

**PRESENT**

Mayor Welch, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Law Counsel Leone, Police Chief Previte, Superintendent Wills, Engineer Marino from Nussbaumer & Clark, Clerk Treasurer Salada, Deputy Clerk Fundis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01PM.

**RESIDENTS**

Resident Thomas Smith spoke on account of personal complaints he had with Police Chief Previte and the Town of Lewiston Police Department. Mayor Welch stated that this is not something that she or her board members could be involved with, nor were they familiar with. (The Town of Lewiston administers the Lewiston Police personnel) Mayor Welch said we would like to help you in any way that we can, but this is not up to us; Mayor Welch suggested that he take up with these complaints with his lawyer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FUNDING FOR 5980 SUPER N LOADER BACKHOE**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously with five yes votes to approve the funding for the Case 2019 - 5980 Super N Loader Backhoe. M & T Bank was chosen for a five year financing plan at an interest rate of 3.666%.

Deputy Clerk Fundis polled the board, receiving the following results:

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

**BUSINESS**

**NATIONAL GRID LED STREET LIGHTING CONVERSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the proposed contract with National Grid for LED SL Conversion (Street Lighting) at a cost of \$6,726. This expense will come out of account number A00-5182-4012 Street Lighting.

Mayor Welch stated that we are responsible for paying this amount up front, and will receive a credit from National Grid in the amount of \$9,000, which will end up being around a \$3,400 credit to the village.

**LEWISTON COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – MUSIC EVENTS BLUE MONDAY’S**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities contract from the Lewiston Council on the Arts requesting permission to use Hennepin Park and Gazebo July 13, 2020, July 20, 2020, July 27, 2020, August 3, 2020 and August 17, 2020 for music events 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Proof of insurance coverage is required, and the following guidelines are to be followed: No nails or staples are allowed on the gazebo structure; no vehicles are to be driven on the Hennepin Park property; the portable bathroom facilities are to be placed next to the handicap parking places on S. Fourth Street (left of the driveway) as they were placed last year.

**LEWISTON COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – SUMMER OF ‘69**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco to table the approval of the facilities contract from the Lewiston Council on the Arts requesting permission to use

Hennepin Park and Gazebo to hold the Summer of '69 2020 event on Friday, July 10, 2020 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Trustee Gibson asked the question about whether or not alcohol would be sold in the park during this event, and who would be selling it, as it was not stated in the facility contract application.

Along with a request for the possible sale of alcohol, proof of insurance coverage and/or liquor liability insurance, and a fee of \$100 to cover expenses for public works supplies will be required, and the following guidelines are to be followed:

No nails or staples are allowed on the gazebo structure; no vehicles are to be driven on the Hennepin Park property; the portable bathroom facilities are to be placed next to the handicap parking places on S. Fourth Street (left of the driveway) as they were placed last year.

#### **LEWISTON COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – SENECA BUG PARK**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Marasco and passed unanimously to approve the facilities contract from Lewiston Council on the Arts requesting to use Seneca “Bug” Park on July 11, 2020 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM to hold a “mini festival for children.

#### **LEWISTON COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – ART FESTIVAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities contract from Lewiston Council on the Arts requesting to hold the annual Art Festival on August 8, 2020 and August 9, 2020 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This request includes closing Center St. (4th Street to 8th Street) N. Fifth St. to Ridge St. and S. Fifth St. to Key Bank, the use of Hennepin Park, the Gazebo and the International Peace Garden. This even was approved with the condition that a 30 yard dumpster be used for the event; and that if alcohol will be sold during the event, the Arts Council would have to come back to the Village Board to be voted on for approval, as this was not stated in the facility contract that was submitted. All garbage is to be picked up and nothing left for the Department of Public Works employees. Proof of insurance and/or liquor liability insurance will be required, as well as an emergency plan requested by Police Chief Previte, and a fee of \$100 to cover expenses for public works supplies.

#### **LEWISTON COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – MARBLE ORCHARD GHOST WALK**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities contract from the Lewiston Council on the Arts requesting to hold the annual Marble Orchard Ghost Walking Tours September 12, 19 & 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 3, in 2020.

