

PRESENT	Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Superintendent Mang, Engineer Marino, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick, Recreation Director McDermott, Historian Piper
EXCUSED	Trustee Coppins, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella, Police Chief Previte, Fire Inspector Beebe
PUBLIC HEARING	<p>Mayor Welch opened the public hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm on Local Law # 06-2024 - To amend Section 10-27 - Requirements</p> <p>Resident Tim Henderson of 485 Oneida Street said he is not against the proposed law, but I think the decision to vote on this should be delayed for more questions to be answered. Henderson asked if there were any alternatives, suggesting a filtration system.</p> <p>Superintendent Mang said we want to address this immediately and take care of all village residents, making sure that homes are safe for a new resident when they purchase a home.</p> <p>Engineer Marino said it is critical for Mang to get this inventory completed, this is happening everywhere. Once inventory is completed, grants can be applied for to help offset the costs for the village and the homeowners. As it is written now, by 2037 all lead and galvanized lines need to be gone.</p> <p>Resident Anthony Girasole of 665 South 4th Street said that he is in favor of this project.</p> <p>Resident Tom Vidler of 610 Mohawk Street asked if there was any indication of when grant money would come in. Marino said unfortunately there is no guarantee, the funding is limited and already being given out to municipalities. That is why completing the inventory is so important.</p> <p>A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:19pm.</p>
CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:19pm.
MINUTES	A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the November 18, 2024 and December 2, 2024 minutes
BILLS	<p>A motion was made by Trustee Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde and passed unanimously to approve the December 2024 bills presented by Treasurer Longwell in the following amounts:</p> <div><p>General Fund: \$294,523.47</p><p>Capital Fund: \$42,657.19</p><p>Trust & Agency: \$5,140.33</p><p>Total: \$342,320.99</p></div>
REPORTS	<p>Recreation Director McDermott said he is very please with the basketball program. We have 130 registrants in our house league; we are utilizing our gym, the Red Brick Gym in Youngstown and Lew Port IEC building to have enough space to accommodate the program.</p> <p>Historian Piper spoke on research he has done on the cost and style of fencing he would like to have in the cemetery, and research done on possible trench graves.</p>
LIAISON REPORTS	Trustee Fittante said that Upward Niagara is moving along with finding a new chamber president. Interviews are being done this week.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Local Law #06-2024 – To Amend Section 10-27 - Requirements</p> <p>A motion was made by Trustee Conde and seconded by Deputy Mayor Eydt to adopt Local Law # 06-2024 - To amend Section 10-27 – Requirements.</p> <p>Clerk Fundis polled the board and the motion passed with the following results:</p> <p>Fittante – Yes Conde – Yes Eydt – Yes Welch - Yes</p>

DPW Laborer Position New Hire – Caiden Reelee

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the request made by Superintendent Mang to hire Caiden Reelee for a laborer position with the Department of Public Works at the starting payrate of \$21.80 an hour.

Just One Before I Die 5K and 10K Run

A motion was made by Trustee Fittante seconded by Trustee Conde to approve the request made by iRun WNY Inc. and Brickyard Brewing Comany to host a “Just One Before I Die 5K and 10K’ on Saturday, February 8, 2025 beginning at 11:00am. The course will be the same that is used for the Mighty Fitz 5K.

Mighty Niagara Half Marathon & Hospice 5K

A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante to approve the request made by Niagara Hospice to host the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon and the Hospice Dash 5K on Saturday, October 4, 2025. The course will remain the same as approved in prior years.

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 - \$32,726.06

To: A00-1940-4000 – Grants - Village Share - \$32,726.06

From: G00-8140-4080 – Small Parts - \$955.00

To: G00-8140-1020 – Storm Water License - \$955.00

Executive Session

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

DISCUSSION

DPW – Tire Collection

Superintendent Mang spoke on the large fees the village is incurring for the disposal of tires Modern Disposal. I am requesting no longer collecting them or increase the financial contribution the resident is responsible for in the code. Modern is charging \$75/ton, and a private company in Tonawanda is charging \$125/ton.

A discussion ensued on the matter. Mayor Welch said she would like more information gathered on options for residents. No action was taken.

- REPORTS**
- Engineer Marino gave updates on Lewiston Landing, the Academy Park pavilion and the state parks parkway project.
- ADJOURN**
- A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Eydt seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- PRESENT**
- Mayor Welch, Deputy Mayor Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Fittante, Law Counsel Leone, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Longwell, Deputy Clerk Cassick
- CALL TO ORDER**
- The Executive Session was called to order at 6:43pm.
- Discussion ensued on personnel and litigation. No action was taken.
- ADJOURN**
- A motion was made by Trustee Conde seconded by Trustee Fittante and passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:05pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk