

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, Historian Piper

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02pm.

NEW BUSINESS **Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant**
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt and seconded by Trustee Conde to adopt the following resolution:
Resolution for Authorization and appropriation of Local match (30% local match) for a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant:

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston (Village) is seeking a grant for the Water System Resiliency Upgrades and intends to submit via the Environmental Facilities Corporation for funding to the New York Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA); and

WHEREAS, the Village project cost estimate for the Water System Resiliency Upgrades Project is \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the WIIA through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) is authorized to fund up to 70% of the project cost of \$1,200,000 in the amount of \$840,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Village authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 30% local match as required by the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA). Under the WIIA, this local match must be at least 30% of the total project of \$1,200,000 for a total share of \$360,000. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any agreed to by the Mayor shall not exceed \$360,000 subject to receipt of a WIIA grant and available funding. The total estimated maximum grant is \$840,000. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services or other eligible funding without further approval from the Village.

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

Mayor Welch asked Superintendent Mang if the letter requested by Engineer Marino requested for this WIIA grant was complete. Mang said yes, a signed copy was given to Marino, and a copy was filed with Clerk Fundis. (letter included at end of minutes)

Profession Services Agreement – Water System Resiliency Upgrades Project
A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Trustee Fittante to adopt the following resolution:
Resolution for Authorization for Professional Services Agreement for Design, Construction Administration, and Inspection Services for the Water System Resiliency Upgrades Project:

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston (Village) desires to make water system resiliency improvements and is seeking grant funding to support the project, which will require the preparation of detailed engineering plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. furnished a proposal to provide engineering design, bidding support, construction administration, inspection, and grant administration support as needed for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc., for a fee not to exceed \$240,000 for engineering design, bidding support, construction administration, inspection, and grant

administration related to the Water Resiliency Upgrades Project, contingent upon receipt of grant funding and in accordance with the Village procurement process.

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

SEQRA Review Resolution – Water System resiliency Upgrades Project

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

Resolution for SEQRA Review:

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston has reviewed the Water System Resiliency Upgrades Project in conjunction with 6 NYCRR Part 617, commonly known as State Environmental Quality Review, or “SEQR,” for a determination as to the level of required environmental review for the proposed project,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Village of Lewiston does hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2) as defined under SEQR, and that the Regulations specify that Type II actions are not subject to review.

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

Budget Transfer Request

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

Increase Revenue line: A00-2665-0000 – Sale of Equipment - \$12,970.00

Increase Expense line: A00-5110-4150 – Street Maintenance Other - \$12,970.00

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.

DISCUSSION

Lewiston Landing Boat Slips

Clerk Fundis addressed a request brought up by a current Lewiston Landing Slip Lessee to be granted access to the Wi-Fi at the Harbor Master Station, for lack of service issues by the water, and access to personal cameras they may want to add to their dock.

Fundis also brought up concerns about slips being sublet and it being a liability issue. Fundis said the lease agreement already stated that their slips cannot be subleased but requested approval to add verbiage to the existing lease agreement, stating that if the slip holder is caught, they will automatically forfeit their slip. A detailed chart can be given to the Harbor Master listing the type of boat in addition to the registration number, so they are able to keep an eye on this. Law Counsel Leone will assist with the verbiage on the updated lease agreement.

Dumpster Tipping Fees

Trustee Eydt made a recommendation to increase dumpster tipping fees for grandfathered businesses that use the DPW for dumpster pick up. No action was taken.

Door to Door Solicitation

Mayor Welch addressed recent complaints about aggressive door-to-door solicitation. This type of solicitation requires a peddler’s permit with a full background check, and when issued they are told if there are any complaints about aggressiveness, seniors being manipulated, or soliciting after dark that their permits will be pulled. Just in the last week there have been multiple complaints. It is a safety concern, sometimes they force their way into your home. After talking with my Clerk about this, we would like to amend the law to strictly prohibit door-to-door solicitation for sales. Clerk Fundis will work Law Counsel on amending the Village’s existing law for review and possible approval from the Village Board of Trustees.

235 South 3rd Street Tree Removal Request

Superintendent Mang stated the owner of 235 S 3rd Street requested to take a healthy tree in the village right-of-way down at his expense. Mang told the board that it is a Norway maple tree and is causing issues with the sewer lateral. Trustee Fittante asked if there was any evidence that the tree roots were causing the issues. Mang stated the DPW was there on Friday, and J.R. Swanson Plumbing, Heating and Cooling have a video of the roots in the pipes. Mang said he would ask Swanson to write a statement of their findings to keep on record. It was suggested to plant another tree in a different location or to donate a tree to the village. Deputy Mayor Eydt said he would like to take a look at it before he makes a decision.

Mayor Welch stated she would also like to look into amending the vagrancy law.

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 6:36pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

NEW BUSINESS **Executive Session**
A discussion ensued on real property and personnel.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:39 pm and enter into a public meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the public meeting to order at 7:39pm.

NEW BUSINESS **DPW Laborer Hiring Request**
A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to allow Superintendent Mang to begin the search to fill a full-time laborer position.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Trustee Coppins seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

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Infrastructure Projects

1. **Water main installation to provide the Village of Lewiston with a secondary water source.**
This project is critical to the continued function of our community. In the event the current source was to fail, roughly 2/3rds of the village residents would be left without water. Emergency repairs would be massive, to the extent beyond the DPWs capabilities. This would result in potential insurmountable contractor fees. Additionally this would present us with major health related violations and require us to re-chlorinate miles of water line before we could put them back into service. Fees associated with this could be crippling. Much of the money for this project is already secured but hundreds of thousands of dollars will still be required in order to complete the project. **Any** funds secured between now and the completion of this project should be set aside to help aid in expenses that will be needed to finish this major infrastructure project.
2. **New water main on Page Avenue from N9th to N7th.**
We must begin plans to replace the water main on Page Avenue to its entirety. Since 1988 there have been 22 water main breaks on Page Avenue. With an additional four main breaks occurring within the last month. Majority of these breaks were caused by deterioration. This is where conditions have corroded the water line and the pipe cannot accommodate the pressure. Again any funds acquired should be set aside for future infrastructure projects.

Unfortunately the reality is that we have a 110 year old infrastructure that is failing. I would expect the list of water main replacement projects to continue to increase annually. We must as a group agree to actively limit the amount of projects that are not absolutely essential and to use any funds obtained responsibly to keep our infrastructure functioning.