**PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, Engineer Marino, Captain Cain, Historian Piper

**EXCUSED** Recreation Director McDermott, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Fire Inspector Beebe, Law Counsel Leone, Treasurer Myers

**CALL TO** Mayor Welch called the Annual Organizational Meeting to order with the Pledge

**ORDER** of Allegiance at 6:02pm.

**NEW** A motion was made by Trustee Gibson and seconded by Trustee Conde to approve **BUSINESS** the Mayor’s appointment of Victor Eydt as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term. Trustee Eydt abstained, and Trustee Marasco voted no. The motion passed with three yes votes.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Donna Vazquez as Deputy Clerk for a one-year term.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Law Counsel Joseph Leone for a one-year term for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. as the Village of Lewiston Engineering firm for a one-year term for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to appoint Kenneth Candella as Building Inspector for a one-year term for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to appoint Kenneth Candella as Zoning Officer for a one-year term for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde and Trustee Marasco in unison, seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the Board of Trustees appointment of Stephanie Myers as Registrar and Shannon Fundis as Deputy Registrar for Village of Lewiston for a one-year term of office 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Russ Piper as Historian for the Village of Lewiston for a one-year term for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Barry Beebe as Fire Inspector for the Village of Lewiston for a one-year term 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to waive the residency requirements for the following:

Barry Beebe

Kenneth Candella

Robert Crewe

Shannon Fundis

Richard Hess

Anthony Mang

Wende MacKellar

Brendan McDermott

Travis Mis

Russ Piper

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** to establish the following Committees of the Village Board with assignments as follows for liaison and alternate liaison:

Administration Mayor/Tr. Eydt

Personnel Tr. Conde/Tr. Gibson

LNRR Chamber of Commerce Mayor/Tr. Marasco

Beautification Mayor/Tr. Marasco

Artpark Mayor/Tr. Conde

Lewiston Council on the Arts Tr. Conde/Tr. Gibson

Law Enforcement Tr. Marasco/Tr. Conde

Fire Company Tr. Eydt/Tr. Gibson

Recreation, Parks & Environment Tr. Gibson/Tr. Conde

Planning Commission Mayor/Tr. Eydt

Zoning Commission Tr. Conde/Tr. Eydt

Dept. of Public Works Mayor/Tr. Eydt

Community Sewer Commission Tr. Eydt/Tr. Marasco

Amer. Legion & VFW Tr. Marasco/ Tr. Eydt

Lewiston Library Tr. Marasco/Tr. Gibson

Hist. Preservation Commission Mayor/Tr. Eydt

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to designate Key Bank as the official Village of Lewiston depository for fiscal year 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** to establish the regular meeting dates of the Village Board of Trustees for fiscal year 2021-2022 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 145 N 4th Street, Lewiston: Official Village Board meetings shall be the first Monday of each month from October – May, except the September 2021 meeting shall be on the first Tuesday; the third Monday of each month from September – August, except the January and February 2022 meetings shall be on the third Tuesday.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to schedule the Organizational meeting of the Village Board for Tuesday July 5, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that a Special Meeting of the Village Board may be called by the Mayor or, in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and that the Clerk shall thereupon contact each member of the Board by telephone, and shall contact the news media and public as required by the Open Meetings Law, and such Special Meetings shall be held in the Municipal Building, 145 N 4th Street, Lewiston, NY.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and Trustee Conde in unison and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** pursuant to Section 77-6 of General Municipal Law, to authorize officials and employees to attend school and conferences during fiscal year 2021- 2022 with expenses borne by the Village as follows:

* + The Annual meeting conducted by the NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials – Board of Trustees, Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer.
  + Municipal Officials workshops conducted by the NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials – Board of Trustees.
  + The Training School for Fiscal Officers and Municipal Clerks conducted by the NYS Conference of Mayors, Municipal Officials – Clerk, Treasurer and Deputy Clerk.
  + NYCOM Winter Legislative meeting – Board of Trustees, Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer.
  + Northwestern Frontier Association of Village Officials and Western New York Association of Village Officials – Board of Trustees, Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer.
  + Historic Preservation Commission members to attend training and approved SHIPPO training.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Lewiston hereby establishes the following days for its employees and will report days worked to the NYS and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS 8.00 hrs./day

RECREATION EMPLOYEES 7.00 hrs./day

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Lewiston hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the NYS Local Employees’’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of Activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

CLERK 7.00 hrs./day

TREASURER 7.00 hrs./day

DEPUTY CLERK 7.00 hrs./day

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS 8.00 hrs./day

DEPUTY SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS 8.00 hrs./day

RECREATION DIRECTOR 7.00 hrs./day

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 6.00 hrs./day

HPC/PLANNING MEMBERS 6.00 hrs./day

ZONING BOARD MEMBERS 6.00 hrs./day

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the same benefits for the non-union employees as the full-time union employees as referenced in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to Section 5-524 of the Village Law, which authorizes the Treasurer or in the absence of the Treasurer, the Deputy Clerk, to pay claims in advance of an audit; claims for the following recurring charges during fiscal year 2021-2022: public utility services, postage, freight, express charges, financed vehicle leased payments and health payments.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Uniform Notice of Claim Act, which became effective on June 15, 2013, amendment to the NY General Municipal Law to allow notices of claim against villages to be served on the New York Secretary of State as agent for New York’s public corporations, and pursuant to the Act, the New York Department of State will forward any notice of claim served on it to the Village of Lewiston designee, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees designates the Clerk as the individual to whom the Secretary of State must mail notices of claim.

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to designate the Lewiston-Porter Sentinel as the official newspaper of the Village of Lewiston for fiscal year 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adopt the rate of .56 cents per mile as set by the NYS Comptroller office for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ken Bedore to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a five-year term to 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Loretta Frankovitch as Chairwomen to the Historic Preservation Commission for a five-year term to 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Tasia Fitzpatrick to the Planning Commission with a two-year term to 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Doreen Albee to the Planning Commission with a two-year term to 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

Trustee Eydt discussed a grant opportunity from Key Bank and Northwestern Bank to be utilized for the bike path. Engineer Marino said that he is currently working on this, and will turn in the documentation to the bank this week.

Mayor Welch acknowledged and thanked Fox Fence for donating the fence for around the Red Brick Park during construction of the All-Inclusive Marilyn Toohey Playground.

Superintendent Wills stated that the existing playground equipment at the Red Brick building will be donated to the non-profit organization, Potters Field 99, located on Highland Avenue in Niagara Falls, NY.

Mayor Welch announced that the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston, located at 505 Cayuga Street, will have a celebration to dedicate a sign announcing the National Register of Historic Places designation for the Old Stone Church and adjacent Village Cemetery on July 17, 2021 at 4pm.

Trustee Conde stated that he was working with Engineer Marino, and requested a drawing of Ridge Street to address the concerns with it being a one-way street, and to determine if it is possible to make into a two way street.

Engineer Marino said that they would be coming out within the next two weeks for measurements of Ridge Street.

Engineer Marino presented a plaque for a platinum award from the Engineering Excellence Awards to the Village of Lewiston for the Lewiston Landing Emergency Reconstruction and Resiliency Project by Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc.

A discussion ensued regarding the Covid-19 Federal Stimulus money that the village will receive, and the first payment will be used to pursue the North 9th Street water/sewer project. Superintendent Wills stated that this will run on North 9th from Center Street to Mohawk Street, eliminating the six inch line on the east side of the road, and will tie all into the twelve inch line, which will correct all the problem areas and to increase safety.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6 PM.

The Historic Preservation meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6PM, followed immediately by the Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 PM.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

A firework display for the Niagara Falls Country Club will be set off at the Plateau on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk