

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Superintendent Mang, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Trustee Coppins

NEW BUSINESS **Memorial Day Parade**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the Remembrance Committee's request to close Center Street to host the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, and for use of Academy Park and the pavilion to host a luncheon from 1pm to 4pm.

Red Brick Electric Upgrade – Change Order No. 1 Request

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve Change Order No. 1 request made by RESA Power in the amount of \$12,038.14 for additional outlets, a ground wire in a third-floor room and coring work.

DPW Seasonal Laborer Hire Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the request by Superintendent Anthony Mang to hire Jeffrey Quarantillo for a seasonal labor position at the pay rate of \$17.85 an hour, with a start day of May 11, 2026.

Budget Meeting 2026-27 Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday April 6, 2026 at 6pm to adopt the 26-27 Budget.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

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

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lewiston applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lewiston urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lewiston calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Lewiston

Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:

Fittante – Yes Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch – Yes

DISCUSSION Village of Lewiston Groundhog

Trustee Conde mentioned an idea he had about the Village having a groundhog named Lewiston Louie to celebrate Ground Hog's Day annually.

MS4 Stormwater Management Plan – 2025 Annual Report

Superintendent Mang said that the MS4 Stormwater Management Plan Annual Report is completed; it will be signed by the Mayor tonight and will be available for viewing in the Clerk's office and online.

DPW Updates

Superintendent Mang gave the following updates:

-Big pickup week will be from May 4-8, 2026.

-We are going to start work on transferring the water line services on Water Street from a 4-inch to a 6-inch line; this will provide better quality and pressure and will reduce outages. There will be some water suspensions, and notification letters will go out in advance.

-We are taking inventory on our fire hydrants, seeing what needs repairing and/or replacement. We will be flushing some out, which will promote better water quality

-We will be hydroseeding Mohawk and Lewiston Landing soon.

Lewiston Landing Harbor Master

Superintendent Mang said that he, Clerk Fundis and Treasurer Longwell are proposing for the village to restructure the Harbor Master position. We are currently in a deficit with payroll versus revenue. We are suggesting changing the parameters to reduce the hours to 20 hours per week, and extending the seasonal employment 4 additional weeks, to access a large demographic we are missing late in the season. The DPW will absorb the maintenance, garbage, and restroom cleaning when the Harbor Master is not there. This will reduce overhead and utilize the Harbor Master in the most efficient way by lowering the total hours for the season from 1,560 to 680, and a monetary savings of \$15,000.

Red Brick Electric Upgrades

A discussion ensued regarding future plans to upgrade all wiring throughout the Red Brick building.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk