

March 4, 2019

10:00 AM

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

PRESENT

Mark Boling Business Agent, Teamsters Local #264, Anthony Mang Stewart for Dept. of Public Works, Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Gibson, Deputy Supt. Larry Wills, Supt. Terry Brolinski, Clerk Treasurer A. Salada.

A brief discussion was held in which negotiations were discussed no changes to the Collective Bargaining contract were confirmed at this time.

It was stated that another meeting would take place; a time and date were not given.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer

5:00 PM

FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Pat Brown CPA from Brown and Company the Village of Lewiston's contracted independent auditor, presented an overview of the financial statement for year ending May 31, 2018.

Pat Brown stated that overall the financial position of the Village of Lewiston has improved since 2014. The measurement of liquidity is in good shape we are at forty-seven percent. Pat Brown said you do not want to go below fifteen percent.

Pat Brown recommended the Village Board could to use 186, 000 of the village fund balance for this coming years' budget which is the same amount used last year.

Pat Brown also spoke in regards to the BAN request for Lewiston Landing Rehabilitation project; recommending that the previous amount of \$400, 000 be increased to 1.2 million to be sure the funds were available to pay the contractors and other charges for the project as they come in. You do not have to use the entire amount of the BAN but it is best to have it available for the project costs.

The presentation ended at 5:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Welch said before we get started Chief Previte would like to introduce two of his new Lewiston Police officers; Adriano Medici and Mitchell Pegan. A photo of the new Patrol Officers was taken with the Village Board Members and Chief Previte.

Mayor Welch said now I would like to welcome the new owners of the Frontier House; Bill Paladino, Jeff Williams, Bill Game. Jerry Williams is also an owner in this project, he is unable to make this meeting tonight as he is overseeing a construction project in Florida. Mayor Welch continued saying I know they will do a great job, they are reputable and I couldn't be more pleased that we are finally going to see the Frontier House restored.

RESIDENTS

Ken Slaughaupt Chairman for Historic Preservation and on behalf of the Historic Association of Lewiston announced we are featuring "Risk Everything" a movie based on the book Freedom Crossing, at the BBC 432 Center Street on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:30. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was brought forward.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

FACILITY CONTRACT FOR FUN FLY R/C CLUB

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request Fun Fly R/C Club to use the Plateau for model helicopter/model airplane club flying. March 15, 2019 to November 15, 2019.

NIAGARA RIVER REGION CHAMBER TO HOST TASTE OF LEWISTON

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the revised facilities request to hold the Taste of Lewiston on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM to be sponsored and ran by the Niagara River Region Chamber.

FACILITY CONTRACT FOR MINITURE GOLF BUSINESS TOURNAMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request from Niagara River Region Chamber to use Academy Park to hold their networking event and miniature golf business tournament on Thursday, July 18, 2019 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A NYS URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL ARBOR DAY GRANT

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson to approve a resolution for the Village of Lewiston to apply to New York State Urban Forestry Council for an Arbor Day Program Community Grant.

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is applying to the New York State Urban Forestry Council for an Arbor Day Program Community Grant to be located at Marilyn Toohey Park 145 N 4th Street, Lewiston NY, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Village Board; and

WHEREAS; as a requirement of these programs, said Village of Lewiston must obtain the approval of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston hereby does approve and endorse the application of the Village of Lewiston for a grant from the NYS Urban Forestry Council for an Arbor Day Program Community grant project and will be located within this community.

Clerk Treasurer Salada polled the Village Board of Trustees receiving the following results:

Trustee Conde	“YES”	Trustee Eydt	“YES”
Trustee Marasco	“YES”	Trustee Gibson	“YES”
Mayor Welch	“YES”		

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PRO-FLEX ADMISTRATORS

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson to accept a resolution to enter into the medical expense reimbursement plan services agreement with Pro-Flex Administrators., LLC.

This agreement is effective as of April 1st, 2019 between the Village of Lewiston, Inc. and Pro-Flex Administrators, LLC a New York limited liability company.

