

Village of Lima Board Meeting

February 22nd, 2022

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis (arrived at 7:30pm), Brian Smith and Carolyn Fleming.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Jane Radonski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Steve McGrath, Fire Chief; Pat Nicoletta, MRB Group; Sarah and Ernie Day; Chris Held.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve meeting minutes from February 8th, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

Sarah and Ernie Day – Mr. and Mrs. Day were present to discuss the extreme problem with flooding on their property located at the corner of Hill Terrace and Livingston Street. Mrs. Day stated that the problem has gotten so bad over the years, that sometimes there is no access to their home until the water subsides. Deputy Mayor Wadach explained that there are many areas within the Village that have issues with drainage. The Village is currently working with an engineer to obtain grants to help with storm water. Mr. Luft explained that there are elevation issues with the storm sewer in the area of Mr. and Mrs. Day's property. The majority of the water comes from Hill Terrace and Elim, which unfortunately runs down to the Day property. Mr. Luft stated that he would take Pat Nicoletta (Village Engineer) to the Day property so he could see the issues. The board again reiterated that they are working for a solution to help the Day's as well as other property owners who experience flooding in the Village.

Steve McGrath, Fire Chief - Chief McGrath was present to discuss the Fire Department budget. He stated that the building is in need of a new roof, which is going to be in the range of \$40-\$50k. The current roof should have been replaced several years ago, so it is in dire need of being replaced. Once 3 quotes have been received, he will bring the proposals to the board for review.

Chief McGrath discussed the need for a new truck. He stated that the department is looking to replace a truck within the next 2 years, and with the cuts to the budget he does not have enough in reserves to replace. He discussed that the trucks should be replaced every 10-15 years, and pumper 234 is currently going on 20 years old. Deputy Mayor Wadach asked about mileage on the trucks, and Chief McGrath explained that the mileage does not matter on a vehicle like that, it is the pump hours that are the issues. Costs to replace the pumps are very high and do not increase the value on the trucks. He also stated that the two-year inflation rate on a truck is 14%, which does not currently cover what is being put into the truck reserves each year. Chief McGrath also explained that specific trucks are necessary to keep the insurance rating low for residents in the Village. If there is not an adequate fleet of vehicles, ratings could drop and homeowners' insurance rates could increase for residents.

Many discussions were held regarding manpower, the types of trucks, if there are any grants to help purchase trucks, and the possibility of buying a second-hand truck from a dealership. The board took into consideration what Chief McGrath was saying and stated that they will look for possibly more funding if the budget allows.

Pat Nicoletta, MRB Group – Mr. Nicoletta was present to discuss a proposal for professional services. These services would include Grant Writing Services, 2022 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), and Engineer Planning Grant (EPG). The goal of this is to help investigate, and identify Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) issues within the Village's sanitary sewer system. The maximum grant amount for an EPG is \$30k, with a 20% match required by the Village (\$6k). MRB has an 85%-90% success rate on

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obtaining these grants, and it also increases the Village's chance of getting more grants to help solve the Infiltration & Inflow problems in the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Nicoletta stated that there would be an informational meeting on Thursday at 11:15 with the Green Infrastructure Grant Program to discuss the Village planning and get insight to the program.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Smith to authorize Mayor Skiptunas to sign the proposal for professional services provided by MRB Group. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Attorney Lenahan Fiber Optic Progress – Attorney Lenahan passed around the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 (application) and informed the board that the document needed to be filled out, and the Village needed to declare themselves as lead agent on the Fiber Project. Once completed, a letter declaring the Village's intent, the part 1 document, along with a color map showing where the fiber lines will be throughout the Village will need to be sent to other potentially interested parties giving them 30 days to respond. After the 30-day waiting period, the Village can proceed with part 2 of the environmental assessment.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Fleming declaring the Village of Lima's intent to be lead agent on the Fiber Optic Project for the Village. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Lenahan did discuss with Richard Sutherland that there may be issues with a possible wetland, as well as issues with historic properties. He stated that there are 37 properties in the Village that are on the National Historic Registry, and the entire downtown area is also on the registry. He will follow up with Mr. Sutherland on these, but there may be more documentation to be completed. Attorney Lenahan and Mayor Skiptunas stated that they will be meeting with Empire Access along with the County to discuss the possibility of the county paying for part of the Village's matching funds for the federal grant.

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft gave an update on the Water Main Progress. The contractors have finished the tie-in on 5&20 as well as Community Drive. The entire new main line has been installed, and they are currently filling the pipe with water. Water samples have been taken for the connection at College St and Lake Ave; we are waiting for the results to come in. Currently the contractors are completing the long side services on Lake Ave, and then will complete the final tie in behind the Hotel. Once completed, the only work that remains (besides restoration) is completing the vault at the Baptist school, and the tie in on Genesee St.

Mr. Luft discussed some flooding issues around the Village with the last big rain event and warm weather melting off the snow. The overflow pipe worked really well and helped slow down the water in the Buell Ave. area. The DPW crew dammed up the west side of Lake Ave down in the ravine to help slow incoming water, which appeared to help as well. No issues with flooding on Genesee St. by Hagadone's property. Mr. Luft believes that getting the black top out of the catch basin in the new Dollar Tree parking lot and all the storm sewer cleaning has fixed this situation.

Mr. Luft said he is looking to buy a new line tracer for the Village water lines. With all the new water mains put in with tracer wire, he would like to purchase a good one like the gas company has. This will help alleviate issues when marking where a current line is. He is going to keep investigating and will follow up with the board. There is money still in the equipment budget, so he will not need to pull funds out of reserves.

Lastly, Mr. Luft said he received a call from Jody Dambra regarding her water/sewer billing. He stated Ms. Dambra had a broken water line caused by freezing and requested an adjustment on her billing. Mr.

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Luft stated that if there were to be any adjustment, it should be done on the sewer side. The Board discussed and agreed to reduce Ms. Dambra's sewer bill by \$150.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Clerk Sackett stated that the Village is coming up to the time where any unpaid water/sewer amounts would be re-levied onto Village taxes. She stated Attorney Lenahan is looking into this to ensure that the Village is able to re-levy these charges onto taxes this year.

Several invoices were available to the board for review/approval. Payments were the following:

- Ambulance Fund: \$1219.09
- General Fund: \$9643.08
- Sewer Fund: \$1038.55
- Water Fund: \$17124.05
- Capital Water: \$3762.32
- Capital Sewer: \$0
- Grand Total: \$32787.09

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve payment for all invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Business

NYCOM Overview – Mayor Skiptunas discussed the NYCOM Winter Legislative Conference he attended. He discussed various funding sources currently through EFC, and more funding being put back into Aids and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) and Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). He did try to find out more information regarding the SAM grant and the status of the funds. He asked Clerk Sackett to please find the grant number so our local Representatives can research for the Village. He also discussed tips regarding on how to handle Airbnb's in the municipalities. He asked Trustee Fleming if she could work on this, along with the vacant properties.

Mural Planning Event – Mayor Skiptunas stated he would be submitting a grant for at least \$1k to go towards the Mural Celebration. He stated that several artists submitted designs for the event, and the committee voted on the best design. The artist had been given a biography of the area and created their design based off of that. If any board members would like to be part of the event planning, please let Mayor Skiptunas know.

Maple Tree Tapping – Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed a request by resident Kevin Kistner to tap maple trees in the forever wild area behind his home on Parkside Place. The board agreed to allow this and Trustee Fleming offered to donate supplies to Mr. Kistner.

Joint Town and Village Meeting – Mayor Skiptunas confirmed with Supervisor Falk the date of the Joint Town/Village meeting (March 8th, 6pm). Tentative agenda is in the works and will be sent to all. Please send any agenda items that you may have to Clerk Sackett so she can complete the agenda.

Ambulance Update – Mayor Skiptunas discussed the current situation with daytime Ambulance coverage. He stated that after many discussions, Honeoye Falls has decided to maintain their Certificate of Need (CON), but drop from agency 2 to 3 on the call list.

Roundtable Discussion

Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the following items:

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- Community Solar – Credits for residents who are participating in the Community Solar program should start seeing these reflected on their statements next month.
- Announcement was made by Finger Lakes Community Choice showing that the Village of Lima CCA 100% renewable electricity rate has been slightly lower than the National Grid rate for the last three months.
- First meeting of the Lima Garden Club is March 6th, and asked if the pavilion could be unlocked for the meeting.
- There is a free program through the DEC regarding Asset Management for the Sewer Treatment Plant. Since the program is free it would be good to research. This would help with a replacement schedule, etc. Clerk Sackett will touch base with Mr. Teta regarding filling out the application, and send a completed copy to Mr. Luft.
- Asked Clerk Sackett to reach out to Kirkwood regarding the board's desire to receive original tickets for deliveries of fuel.

Motion

Motion was made at 9:25pm by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Motion was made at 9:45pm by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Motion was made at 9:46pm by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.