

Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes

April 23rd, 2024

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; Trustees Melinda Fleming, Carolyn Fleming, and Benjamin Dodzweit.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief; Dominic Muscato, Ambulance Secretary.

Absent: Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor; Matthew Lenahan, Attorney.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

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

Department Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

The DPW crew will be spending time at the sewer plant working with Mr. Teta to get the clarifiers cleaned and rehabbed. The crew is also still working on completing the lead and copper line study. Mr. Luft hopes that with warmer weather in the near future, the crew can catch many residents while they are working outside.

Next week is Village clean up days. Again, this will be held in conjunction with the Town of Lima at the Town barns. Senior clean up will take place on Thursday, May 2nd. Those residents who qualify for pick-up must call the Village office by noon on Wednesday, May 1st.

The crew will start working downtown after clean up days are completed. The crew will start power washing the sidewalks, replacing the mulch, and hanging up the memorial banners. Once those are completed, the weather should be warm enough for the flags and flowers to be hung. The goal is to have everything finished downtown in time for Memorial Day.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Joule Assets has recommended that the Village do not award the RFP for the Community Choice Aggregation bid as the prices are still higher than the current benchmarks. Joule will continue to receive pricing, but at this time it looks as though the Village will wait until the next round to see if the prices decrease.

The following update items were mentioned and will be discussed at the May 14th meeting:

- Please review the Short-Term Rental Law edits received from Livingston County Planning Board.
- Date for joint meeting with Town of Lima and presentation from TextMyGov, or another resident notification service.
- The fiscal year ends on 5/31. Budget transfers will be presented at the 5/14 meeting.

Village summer hours will start on May 1st and run until Labor Day. Reminder, hours will be extended on Thursday and the office closed on Friday.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$5414.65
- General Fund: \$5209.27
- Sewer Fund: \$1630.15
- Water Fund: \$13797.01
- Capital Water: \$ 581.75
- Capital Sewer: \$ 805.50
- Capital Fiber: \$4228.19
- Grand Total: \$31666.52

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to authorize payment for said invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ambulance Remount – Chief Rose and Secretary Muscato discussed a proposal received from Emergency Services in Michigan for an ambulance remount. This remount includes a box that is approximately 5 years old. The box has a few slight variations from what is currently in ambulance 2882, but the company has stated they will move items around to fit Lima’s needs. Chief Rose stated that this ambulance is currently available and can be received in as little as 6 weeks. Since the box on this remount is only 5 years old, it has the ability to be used in another remount down the road. Chief Rose requested approval to move forward with the remount, and to use \$100,000 from reserves to help pay for costs associated.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee C. Fleming and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to authorize Mayor Skiptunas to sign the contract with Emergency Services to move forward with the ambulance remount, and to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the Ambulance Reserve account to pay for costs associated with the remount. Motion passed unanimously.

Several applications for membership were presented for approval. All applicants have been approved by Chief Rose. Applicants are the following:

- Bryce Rowles
- Alyssa Rowles
- Kayleen Colyer
- Brianna Rakestraw
- Cynthia Smith-Johnston
- Briana Rowles – Junior Member
- Brielle Totton - Junior Member

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee C. Fleming and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to approve Bryce Rowles, Alyssa Rowles, Kaylene Colyer, Brianna Rakestraw, Cynthia Smith-Johnston, Brianna Rowles (Junior Member) and Brielle Totton (Junior Members) as new members of the Lima Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

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No new business was discussed.

Round Table

Mayor Skiptunas

- The trees for the Arbor Day celebration will be potted into biodegradable bags on Friday. These trees will be handed out at the Arbor Day celebration on Saturday 4/27. Any help would be appreciated.
- The Village board has been invited to walk in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Mayor Skiptunas will be meeting with Elim to discuss potentially purchasing land for the future build of a new water tower. The tower still has a long lifespan after the restoration project, but it would be good to own property for the future build of a new tower.

Trustee Dodzweit

- No comment.

Trustee M. Fleming

- No comment.

Trustee C. Fleming

- No comment.

Motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to adjourn at 7:43pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Elissa Sackett
Village Clerk/Treasurer