#### **ACADEMY PARK BLEACHERS DEMOLITION**

A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the removal of the Academy Park Bleachers by demolition to be done in Spring of 2020.

#### **VILLAGE OF LEWISTON TRICK OR TREATING**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the annual Trick and Treating in the Village of Lewiston for Thursday, October 31, 2019 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

#### **RED BRICK HALLOWEEN EVENT – BOUNCE-N-AROUND**

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed with four yes votes to approve the request from Recreation Director McDermott to hire Bounce-n-Around for a bounce house from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM as entertainment for the annual Halloween Party on Thursday, October 31, 2019 in the municipal gym.

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

#### **LEWISTON FIRE CO. NO 1**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve the request from Lewiston Fire Co. No 1 to accept the following resignations; **Shamus Serafin and Jason Naples, Jr.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – TRICK OR TREAT ON CENTER ST.**

A motion was made by Trustee Marasco seconded by Trustee Gibson and passed unanimously to approve The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce hosting “Trick or Treat on Center Street” with the Lewiston Business Group, to be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-6PM. The request by the Chamber includes the use of the International Peace Garden to offer free crafts, the use of Hennepin Park for a possible petting zoo during the day, and a “Thriller” performance at 6PM by local dance companies.

**DISCUSSION**

**NIAGARA UNIVERSITY DISCOUNTED TUITION PROGRAM**

Law Council Leone addressed that the offer made by Niagara University for a 25% discount to employees of the village, as well as immediate family, for graduate level work. He stated that he looked into the ethical issues in regards to this; because it is not singling out one person or one village, he doesn't see an issue with it. Law Council Leone also got a second and third opinion with NYCOM, who also agreed with him.

**ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING – 500 BLOCK OF TUSCARORA**

A discussion on the request for additional lighting on Tuscarora Street, especially near the 500 block, took place.

Superintendent Wills stated that this is where Niagara Street used to go all the way through, where the old bridge was.

Mayor Welch was unsure on where additional street lighting would be able to be placed, and suggested cut back any overhanging brush and limbs and to coordinate with Art Park to maintain their property around the existing lighting in hopes to brighten the area.

**COST SAVINGS FOR FUTURE BUDGETS**

Trustee Marasco brought up that we used to pay \$2,500 per year for the Niagara Shuttle, but have not paid that since the first year; the bed tax takes care of that cost. This is still in the budget.

Mayor Welch stated that this can be removed from the budget.

Trustee Eydt commented that if not used this money will roll back into the general fund.

Trustee Marasco addressed that the cost for public notices is more than the \$35 fee we charge for the applications.

Clerk Treasurer Amy Salada stated the cost for the meeting notices is between \$40-\$50.

Mayor Welch stated that we need to raise the fees to \$50; that we will have to amend that section for the next meeting.

Trustee Marasco discussed building permits, asking if there was a time limit for work to be completed, and addressed that the amount of time taken for use of the issued permits is not always being followed up on; Trustee Marasco stated that some of the work being done is on target and some is not.

Mayer Welch and Trustee Eydt said that in the code it states the work should be started and completed within six months.

Clerk Treasurer Salada said building permits are not always picked up, and suggested that we charge more for not doing so, and asked if the unpaid permit fees could go on tax bills.

Mayor Welch said that any outstanding bill can go on the village taxes.

**SOLICITATION LETTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP – PLAIN ST.**

A solicitation letter for a neighborhood watch group was addressed.

Law Council Leone stated this is freedom of information, this is their right to send out.

Chief Previte said this is a social type site with ads, looking for audience, and advised to always be careful.

Mayor Welch suggested to round file this letter.

**HIRING – CLERK’S OFFICE**

Trustee Conde asked if they will be hiring for the Clerk’s office.

Mayor Welch replied yes, that we would like to hire in December.

Trustee Marasco asked if the position opening would be posted.

Mayor Welch said it would not, they have plenty of applicants already.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerks office and the Dept. of Public Works will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019 in honor of Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day.

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Monday October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The Planning commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2019.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:36PM.

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Shannon Fundis, Deputy Clerk