

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01pm.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

RESIDENTS **Michael Dowd** submitted a proposal to the board, to consider allowing him to purchase a small parcel adjacent to his property. This would square off my lot and create space at the end of my driveway to be able to turn around and not have to back up into the street. I would be responsible for maintaining it and will landscape around it.

Mayor Welch said that property is on village right of way but has always been maintained by that property owner. I do not have a problem with this.

Deputy Mayor Eydt said I do not have a problem with this but would like to look at our LWRP agreement.

Law Counsel Leone asked Dowd to have a surveyor provide us with a proposal, updated survey and legal description. No action was taken.

NEW **Miscellaneous Fee Schedule – Payment Rejection Charge**

BUSINESS A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to amend the Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees to establish a Payment Rejection Charge of \$35.00, to be applied to any payment returned or rejected due to insufficient funds, closed accounts, or other processing issues, effective immediately.

Richard F. Soluri Park Facilities Use Request – Niagara 1812 LLC

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Niagara 1812 LLC for use of Richard F. Soluri Park to host soccer clinics from 9am to 11am on the following June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026.

Historical Association of Lewiston Annual Family Day

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Historical Association of Lewiston to close Niagara Street from Plain Street south to the end of the Lewiston Museum's property from 12pm to 5pm for their annual Family Day on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Budget Amendment Requests

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment request from Treasurer Longwell as follows:

From: A00-1420-4150 – Law Other – \$4,655.50

To: A00-1325-4150 – Clerk-Treasurer Other Expense - \$4,655.50

From: A00-1620-4012 – Village Hall Electric – \$2,173.80

To: A00-5182-4012– Street Lighting Electric - \$2,173.80

From: A00-9710-6000 – Bond Principal – \$13,442.19

To: A00-9710-7000 – Bond Interest - \$13,442.19

From: G00-8130-4150 – Treatment & Disposal – \$438.39

To: G00-8130-4012 – Treatment and Disposal Electric - \$438.39

Tom Collister – HPC Alternate Appointment

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Collister as an alternate member on the Historic Preservation Commission.

DISCUSSION Dock Bison

A discussion ensued on a proposal submitted by Dock Bison for a QR system to monitor and allow patrons to pay for launch passes at the waterfront. The first year would begin operation of only the QR system tentatively in July. The second year would be a full adoption of the system, and by 2028 the camera portion to monitor licenses plates would be added.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve phase 0 & 1 of the Dock Bison proposal.

E-Bikes - Ongoing Issues

Police Chief Salada addressed the ongoing issues with E-bikes in the village. Salada said last year I brought up concerns about E-bikes and said that someone was going to get killed. We have already had three bike accidents this spring. In all three cases, they were underage operators under the age of 16, and the bikes were class 3, which are not legal here and only permitted in New York City. A child is still in the ICU and in serious condition from the most recent accident. The kids do not understand the rules of the road, they don't understand they have to stop at stop signs and don't weigh the risks of a small bike versus a large automobile. We have instructed our officers to take a zero-tolerance stance. If the bikes are a class 3, they qualify under the county's offroad vehicle law, which requires us to tow it, with a \$250 fee to get it out on the first offense and \$1,000 fee for the second; and if it is a class 1 or 2 and the operator is underage, we will be contacting parents and having bikes towed and removed. Every electric bike must have a sticker indicating the class; if it is removed, it automatically makes it not road-worthy. It's not something we want to do, but we're seeing how serious these accidents are and I'm afraid it's going to get worse. We did an outreach program at Lew-Port two weeks ago with all the middle school students, explaining the laws, consequences and dangers. In the last week driving around, I have seen a reduction in the number of bikes out there and have spoken to the middle school students about the consequences and dangers. Since then, we have seen a reduction in E-bikes throughout the village. We are asking parents to do the right thing.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk