I will be meeting with Benjamin Bunker he is the Niagara County Youth Director; I am hoping for additional funding.

Trustee Eydt asked if the annual Spring fling had been scheduled.

Recreation Director McDermott answered yes it is scheduled for May 5, 2019.

**Historian Russ Piper** reported that he has acquired the "Hanover" painting and it is hanging in the hallway at the Redbrick School house. He also reported that he was able to acquire a donation of one hundred pieces from Jeff Morrows book collection. Russ also said that Jeff Morrow has other first edition books that he is willing to sell at fair market value to him. Russ Piper concluded saying he is working on getting an original O.P. Scovell painting; Nettie Stimson has it and may donate it to the collection at the Redbrick Museum.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

**Mayor Welch** reported that she recently met with the Town of Lewiston, and Greenway representatives for a consistency review. The Village of Lewiston has been earmarked for two hundred thousand dollars toward the all-inclusive playground at Marilyn Toohey Park. We will take any donations we can get for this wonderful project; so if any of you know anyone please spread the word.

**Trustee Eydt** reported on the progress at Lewiston Landing. A preconstruction meeting was held and they should be starting work this week at our waterfront. They will be taking out the break walls, putting in new floating docks and getting the area ready for use this summer.

Mayor Welch added we will have floating docks to accommodate the changing water levels and a cement walkway that will last a long time.

**Trustee Marasco** reported that on April 6, 2019 the business group has planned a "Shop & Hop" event. This is similar to the Sip, Shop and Eat event held earlier this year which was a success. We are being funded by the south towns; and these events should help through the slow winter months. Trustee Marasco continued saying the Taste of Lewiston has been approved for May 2019; the Chamber will be presenting this event. There is a Jazz Festival Fundraiser scheduled for March 31, 2019 at the BBC this event supports the August Jazz Festival. Also the VFW Monument was approved for

Greenway funding.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INTER- COMMUNITY SERVICES SOLICITATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed with four votes – Trustee Marasco recused herself; to approve the facilities request from Inter-Community Services Ransomville; Representative Erin Howard. Requesting to collect monetary donations during the Tuesday night Artpark concerts 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during the concert season. The location requested is N. Fourth Street outside the Artpark entrance.

**HEART LOVE AND SOUL INC SOLICITATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities request from Heart Love and Soul. Inc. to collect monetary donations to support them, on Tuesday nights 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during the concert season. The requested location is S. Fourth Street on the sidewalks outside the Artpark entrance.

**COMMUNITY MISSIONS OF NIAGARA FRONTIER SOLICITATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities request from Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc. to collect monetary donations during the Tuesday night Artpark concerts 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during the concert season. The location requested is N. Fourth Street outside the Artpark entrance.

Christian Hoffman from Community Missions of Niagara Frontier said all the money collected goes directly to the food pantry, we have been doing this collection for eleven years, in 2018 we served one hundred nineteen thousand meals. Many of the Artpark attendees look for us, and have generated acquaintances.

Mayor Welch said this is a great thing that you do for our community and we are glad to have you here doing this.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the following budget transfers as requested by Clerk Treasurer Salada:

From: A00-1440-4150 Engineer Other	\$2,400.	To: A00-1440-4000 Engineer Contractual	\$2,400.
From: A00-3620-2000 Safety Insp. Equip.	\$73.	To: A00-3620-4130 Safety Insp. Schools & Travel	\$73.
From: F00-9010-8000 Retirement	\$200.	To: F00-1320-4000 Audit Contractual	\$200.
From: G00-9010-8000 Retirement	\$200.	To: G00-1320-4000 Audit Contractual	\$200.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the following budget transfers as requested by Supt. Brolinski:

From: A00-1990-4000 Contingent	\$8,792.94	To: A00-1640-4050 Outside Contractor	\$8,792.94
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### **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JOSH KRUPP FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Joshua Krupp from the Planning Commission due to a relocation outside of the Village of Lewiston.

Mayor Welch said I had the pleasure of working with Josh Krupp on the Planning Commission he is a very intelligent young man and he represented the village well, he will be missed.

### **ACCEPT DOREEN ALBEE AS PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to move Doreen Albee (Alternate on the Planning Commission) into the unexpired term vacated by Joshua Krupp on the Planning Commission expiring in 2020.

Trustee Marasco said Doreen Albee will do a fantastic job in this position.

### **APPOINT JEFFERY WILLIAMS AS ALTERNATE TO PLANNING COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco and seconded by Trustee Eydt to **table** the appointment of Jeffery Williams as alternate to the Planning Commission. This motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Gibson asked won't this appointment be a conflict of interest when he is a major stakeholder in two major development projects currently going on.

Trustee Conde said I also think that Jeff Williams is an owner of many businesses in the village and will not be able to vote on many of the items that come before the Planning commission due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Marasco asked to table this appointment.

Trustee Gibson said I am not saying that he wouldn't do a good job.

Law Counsel Joseph Leone said he could be appointed and recuse himself when there was conflicting business. The question is how often would he (Jeffery Williams) have to recuse himself from the business on the agenda.

### **MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee to hold the annual parade at 11:00 AM preceding to Academy Park, with a ceremony at noon followed with a free luncheon at 1:00 PM. Street closing are proposed for this request. All traffic is requested to be detoured at North Ninth Street to Mohawk Street.

### **BRUCE SUTHERLAND APPOINTED TO LIBRARY BOARD**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously approve the appointment of Bruce Sutherland to fill the vacancy of Barbara Coppock on the Lewiston Library Board which expires in December 2020.

### **SPRING FLING TOOHEY PARK USE**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to use Marilyn Toohey Park for the 24th annual Spring Fling and to close Onondaga Street from N 3rd to N 4th Street on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

### **ONE MILE SPRING FLING RACE**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to hold the annual 1-mile Spring Fling Race for children on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 12:30PM starting at N 2nd Street and Onondaga, heading east to N 5th Street, North to Oneida Street, West to Rudlen Road, North to Mohawk Street and west to N 3rd Street ending South to Onondaga Street.

### **FACE PAINTING FOR SPRING FLING**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to hire Bruce Ruark (face painter and balloon sculptor) at the cost of \$500 from TA 94 (Recreation) for the time period of 1:00PM to 3:00PM on Sunday, May 5, 2019 for entertainment at the Spring Fling.

### **PETTING ZOO FOR SPRING FLING**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to hire Cindy Jolbert of Shanandoah Acres (petting zoo) at the cost of \$425 from TA 94 (Recreation) for the time period of 1:00PM to 3:00PM on Sunday, May 5, 2019 for entertainment at the Spring Fling.

### **FUN PUTT WNY ENTERTAINMENT FOR SPRING FLING**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to allow the Recreation Department to hire Fun Putt WNY at the cost of \$465 from TA 94 (Recreation) for the time period of 12:30PM to 4:30PM on Sunday, May 5, 2019 for entertainment at the Spring Fling.

### **NIAGARA WINE TRAIL WINE FESTIVAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed to approve the facilities request from Niagara Wine Trail to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Niagara Wine Festival at Academy Park July 27 & 28, 2019. Dates requested to use the park are July 25-28 for setup and clean up.

Law Counsel Joseph Leone stated that everyone who is serving alcoholic beverages has to have liquor liability insurance.

### **LEWISTON GARDEN CLUB STATUE TO BE PLACED AT SENECA PARK**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Garden Club to place a statue at Seneca Park. The sculpture will be of two life size children reading a book on a bench.

Marianne Gittermann said that the Williams family donated funds to purchase this statue.

Trustee Marasco said so glad you are doing this (placing a statue of children reading) soon books will be obsolete.

Mayor Welch said the Lewiston Beautification commission and the Lewiston Garden Club have been helping me with the all-inclusive playground. They will be helping with the landscaping needs for the playground.

Brendan McDermott has also been working hard on many aspects of this this project.

Hopefully we will see the all-inclusive park completed this summer (2019).

### **DISCUSSION**

Mayor Welch asked the Village Board members if they had any preferences for the scheduling of the budget meeting dates.

A brief discussion took place; Trustee Gibson said anytime, Trustee Conde said he was available 5:00-5:30 PM, and Trustee Eydt said Tuesdays were not good for him. Mayor Welch said she would get with the clerk's office and let the Village Board members know when the meeting will be held.

Trustee Marasco asked how the camera project for the Redbrick School building was coming.

Supt. Brolinski said that he signed the quote just this last week and this project should start moving along.

Mayor Welch added that the police cameras for two locations on Center Street should be installed this coming week.

## REPORTS

**Clerk Treasurer Salada** reported we are looking forward to spring, as I am sure all of you are. The annual Earth Day cleanup event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 starting at the Redbrick School. Deputy Myers and I will be attending NYS Retirement training on April, 11, 2019 and April 12, 2019 in Albion, NY. We have been working on the 2019-2020 village budget which has been presented tonight. And lastly I would like to remind everyone to get their new water meter head put on to ensure an accurate bill.

**Supt. Brolinski** reported that the 4 and 1 project for the Ellicott development at N Eighth and Center Street has been completed. The area is a mess right now, they had to dig deep.

Trustee Eydt asked how many feet of pipe they had to put in for the four and one project.

Supt. Brolinski answered two hundred and eighty feet of pipe.

Engineer Marino said that having this done as a part of the requirements for the development project had a cost savings of thirty to forty thousand dollars to the village. It was a big project.

Supt Brolinski said he was looking to switch out current street lighting with LED bulbs at fifty-four dollars each that also come with a savings for the electric bill. National Grid wants to know how many bulbs I change to LED bulbs and they will reduce the electric charge. We have one hundred forty-five street lights including the nineteen that will be replaced at Lewiston Landing.

Mayor Welch added and the life of the LED bulbs is twenty years.

Supt. Brolinski said that the cost savings for the change to LED light bulbs should be significant.

**Engineer Marino** reported that he and his office has been busy with Greenway presentations, for the proposed all-inclusive park project. We have been wrapping up the contractor's construction agreement for Lewiston Landing. They are waiting for parts to the floating docks, but you should see the fencing go up this week (fencing is needed due to the active construction site). I am waiting for them to give me a hard schedule for the construction.

**Law Counsel Joseph Leone** reported that he had been working on the 125 S. First Street property which is in foreclosure; a referee has been appointed and a demo permit has been applied for by the current owner. Building Inspector Candella provided me with photos of the exterior and interior of the premises Leone said. The Bank Attorney asked what needed to be done to get this property back to livable conditions. The owner has asked for a notice of appeal to the foreclosure.

Law Counsel Leone further reported on SESAC a company requesting funding from the village to pay for music rights. I have sent a letter to them requesting details on the said agreement they are referencing. The village doesn't hire or employ any musicians.

## REPORTS

Trustee Conde said I would like to congratulate Larry Wills on his twenty-five years of service with the Village of Lewiston Dept. of Public works.

Trustee Gibson said I would also like to congratulate Larry Wills on his twenty-five years of service. I would also like to thank Supt. Brolinski and his team for all the hard work on Onondaga Street with the four and one project.

Trustee Eydt said I too would like to congratulate Larry Wills on his twenty-five years of service.

Trustee Marasco said I agree, congratulations to Larry Wills, every time I see him he is working, either digging, climbing or going somewhere.

Trustee Marasco also said how about the March Madness and our local Buffalo University player. We have a Lewiston Resident Maddie Elia who is a professional women's hockey player with the Buffalo Beauties, she is a high scorer who recently played in the Isabella Cup, the team lost buy just one point. I am hoping we can do something to get her some recognition; maybe our media representatives for the Niagara Frontier Sentinel or the Niagara Gazette would like to look into this and give her some media coverage.

Mayor Welch reported; Congratulations to our Lewiston Porter Varsity Basketball team they went a long way in the playoffs. We should be very proud of the coaches and the teammates.

Brendan McDermott added most of that Varsity Basketball Team is here in the gymnasium right now shooting hoops.

Mayor Welch congratulated Larry Wills and said Larry I remember when you came aboard the village, thank you it has been great knowing you all these years, on our team and our family.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clerk Treasurer Salada read the announcements aloud.

**All meetings are held in the Village Board room at 145 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street unless notified:**

The next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The next Historic Preservation meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 6:56 PM. Trustee Eydt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer