

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

**EXCUSED** Trustee Conde, Engineer Marino, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

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

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – FRANK PREVITE**

Mayor Welch and the Board of Trustees presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Police Chief Frank Previte who will be retiring at the end of June, for 30 years of outstanding service.

**MINUTES** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the April 21, 2025 minutes.

**BILLS** A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the May 2025 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$672,420.39

Trust & Agency: \$4,001.81

Capital Fund: \$24,920.35

Total: \$701,342.55

**REPORTS** **Recreation McDermott** said the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Fling was on Sunday May 11, 2025. We had 180 runners registered for the one-mile run, had great weather, many activities and a basket auction. Thank you to Lew-Port Key Club volunteers. McDermott said the summer recreation schedule/programs are posted on our website. We are continuing Family Fun Night on Fridays throughout the summer. McDermott also said the Youth Basketball Registration already has 180 registered, and that list continues to grow.

**Historian Piper** gave an update on newly acquired pieces, donations historic property research with Tom Collister, and events at the cemetery.

**LIAISON REPORTS** **Deputy Mayor Eydt and Trustee Coppins** mentioned the Memorial Day Parade that will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 11am.

**NEW BUSINESS** **Conditional Parking Permit Request – 440 Oneida Street**  
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to deny the request from Andrew Gurr for a conditional parking permit to allow his recreational vehicle to be parked in the front yard of the property year-round.

**Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Fire Protection Service Agreement**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Fire Protection Service Agreement with the Town of Lewiston.

**Budget Transfer Requests**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the budget transfer request from Treasurer Longwell as follows:

From: A00-3410-4150 – Fire Other - \$566.00

To: A00-3410-4053 – Fire Physicals - \$566.00

From: A00-1910-4000 – Insurance - \$5,575.33

To: A00-1940-4000 – Grants - \$5,575.33

**Be Ok Studio – Academy Park Request**

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the facilities use request made by Be OK Studio for use of

Academy Park to hold yoga and fitness classes on Saturdays from 10am – 11am on the following dates: June – 7, 21 July – 12 August – 2, 16

**Ashley Wesser – Planning Commission Resignation**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Ashley Wesser from the Planning Commission, effective immediately.

**Scott Lewandowski – Planning Commission Appointment**

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Scott Lewandowski to a permanent member of the Planning Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Ashley Wesser until 2026.

**748 Center Street Development Plans**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed with three yes votes to approve the proposed development plans for 748 Center Street. These plans were approved by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions on Monday, May 12, 2025. Trustee Fittante recused himself.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session immediately following the close of this meeting to discuss real property and personnel.

**Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 Conditional Memberships**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the following Lewiston Fire Co. No 1. Conditional Memberships:

Jean Penzotti  
Nicholas Tim

**DISCUSSION****Increased Street-Closing Festival Safety**

A discussion ensued on street-closing events on Center Street that require increased safety measures. Superintendent Mang explained that the cost increase for payroll and equipment rental to install additional barriers to ensure proper safety has not been budgeted for. We have come up with a good plan with a new layout. The Village is happy to continue to contribute what we have been doing, but we are asking the Trustees if you feel the village should absorb this increase or if a fee should be imposed. Taxpayers shouldn't have to absorb all the costs with no cost to the organizations hosting these events.

Chief Previte said that he has reserved gates for Garden Fest; they are operational and can let people in and out. We will most likely have them for Art Fest.

Garden Club President, Sharon Low, inquired about the placement of the barriers and if the vendors will have enough room to get in and out. Superintendent Mang and Chief Previte said they can be moved out as far as possible without compromising safety. Safety is the number one priority; we will accommodate the best we can.

Trustee Fittante asked to keep in mind how the village benefits from these festivals, they do bring people into this village. Deputy Mayor Edyt suggested that the village absorb some of the increase costs.

A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to split the cost of the increase and charge the organization for each street closing event \$350.00. This will be reviewed next year.

**Sale of Little Yellow House – 476 Center Street**

A discussion ensued on the sale of The Little Yellow House, recently subdivided from the Peace Garden. Mayor Welch said this is a great opportunity for somebody to purchase. This is a historic property and will be required to remain as such. A

motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt and passed unanimously to approve the sale of 476 Center Street, the Little Yellow House.

**REPORTS** Clerk Fundis informed the board of the Niagara County Sherriff Department doing a training with bomb dogs in the Village June 23-25, 2025. If residents notice increased police patrol, there is nothing to worry about.

Superintendent Mang gave an update on paving dates and locations and repair work on the gazebo at Hennepin Park. Mang said he spoke with Scott McVie and the Moose Lodge would like to donate time; I would like to ask them to paint the gazebo. Mang proposed a plan for the waterfront pilings that are falling or have already fallen into the water at the Lewiston Landing docks. I have spoken with Josh Stack who has given me an estimate to remove those and float the pylons to the shore for \$1,650. The pylons can be reinstalled at a later time, we will follow up with Engineer Marino who has been requested to speak to the installation contractor, and to determine what direction to take.

Law Counsel Leone said he is invited to a meeting with other municipal attorneys to discuss public utility easements. I will report back with any information I acquire.

**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 6:56pm.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PRESENT** Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Coppins, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Superintendent Mang

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Welch called the Executive session to order at 7:01pm.

**NEW BUSINESS** A discussion ensued on real property and personnel. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40pm.

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Shannon Fundis, Clerk