

Village of Lima Board Meeting

July 26, 2022

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

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

Absent: Joshua Petraitis; Elissa Sackett, Clerk

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, July 26th, 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 Fleming to approve meeting minutes from July 12th, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft started with a water update. Mr. Luft stated that he only has 3 residences left on the tree list that need to be contacted. He also noted that there are less than 6 items on the punch-list and hopes to have the contractors here next week.

The Village crew worked on the milling today. They completed Genesee St. and down College to the school. They will be prepping the lower half tomorrow (7/27). Mr. Luft discussed some of the prep work involved before paving can begin on Thursday, July 28th. Not only are the 7-8 manholes and the intersections contributing in making this a big project, there is sweeping, cleaning and cutting to be done. Equipment from both the Town of Lima and Honeoye Falls was borrowed. The crew is doing very well considering none of them have done this type of project before. When completed, another big project can be taken off the list.

Deputy Mayor Wadach commended Mr. Luft and his crew for an excellent job in repairing the sidewalk on West Main St. There was also discussion regarding the sidewalk in front of the library. There are some concerns that need to be addressed including a sizable drop-off and crosswalk signs and lines. Mr. Luft explained that that was a Town project, even though the Village helped out with installing the sidewalk. Mayor Skiptunas will look at the situation and meet with the Town to discuss their intentions.

Deputy Clerk – Jane Radomski (per Clerk – Elissa Sackett)

Deputy Clerk Radomski informed the Board that 2nd notices for Village Taxes will be mailed out at the beginning of August. A note was made for the Deputy Clerk to update the Board on the percentages of paid/unpaid bills thus far. The Deputy Clerk reminded the Board that the public hearing for water rate increases will be held at the August 9th meeting. Deputy Clerk Radomski was requested to advertise in the Sentinel for a public meeting to be held at the Sept. 27th meeting for an open discussion on Air BnB's in our community. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Town Hall building. This should also be advertised in the W/S bills.

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The Village will be using proposed legislation from the town of Rochester as a guiding principle. The Village will post the guide on the website along with advertising in the Sentinel and water & sewer bills. The purpose of the public hearing will be to allow the community to review this document and voice their concerns. Deputy Mayor Wadach inquired as to whether we have received the sidewalk reimbursement from the DOT as of yet. Mr. Luft stated he didn't think so. Mayor Skiptunas stated he would contact Senator Gallivan's office to discuss the reimbursement as soon as the Deputy Clerk could find the ID # for the sidewalk project.

Old Business

Fiber Optic

Deputy Mayor Wadach informed the Board that 5 proposals had been received regarding the engineering/design of the Fiber Optic Project. Mayor Skiptunas and Deputy Mayor Wadach met to review and discuss the proposals. They have begun the process of setting up interviews with both, the Project Managers and Design Managers, of the following 3 companies: Empire, ECC and Hunt Engineering. They hope to arrange interviews for August 10th and 11th. Pros and cons were discussed among the Board. Mr. Luft made a request to the Board that the fiber should connect on the poles and not be underground.

EV Charging Station

Deputy Mayor Wadach reported to the Board that he has been talking to 3 entities regarding an EV Charging Station at the corner of Genesee St. and Main St. Charge Point estimates they can do a single 62.5 kw for \$100,000.00 or more. Deputy Mayor indicated the Village will not go over budget to add money to the project. Green Spark estimates they can do the project for under \$100,000.00. They did our solar array project. NY Power Authority has an Evolved Program. They look for high traffic areas to place their equipment. The problem being Lima is not considered a high traffic area. NY Power Authority did express interest if we used our NYSERDA funds. They would install two (2) 150 kw ports in the station. They also own, operate and maintain the equipment. Deputy Mayor Wadach feels there is a certain risk involved in doing this. Any time you draw 150 kw, a demand meter will be required by National Grid. Deputy Mayor Wadach explained that this means besides your regular delivery and supply charges you'll get a demand charge which could be more than your delivery charge. With further investigation into the use of NYSERDA funds, it was discovered that we must own the charging station. And, they will only grant \$40,000.00 per charging port. Deputy Mayor Wadach will continue to work with these proposals. Mayor Skiptunas thanked the Deputy Mayor for all his hard work on this project.

New Business

Vouchers

Mayor Skiptunas asked for a motion to pay the following bills:

- General Fund: \$23,286.68
- Ambulance Fund: \$3,701.88
- Water Fund: \$18,593.35
- Sewer Fund: \$6,015.43
- Capital Water Project: \$10,300.15

- Capital Sewer Project: \$7,491.00
- Grand Total: \$69,388.49

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree RFP

Deputy Mayor Wadach spoke to Andy Britton, who is on our planning board and also a landscaper and architect, regarding a proposal. This is money we should receive from Joule Energy. With deadlines approaching rapidly this may become a spring planting. Mayor Deputy Wadach also needs to verify with Joule that this project is acceptable with them. He will have more to report at the Sept. board meeting.

By request from Mayor Skiptunas, Mayor Deputy Wadach did some research into a new downtown funding stream called NY Forward. It's a grant for small rural downtowns. Neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor saw where this was a local matching requirement. It's a \$2.5 million grant. The purpose of the grant is for many unified projects to improve and enhance the downtown areas. A 3-page intent to apply needs to be completed. Mayor Skiptunas and Deputy Mayor Wadach will be the contact persons. There needs to be planning committee set up including 10 people. Also, we must attend 6 webinars. And lastly, we'll need to submit a full proposal by September 23rd.

Trustee Smith spoke about the possibility of a very generous proposal being made for building a community center. He also has a possible connection to discuss handicap equipment for the playground. He is continuing to research a 501C3 for the park. The board realizes this is a large invest for the community members but feel the benefits outweigh the cost.

Matthew Lenahan, Attorney

Mr. Lenahan met with the planning board regarding the sign code. The planning board had many suggestions and edits to the code. Mr. Lenahan asked the board to put everything in writing and he will review them again. Mr. Lenahan drafted edits to the contract with the Town and County regarding the 15A water main. They are reviewing the edits and will get in touch with Mr. Lenahan. He also made edits to the contract with the County regarding the \$178,000 match. He hopes to hear from them soon.

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion was passed unanimously.