

Village of Lima Board Meeting

July 13th, 2021

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis (arrived at 8:15pm), Brian Smith and Carolyn Fleming.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Mike Finucane, Captain Lima Ambulance; Meg Rose, Chief Lima Ambulance; Charlie Floeser, CEO; Paul Presutti, Erdman Anthony; Several local Residents.

Absent: Larry Teta, WWTP Operator; Steve McGrath, Fire Chief.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve meeting minutes from June 22nd, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest – Paul Presutti, Erdman Anthony

Mr. Presutti was present to discuss the current sidewalk issue on the parcel of Michigan Ave. between Meadowview and Rainbow Lane. The original plan was to place the sidewalk a little father back, but when digging started it became known that there was a shallow drainage pipe there which prevented the sidewalk from being installed in the original location. The next best plan was to place the sidewalk along the road, but again, it is apparent that this causes issues as well. The other location that the sidewalk was said to be placed would have resulted in a National Grid pole being moved which just wasn't possible. The new solution for the sidewalk will "hug" the backside of the existing pole and run in a straight line along the resident's property. Residents have signed easements giving authorization to have the sidewalk in this location and drainage will be placed on the property owner's property allowing for improved drainage.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the new design for sidewalk along Michigan Ave between Meadowview and Rainbow. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Presutti answered questions that residents had. He explained that Nardozzi and their subcontractors will be back to complete the project. Subcontractors will be dispatched within a couple weeks to complete paving and fix driveways. Nardozzi had another project to complete and since there was no definitive solution to the issue on Michigan Ave at the time, they opted to move onto their next job and will be back in September to complete. The Village DPW will be the ones completing all the seeding and top soil. The DPW crew has started and will reseed again at the end of summer where necessary.

Residents had concerns regarding Meadowview Drive not being completed as part of the project. Deputy Mayor Wadach explained that Meadowview was part of the original plan, however due to lack of funding it was removed. The Village owns all the plans and the goal is to piece by piece move down Meadowview so the entire area is fully connected.

Department Reports

Fire Department – Steve McGrath, Fire Chief

No report.

Ambulance – Mike Finucane, Captain

Mayor Skiptunas started off by stating he had a very good conversation with the current board at the Ambulance and complimented Chief Rose on the great job she has been doing. Chief Rose discussed the Ambulance report and said that retention of volunteers, especially EMT's is one of the biggest issues within the Ambulance. She said that the Lima Ambulance has a retention rate of only around 30%. The

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board asked Chief Rose if there was any sort of incentive program for individuals who respond to calls to which she replied there was. Individuals who respond to so many calls/volunteers so many hours earn gift cards based on their time. Trustee Smith said that he would help campaign to get individuals more involved. Deputy Mayor Wadach suggested discussing with the Town about helping to fund a mailing to residents regarding volunteering and donations.

Chief Rose sent the Lima Ambulance Strategic Plan for all board members to view. She said that the goals are not listed in any level of priority; all items are equally important. Chief Rose also had two applications for membership; Trinaty Colyer and Dominic Muscato. Chief Rose had interviewed both applicants.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Trinaty Colyer and Dominic Muscato as volunteers for the Lima Ambulance. Motion approved unanimously.

Captain Finucane discussed the Oxygen cascade system. He had previously been told that the system was obsolete and would need to be replaced. After a second opinion it was noted that the system was not obsolete and that they should be able to get parts for it. If the system were to fail, they can get backup Oxygen if needed. The Lima Ambulance has an agreement with Livonia to utilize their system should our's fail and vice versa. He also discussed that the Ambulance needs to start checking fluids on the squad's vehicles. It was noted that air pressure is always something that needs to be taken care of and a suggestion to purchase an air compressor was made.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and Trustee Fleming to authorize the Lima Ambulance to purchase an air compressor. Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Captain Finucane stated the weeds under the sign look awful. He asked if the board knew of anyone who may want to plant around there, as well as a space next to the garden. Suggestions were made about reaching out to the local Boy Scouts asking if it would be a project, they were interested in.

WWTP – Larry Teta (absent)

The Sewer Plant report was passed around for the Board to review. As of June 30th, the wastewater treatment plant was again in 100% compliance with NYSDEC regulations.

Construction continues on the WWTP upgrades. CP Ward and MW Controls are completing work and moving along with the project. The generator also had routine maintenance completed to ensure it is working during inclement weather.

CEO – Charlie Floeser

CEO Floeser passed around/discussed his report.

CEO Floeser discussed that he has only issued 2 certificates of occupancy within the past month. He has reached out to residents that have building permits and many forget to contact him once the project is completed. He said there will be more certificates issued in the upcoming month.

CEO Floeser discussed the property on McDonald Drive. He said that he had sent the owner a letter stating the parcel needed to be taken care of within 60 days; the timeframe is now up so he is taking the next legal step with the property. Mayor Skiptunas said there may be options for the Village to receive funding to help with a solution to deal with the unsafe property.

Mayor Skiptunas asked CEO Floeser if it was a requirement for individuals to obtain a Peddler's Permit to sell door to door, to which he replied "yes". He discussed that he had stopped an individual on College St. who was going door to door trying to get residents to enroll in solar credit opportunities. He informed

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the individual that he needed to receive a permit to continue to do so and also contacted the company directly informing them of the same. The company claims he was supposed to be in a neighboring town and that they would have him stop.

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft discussed jobs being completed by the Village crew. He said that they are still seeding and placing top soil the best that they can right now. It has been very wet so a lot gets washed away or weeds continue to grow. The plan is to continue to seed/soil and in the fall go back over with hydroseed. He stated that the new “Free Little Library” has been installed in the greenspace next to the Town Hall. Books have been placed in it and it is ready for residents to use. He plans to start the serenity garden soon at the park. Again, weather needs to cooperate in order for the crew to start. It needs to be dry in order for the equipment to be brought down to the area for the garden.

Mr. Luft stated that Larry Teta has been hired as the new WWTP Operator. He has been working closely with Brian to learn the plant and work on reports/testing. He is doing well so far and asking questions as they come up. He will be taking his civil service test the 3rd Wednesday in August.

Lastly, Mr. Luft stated that he is supposed to have a meeting with Fineline Contractors either later in the week or early next week to discuss the first phase of the 15A water project. He won't know of the date/time until the last minute but will relay in case Mayor Skiptunas is able to attend. He said that there are still 3 easements left for residents to sign, but they should be able to still start the project.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Clerk Sackett stated that the Village has collected almost 94% of taxes owed. Collection will continue until the end of September. She also stated that we are almost finished with EFPR completing our bookkeeping services. She should have an agreement written by EFPR by next meeting to discuss closing out services and costs for helping with the single audit (support).

Lastly, several invoices were available to the board for review/approval. Payments were the following:

- Ambulance Fund: \$5834.67
- General Fund: \$220620.12
- Sewer Fund: \$10596.13
- Water Fund: \$9320.77
- Capital Water: \$529.16
- Capital Sewer: \$367460.00
- Grand Total: \$614360.85

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Smith to authorize payment for said invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Business

Genesee Pocket Park – Mayor Skiptunas brought up the possibility of selling this parcel to the Muraco brothers. This way they could keep the greenspace as presented, as well as pave the part of the parking lot at no cost to the Village. Trustee Smith asked if there can be an agreement made stating that the parcel can be still utilized for the Crossroads Festival each year? This would be something that would need to be looked into. Mayor Skiptunas stated that the board would need to decide within the next two weeks so the Muraco's could be approached.

Lima Signage Pylon – Mayor Skiptunas stated he has been in discussions with the Muraco's about the proposed signage for Dollar General/Family Dollar (photo passed around). He stated that he plans to

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meet with Fran Gotcsik regarding the proposed sign to get her input as well. He also discussed that he plans to meet with liaisons from every board regarding the designs proposed by Livingston County. Once discussions are held, he will discuss with the Village board about adopting the guidelines set forth by the County.

Parks Commission – Trustee Smith discussed various items that have been brought up to the Parks Commission. He asked Clerk Sackett if she could reach out to Five-Star about setting up a separate bank account for the Parks Commission. The commission would be in charge of keeping track of deposits coming in as well as the checks that went out from the account.

Trustee Smith discussed the success of the 4th of July. He said the fundraiser put on by the Historical Reenactment group was a success and raised over \$900 to go towards ADA playground equipment. He also stated that they have been looking towards planning the 4th of July next year. All are in agreement that they would like to have this event become more of a family fun all day event. Mayor Skiptunas said while he was at the park, he had a chance to talk to residents to get their feel for having more down at the park and all were in favor.

With the success of the fundraiser, the Historical Reenactment group has stated that they would be in favor of hosting a reenactment event at the park in 2022. The goal of the event would be to raise funds for the park. The Park's Commission is in favor of this and tentative dates would be 6/24 – 6/26. The group would complete the reenactment, and would even camp out in the park. The board agreed with the dates and stated that this would be a good event.

Crossroads Festival – Trustee Smith discussed the Crossroads Festival was to be held at the end of the month. Kick-off with a Town/Village wide parade is scheduled for July 29th and all Village Board members are invited to participate in the parade. He also asked if Mr. Luft could participate with a Village truck in the parade. Trustee Smith asked Clerk Sackett if she could send the Workman's Comp/Disability information for the Village to Livingston County DOH as it was necessary for the BBQ Cookoff Permit. He also asked if she could please reach out to NYMIR to have Finger Lakes Instruments be listed as an additional insured party for the festival.

Roundtable Discussion

Trustee Smith stated that Livingston County recently received \$11.3M in funding to provide fiber optic network to areas throughout the county. Throughout many discussions, it appears that the lines would encompass the Town of Lima with hopes that they would also run through the Village. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that we also have the \$800K Northern Border Regional Grant that is pending.

Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that he has been reaching out to NYPA, but he has not heard anything regarding a timeline as to when replacement of street lights will begin. He stated he will continue to reach out daily until he receives his answer.

Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the Fire Department and Ambulance. He stated that around this time is when we need to start discussing the upcoming contracts with the Town for 2022. He suggested that a map be created to show the number of calls that are answered outside the Village and inside the Village, and utilize that when completing the next contract. He also asked for the Village Fire Department liaison to reach out to the Fire Department Chief and see if the iPads are being used. If not, maybe to cut costs one or more contracts could be canceled.

Lastly, Deputy Mayor Wadach suggested that when budget time comes around next year, the Board look into putting money aside for sidewalk completion. Clerk Sackett suggested that the board maybe look into forming a Reserve account solely for sidewalk construction.

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Mayor Skiptunas stated that he was still waiting to hear back from NYCOM about setting up an event to have speakers discuss cannabis laws and how they affect municipalities. He stated that NYCOM is still trying to coordinate speakers and dates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.