WHEREAS, the employer desires to establish a “self-insured medical expense reimbursement plan” as defined at Section 105(h) and/or Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended (the “Code”) for the benefit of its eligible employees (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to retain Pro-Flex to provide technical and administrative services with respect to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Pro-Flex desires to provide such services upon the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, with the intention of being legally bound hereby, covenant and agree as written in the contract.

Clerk Treasurer Salada polled the Village Board receiving the following results:

Trustee Conde	“YES”	Trustee Eydt	“YES”
Trustee Marasco	“YES”	Trustee Gibson	“YES”
Mayor Welch	“YES”		

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF STACEY SHEEHAN

A motion was made Mayor Welch to accept the resignation of Stacey Sheehan effective February 26, 2019 the motion was seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously.

Mayor Welch said it was great to have Stacey work for us during that short time, she did very well. She made this decision due to conflicts with family to take care of her family.

Trustee Eydt asked for an ad to be placed in the newspaper to fill this position.

PHARMACEUTICAL PICK UP

Police Chief Frank Previte said as many of you know the Lewiston Police Station has a pharmaceutical drop off container. The one at the Lewiston Police is one of the busiest in Niagara County. Lewiston Police is going to start a new program where we will go out to residents and collect the pharmaceuticals from those who are unable to bring them to us. The only thing we require is that they call the Lewiston Police office and make an appointment. This service will be scheduled once a month on the fifteenth of each month.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Welch opened discussion on scheduling a work session for village boards and commissions.

Mayor Welch asked the Village Board if they had any preference in when this would be scheduled. She stated that it would be best to schedule this work session in the evening say six o'clock so everyone can attend. We will have to figure out a date to have everyone attend.

Mayor Welch opened the discussion on a correspondence from Walter Lattka 220 Cayuga Street regarding trees on embankment. Mayor Welch said I went to this location and took a look at the trees.

Walter Lattka stood and introduced himself; saying I live in a unique location, on an embankment. I was here two years ago before the village board, talking about the beauty of the trees, I do not want them removed or cut down but there are several trees that are in bad shape on the embankment, dead trees, trees that are an eyesore and are worrisome. I am afraid of a domino effect, that could cause a problem with the live trees. One year ago a tree from the embankment fell down and narrowly missed my house. Supt. Brolinski and Deputy Wills quickly responded. I do not want this to happen again. I understand that the trees on my property are my responsibility to maintain. I would like the trees on your village property looked at by a tree service or an arborist.

Mayor Welch said we have a copy of your survey and we took a look at it, a lot of the trees are on your property.

Supt. Brolinski said where Mr. Lattka is talking now the trees are on the paper street that comes over the hill.

Supt. Brolinski said I will meet with Mr Lattka and take a look at the trees in that area.

Walter Lattka said I would like that, thank you.

Trustee Marasco said this weekend was the Lewiston Business Group Event Sip, Shop & Eat. If you missed this event let me tell you it was a fantastic, creative event. What a good idea it was. The group engaged the entire Lewiston Business Group, they used a punch card system, so every single business could be entered and the individual could have the card punched, get a sample of wine or a desert, or maybe another type of sample. People came from all over. This could make the Village of Lewiston open for business all year long and sustain the businesses. It was an honor to work with this group.

We all need to support our Cottage businesses; it helps us all. When the Frontier House opens for business more and more people will be coming to Lewiston. I want to thank all who were involved with this event (Sip, Shop and Eat) it was a fantastic event.

Mayor Welch said I did go to all the shops and every one of them was packed. I agree this was a great idea, fantastic for Lewiston, thank you.

Clerk Treasurer Salada read the following announcements aloud:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings are held in the Village Board room at 145 N 4th Street unless notified:

- The next Village Board meeting will be held on March 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM.
- The Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 26, 2019 6:30 PM.

ADJOURN

Trustee Marasco made a motion to adjourn the village board work session at 6:23 PM.

Trustee Conde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amy Salada, Clerk Treasurer