

Village of Lima Board Meeting

October 25th, 2022

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis, Brian Smith and Carolyn Fleming.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve meeting minutes from October 11th, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft asked if there had been any more information regarding the Village being responsible for the buried electric to the poles once the Village purchased the lighting from National Grid. He explained to the rest of the board members that the Village received a notice from UDig stating the Village was not in compliance for not reporting the purchase of the buried electric. The Village was unaware that we would now be responsible for any buried electrical lines, and Mr. Luft expressed concerns that not only does the Village not have mapping of the lines, but we also do not have equipment to locate the lines or have any training on how to do so. Clerk Sackett stated she has reached out to our contacts at New York Power Authority and explained the situation. Their response was that we are not the only municipality to receive such notification, and that they are working on a solution with National Grid and will let us know when a solution is reached.

Mr. Luft discussed jobs that have been recently completed. The entrance to the dog park is completed for this year and next year the crew can do more once the pavilion has been constructed. Sewer cleaning has been completed; no issues have been found during the cleaning. Leaf pick-up has also begun and will continue until the Monday before Thanksgiving, or the first snow fall.

Mr. Luft said the contractors for the water line project were back in the Village finishing topsoil and seeding work. They will be back again as there is a little more work that needs to be completed in the vault in front of Lima Christian School.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Clerk Sackett reviewed the new insurance premiums for 2023. Plan increases were the following:

- Platinum increased 13%
- Gold increased 11%

Currently there are 3 employees who are on the Platinum plan; two single plans and one family plan. There are four employees enrolled in the Gold plan; three employees have family plans and one employee has a single plan. The overall increases for 2023 are \$14,491.44. Deputy Mayor Wadach noted that this increase will result in a 3% tax increase if nothing else changes in the budget for 2023-24.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to maintain the current health insurance plans and benefits for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$906.97
- General Fund: \$9667.90
- Sewer Fund: \$4256.61

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- Water Fund: \$16825.29
- Capital Water: \$0
- Capital Sewer: \$0
- Grand Total: \$31656.77

Motion

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

Clerk Sackett discussed issues with the computers in the office. The computers are new, however ever since they have been installed there have been issues with programs lagging and the computers themselves freezing. She also stated that the internet signal is not strong enough for the folder redirection to the new server at the Ambulance base, therefore her computer needs to be removed from the server. Mayor Skiptunas will request a meeting with SkyPort to go over these frustrations.

Old Business

Short Term Rental Law – Attorney Lenahan passed around a draft Local Law placing a moratorium on Short Term Rentals per pervious board meeting discussions. Deputy Mayor Wadach provided a draft Local Law regarding the Non-Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rental Law he had completed as well. Both documents were reviewed by all board members and discussions were held. Focus areas will be having a good complaint process and fee schedule. Deputy Mayor Wadach also suggested that all permits have the same expiration date to make it easier for the Code Enforcement Officer. Advertisement will be sent to the Sentinel regarding holding a Public Hearing for the Local Law Placing a Moratorium on Short Term Rentals; public hearing will be held the fourth Tuesday of November.

Update on Crosswalk Flashing Signs – Mr. Luft stated that he still needs to reach out to the Department of Transportation regarding potentially adding solar powered flashing lights to the crosswalk signs on Rochester St. and 5&20. Since the roads are state roads, the signs must be approved by the DOT. Deputy Mayor Wadach suggested Mr. Luft reach out to Pat Nicoletta for help with getting approval for the signs.

NYSERDA Grant Update – Deputy Mayor Wadach has sent in the grant for the battery-operated equipment for the DPW. The equipment would include the two battery powered riding lawnmowers, as well as an electric Polaris Utility Vehicle. It will take approximately 60 days to receive approval for the funds.

New Business

Fines for Non-Electric Vehicles Parking in Front of the EV Charging Station – Deputy Mayor Wadach received a complaint that non-electric vehicles have been parking in front of the EV charging station. The Board and staff will continue to monitor to see if there is a trend of non-electric vehicles parking in that area.

NYSERDA Webinar – Livingston County is trying to become a Clean Energy Community and has requested local government officials and Code Enforcement Officers to attend several webinars to help achieve the Clean Energy status. Deputy Mayor Wadach will be attending 3 webinars, and Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer, will be attending two.

Roundtable Discussion

Trustee Petraitis stated that Honeoye Falls-Lima CSD has requested the new Agreement for the Community Recreation Program be authorized again. He stated all is the same and the Village still has the added addendum stating our costs are not to exceed \$6000.

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Trustee Smith stated that they are moving forward with signage for the dog Park. He will be in touch with the Village Office to order the signage as well as two new waste stations for the park.

Trustee Fleming stated that she is working with the Ambulance regarding budgeting, etc. Clerk Sackett will provide additional information for the continuing project.

Mr. Luft said individuals from the Youth Baseball League have reached out about seeding the ballfield. He requested someone from the board please reach out to them regarding this. He also informed the board that the locks at the pavilion are missing and will need to be replaced. It is a very time consuming and costly process.

Deputy Mayor Wadach asked when we will be receiving the upgraded email services as well as new email addresses. Mayor Skiptunas will ask for an update when he meets with Skyport. He also stated that he will be meeting with Josh Gardens in the upcoming days to discuss the tree planting project. He mentioned to the Park Commission that the City of Geneva has a very nice tree nursery, which could be something to add to the park.

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming at 8:26pm to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.