

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Superintendent Mang, Engineer Marino, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Police Captain Salada, Recreation Director McDermott, Fire Inspector Beebe, Historian Piper

EXCUSED Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

PRESENTATION

Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05pm.

Jeff Ritter from Water Pollution Control Center spoke on the importance of the Village of Lewiston adopting more of the Town of Lewiston Code for improvements in sewer and infiltration issues. In the last six months, we have violated our water permit due to infiltration. We are looking for solutions to cut down on the infiltration in the treatment plant. The Town of Lewiston Sewer is joining forces with the Village of Lewiston DPW and Superintendent Mang to complete inspections, to get a better handle on infiltration sources. We will begin preventative measures, starting with lining some of the manholes in the village. We are currently doing the same things in Porter. A lot of water issues come from private property, and we do not go on private property to inspect. Having a sump pump helps control where the water goes. Managing the water and rainfall, and where it all goes, are very important.

Superintendent Mang said we have identified a handful of manholes for now. We look forward to working with you and to making some changes. This will help to cut costs for everyone in the long run.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Welch opened the following public hearings at 6:11pm:

Revised Police Contract
No residents spoke on this matter.

Local Law # 03-2024 - To amend Section 20-139 of the Village Code to increase the Water Improvements surcharge from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per billing cycle, effective January 1, 2025.
No residents spoke on this matter.

Local Law # 04-2024 - To amend Section 20-194 of the Village Code to increase the water rate from \$4.03 to \$4.25 per 100 cubic feet effective January 1, 2025.
No residents spoke on this matter.

Amend Sec. C-5: Facility Rental Fee Change as follows:

VILLAGE PARK	Family Functions		Non-Profit/Charity		Business/Corporation	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
ACADEMY PARK						
Pavilion	\$200	\$250	No Fee	\$50	\$250	\$300
Band Shell & Park	N/A	N/A	No Fee	\$50	\$250	\$300
Park Only	N/A	N/A	No Fee	\$50	\$100	\$150
MARILYN TOOHEY PARK						
Pavilion	\$150	\$200	No Fee	\$25	\$200	\$250
LEWISTON LANDING						
Lower Pavilion*	\$100	\$125	No Fee	\$25	\$150	\$175
HENNEPIN PARK						
w/ Gazebo	\$100	\$125	No Fee	\$25	\$150	\$175
RICHARD F. SOLURI PARK						
	\$100	\$125	No Fee	\$25	\$150	\$175

Mayor Welch said the fees we have been charging for our facilities are way too low. The pavilion at the playground is booked all summer for parties. We have done research on other municipal parks and some charge a lot more than we do. We are not bringing in enough money to maintain the parks. The cost of water alone to operate the splash pad is \$6,000/year, and we need a fund to repair and replace equipment. Most people comment on how cheap the price for rentals are when they call. Trustee Conde said for the average birthday party, places charge by the head, usually between \$30-\$35 each.

Resident Kathy Harold protested the price increase, stating that she considers these prices exorbitant. Harold suggested keeping the prices the same and asking the community for donations to cover the maintenance costs. Harold said she researched state parks and other venues, and they do not charge this much for rentals.

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to close the public hearings at 6:31pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the October 21, 2024 and November 4, 2024 minutes.

BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the November 2024 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$492,981.71
Capital Fund: \$107,471.70
Trust & Agency: \$4,741.47
Total: \$605,194.88

REPORTS

Historian Piper spoke on the cemetery, and thanked Josh Melloni for the article he wrote in the Sentinel.

Recreation Director McDermott said we had great turnouts for the Halloween event and the Turkey Hunt. I would also like to thank the volunteers from Key Club. We had more than 30 volunteers for each event, and we couldn't have done this without them.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Welch said she has been on the Artpark search committee for a new director. I have also been working with the Parkway Commission. There will be a public information meeting in the Red Brick gym on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:00pm to discuss the proposed plans and changes for Lewiston and Youngstown.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Police Contract with the Town of Lewiston

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adopt the revised Police Contract with the Town of Lewiston.

Local Law #03-2024 – Water Improvements Surcharge Increase

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Conde to adopt Local Law #03-2024 - to amend Section 20-139 of the Village Code to increase the Water Improvements surcharge from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per billing cycle, effective January 1, 2025.

Clerk Fundis polled the board, and the motion passed with the following results:
Fittante – Yes Coppins – Yes Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch - Yes

Local Law #04-2024 – Water Rate Increase

A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt to adopt Local Law #04-2024 - to amend Section 20-194 of the Village Code to increase the water rate from \$4.03 to \$4.25 per 100 cubic feet effective January 1, 2025.

Clerk Fundis polled the board, and the motion passed with the following results:
Fittante – Yes Coppins – Yes Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch - Yes

Facility Rental Fee Change

A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Trustee Fittante to Amend Sec. C-5: Facility Rental Fee Change as follows:

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Public Hearing – Local Law #05-2024

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00pm to adopt Local Law #05-2024 – Revision to Sec. 20-50 – Building sewers and connections.

Planning Commission Appointment – Jim Ullery

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Jim Ullery as a member of the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Doreen Albee, until June 2025.

Planning Commission Appointment – Ashley Warren

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and Trustee Conde in unison and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Ashley Warren as a member of the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Sorce, until June 2026.

Planning Commission Appointment – Scott Lewandowski

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Scott Lewandowski as an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

Budget Transfer Request

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the budget transfer requests from Treasurer Longwell as follows:
From: A00-1620-4151 – RB Recreation Bathroom - \$14,022.40
To: A00-1420-4150 – Law - Other - \$14,022.40

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Conditional Membership

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Conditional Membership of Al Bax.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to enter into executive session following the close of this meeting to discuss litigation.

REPORTS

Superintendent Mang discussed the new federal mandate LSLI lead service line letters that recently went out to residents. This new mandate requires the village to do inventory on services lines, to identify the material, and to remove any lead. Only residents whose service lines are unknown have received this letter; many residents service lines have been identified. It is very unlikely that any of the service lines are made of lead.

Leaf pick up is ongoing, and we will be picking them up through December 6, 2024.

Engineer Marino spoke on continued construction at Lewiston Landing, the pavilion at Academy Park, and on grant money opportunities for capital water improvements and the new service line coming into the village.

BOARD REPORTS **Mayor Welch** said President of Upward Niagara, Jennifer Pauly, will be leaving at the end of this month. We want to thank her for her years of service and dedication to our community and wish her luck in her new position.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 6:57pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick

CALL TO ORDER The Executive Session was called to order at 7:11pm.

Discussion ensued on litigation. No action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session and return to a public meeting at 7:37pm.

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Engineer Marino, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the public meeting to order at 7:38pm.

BUSINESS **Wargo/Peak Contract Settlement**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the settlement for the Wargo/Peak contract, in the amount of \$75,000 and to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk