

Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes

August 13th, 2024

Present: Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Carolyn Fleming, Melinda Fleming, and Ben Dodzweit.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Rick Crego, First Assistant Fire Captain; Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief; Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer; Several Residents (see Sign-in Sheet).

Absent: John Skiptunas, Mayor.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Deputy Mayor Smith at 7:00pm Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Dodzweit and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to approve the meeting minutes from July 9th, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

Several residents were present to discuss the potential use of the O'Brien property being donated to the Village of Lima as an addition to Mark Tubbs Park. Erika Reinhardt-Roggow expressed concerns with plans to remove the current trees in the area and adding an egress/parking lot. She has also started a petition and obtained residents signatures who would be opposed to removing the current trees and expanding the area. John Wadach expressed his desire to keep the area a green space and to not add parking at the South end of the park. Jeanne Beutner added that traffic is not high on Ziegler Drive (current main entrance) with the exception of a few events held at the park each year. Deputy Mayor Smith explained that a parking lot would not be installed at donated property per an agreement with the current owners. Also, the Village does not yet own the property, and no plans have been formalized on what to build, if anything, at the current site. He did explain that although a parking lot would not be added, with a growing number of events being held at the park each year, there is a need for another egress into the park, especially for emergency situations.

Scott Caccamise asked where the Village stood in regard to the Town of Lima proposed water project. There are only two options that have the potential to include water supply to the Village, but the Town would decide which direction they want the project to go. If the Town chooses an option that includes the Village, then the Village would discuss further to see if there is a benefit to residents and an opportunity to purchase water at a lower price.

Jeanne Beutner and John Wadach asked for an update on the Meadow View Drive sidewalk project. Mr. Luft explained that there have been other mandatory projects the Village has been working on, such as the lead and copper line study which is due by October. He also stated the storm clean up took two weeks to complete and that pushed his timeline with other projects. He is still hoping to be able to install a section of sidewalk this fall, but if not, then it will be added to the list of projects to be completed in the spring.

Chris Held discussed flooding that takes place in the basement of his business when there is heavy rainfall. He had heard about the stormwater study the Village was completing and asked

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if it was possible to have the section of drainage at the firehouse added to the study. Mr. Luft will contact Pat Nicoletta to see if this area can still be added.

Department Reports

Fire Department – Rick Crego, First Assistant Fire Captain

Captain Crego discussed the July Fire Report. He discussed the water flow test completed with Mr. Luft to test the strain the fire truck has on the water infrastructure in the Village.

Ambulance – Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief

Chief Rose discussed the Ambulance report for July. Lima Ambulance is now authorized to transport individuals from the hospital, which will be an additional billable charge. Chief Rose also presented a new applicant for membership. Robert Manchester has applied to be driver and has been approved by Chief Rose.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee C. Fleming and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to approve Robert Manchester as a new member of the Lima Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

WWTP – Larry Teta (Absent)

See report provided by Mr. Teta. Mr. Luft said that three out of the four clarifiers have been repaired at the plant. If time permits, he plans to repair the final clarifier sometime this fall.2

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Charlie Floeser

See report provided by CEO Floeser. Trustee C. Fleming asked about roof permits and when one was required.

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft started by requesting to advertise a second time to purchase a new leaf tractor. It has been over 6 months since the tractor was last advertised. The purchase would be \$60k from the street reserve.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee C. Fleming and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to authorize the expenditure of up to \$60k to purchase a new leaf tractor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Luft and the DPW crew continue to work on the ESRI water meter inspections. There are approximately 150 meters left that need to be checked within the next 3 weeks. Letters have gone out to residents' multiple times as well as notification listed in water bills and on the website letting them know that this inspection must be completed. Mr. Luft has been sticking notes on residents' doors and individual letters are being mailed to households that still need to be checked.

The company who completes the analytical testing/reports for the Village water and sewer samples did not receive their renewal certification from the Department of Health. Another company will be completing the lab work in the interim.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

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Clerk Sackett is continuing to research citizen notification software. GOGov will be giving a presentation on August 26th at 10am via Zoom. She is waiting to hear back from Civic Plus regarding a demonstration of their software.

There is a webinar being held on August 14th at 10am about the NY Forward Grant and the Downtown Revitalization Grant from 10am to noon. The webinar will give overviews of the programs and information on how to apply.

AccuFund has been working on setting up the utility billing portion in the software system. This is the last phase of converting all services to Accufund. The bill itself will look different, however there should be no interruptions to residents.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$13411.81
- General Fund: \$94769.51
- Sewer Fund: \$11912.37
- Water Fund: \$2045.26
- Capital Fiber: \$3883.43
- Grand Total: \$126022.38

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to approve payment to invoices as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fiber Optic Update – Clerk Sackett informed the board that Patrick Phelan (Empire Engineer) is no longer working on the Village Fiber project. She has had conversations with the new engineers asking about the status of the third pole application with National Grid. She will be reaching out to National Grid directly asking the status of the application as it has been two years since the initial application was submitted. Clerk Sackett has also been in contact with Matt Scorzelli with Syracuse Utilities regarding when the aerial work will begin. Mr. Scorzelli stated they are finalizing material availability with Empire, and he anticipates work to begin within a couple of weeks.

Crossroads Festival – The festival was very successful again this year. The finalized numbers of visitors have not been received yet, but it is believed that there were approximately 18k – 20k attendees this year.

Park Playground – Construction has started on the new playground at the park. The DPW crew have removed the grass/dirt from the site and Bears Playground are ready to install the new equipment. It is anticipated that the playground will be finished in time for the Pumpkin Festival.

Pumpkin Festival – The Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for the October 5th, 2024 at Mark Tubbs Park. It is anticipated that the festival will be larger than last year, and the festival has received a sizeable donation for the event. The board discussed requests to have the festival increase their

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insurance coverage. Deputy Mayor Smith will ask Steve Werner to attend the September meeting to discuss the festival.

Park Rules (Amplified Music) – Deputy Mayor Smith suggested changing the park rules to allow for amplified music. The board was in agreement to changing to allow for amplified music within reason. The board will look into adding hours, and language referring to how loud the music can be at the park, since the park is still open to the public.

New Business

Village Flowers and Christmas Decorations – Trustee Dodzweit inquired about investing in more flowers and upgrading Christmas lights for the downtown district. The cost of a commercial holiday fixture is anywhere between \$500 - \$1500 for a single fixture. Upgrading fixtures would be a process due to costs. Deputy Mayor Smith expressed interest in installing either real or artificial trees in planters at the 4 corners to decorate during the holiday season. The board will also search for grants to help beautify the downtown district to help offset costs to upgrade.

Noise Ordinance Law Revisions – Deputy Mayor Smith discussed changing the noise ordinance from 10pm to 11pm on weekends and before holiday events to alleviate the Village from having to pass a resolution each time an event happens. Upon further review, the Village code already lists 11pm as a start of quiet hours for events; 10pm for construction activities.

Round Table

Trustee Dodzweit – No Comment.

Deputy Mayor Smith – No Comment.

Trustee C. Fleming – No Comment.

Trustee M. Fleming – No Comment.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elissa Sackett
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Lima

***All documents listed in the minutes are available to review at the Village office during regular business hours.**

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VILLAGE OF LIMA		
Event:	Board Meeting	Meeting Date: 8/13/24
Name	Address	Company (if applicable)
✓ ERIKA Reukardt Rogow	1739 Parkside Pl	
✓ Jim Rogow	1739 Parkside Pl	
✓ Caccanise	Hill Terrace	
✓ Jeanne Bontre	2049 Rainbow Ln	
✓ Josh Petraitis	7408 E. Main St.	
✓ Rick Crew	FIRE DEPT	
✓ Meg Rose	EMS	
Charlie Flase	CEO	
✓ John Wadach	7373 Ziegler Drive	
✓ Kazia Williams	41 Maplewood Ave HF	
✓ Chris Held	1923 LAKE Ave	
✓ John Grasso	737 Parkside Pl	
✓ Kevin Kistner	1733 Parkside Plaza	