

Joint Town and Village Board Meeting

June 11th, 2024

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Ben Dodzweit, Melinda Fleming, and Carolyn Fleming; Mike Falk, Town Supervisor; Mark Petroski, Deputy Town Supervisor; Councilmen Stever Werner and Ron Blodgett.

Others Present: Elissa Sackett, Village Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer; Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief; Rich Garey, Fire Chief; Dan Marcellus.

Absent: Councilman Bill Carey.

The Quarterly Joint Meeting between the Town and Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 6:30pm Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation by TextMyGov – Kyle Gardner from the company TextMyGov gave a presentation on their citizens notification software. This software would allow the Town/Village to send out mass notifications via text messages to residents notifying them of alerts within the Town/Village.

Ambulance Report – Chief Rose discussed the ambulance report for the month of May. She presented three applications for membership and one application for junior membership. Applicants are Lisajo Keeler, Kinnick Cates, Jessica DiTucci and Caleigh Cottone (junior member). All applicants have been approved by Chief Rose.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to approve Lisajo Keeler, Kinnick Cates, Jessica DiTucci and Caleigh Cottone (junior member) as new members of the Lima Volunteer Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Werner asked about the status of the new ambulance. Chief Rose explained that the ambulance was able to purchase a remount and will be picking it up within the next month. The remounted ambulance includes a new chassis and box. Once it has been received and commissioned the current ambulance will be sold.

Fire Chief Report – Chief Garey discussed the fire department report for the month of May.

Dan Marcellus with Zweigle's Hot Dog Proclamation – Mr. Marcellus presented a draft proclamation for the Town and Village to proclaim Zweigle Hot Dogs as the official hot dog of the Town/Village of Lima. He explained during his research that all businesses and organizations that he had talked to expressed that they only use Zweigle hot dogs at their events. This could also create a working relationship between the Town/Village with Zweigle's as well as open up potential sponsorship opportunities.

Motion

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Motion was made by Councilperson Werner and seconded by Trustee Fleming to authorize Dan Marcellus to draft a proclamation to name Zweigle hot dogs as the official hot dogs of the Town and Village of Lima to potentially create a working relationship between Zweigle and the Town/Village of Lima. Motion passed unanimously.

4th of July – Fireworks display will take place at dusk on the 4th. Cost is \$9800 and will be split between the Town/Village. Mayor Skiptunas has invited a couple food trucks to partake in the event to ensure that there are multiple food options available. He will also work with the Park’s Commission to keep them aware of who is attending and where to set up. Supervisor Falk stated a map of the event should be created to mark the slots where vendors are to set up. It was also suggested renting portable restrooms for the event to alleviate the strain on the bathrooms at the park. Discussions were held regarding the number of portable restrooms that should be rented and it was decided to have 4 total – 3 regular and 1 handicap accessible.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve renting 4 portable restrooms (3 regular and 1 handicap accessible) for the 4th of July event with a cost to be split between the Town and Village. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Marshall Fee Schedule – Supervisor Falk passed around the proposed Fire Marshall Fee Schedule to the Town/Village board for review. He asked that the Village review the proposed fees and discuss at a future meeting for implementation in January. Deputy Supervisor Petroski explained the purpose of proposing such fees and explained that these costs are still lower than other municipalities charge. Implementing such fees for services would also help offset the costs of the Code Enforcement Officer’s services.

Mowing (Park and Town Lots) – Mr. Luft and Supervisor Falk had previous discussions regarding the Village DPW mowing a few Town parcels that are located within the Village limits (Library, Court, and Town Hall). Mr. Luft explained that the crew could help, and it would take less than two hours a week to complete. When Mr. Luft inquired on how the billing would be handled, it was realized that the park mowing has not been billed as it should be. He explained that when changes in the office took place, the Town had no longer been billed for half the mowing hours, electricity and other purchases that were for the park. He said that the mowing would follow the same schedule, it would be 50% of the costs of wages as well as benefits, and that the Town would start receiving bills for the mowing and maintenance that takes place at the park.

Motion

Motion was made by Councilperson Werner and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Petroski to approve the Village of Lima DPW crew to mow the Library, Courthouse and Town Hall, to be billed at 50% of the hourly wage and benefits for said time. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments

Supervisor Falk – County Administrator Ian Coyle will be holding “Conversations with the County” on Thursday, June 13th at Fanatics in the outdoor pavilion area. He will be bringing

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with him representatives from the county Planning and Highway Departments to discuss fiber optics rollout and highway issues. This is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor Skiptunas – Lima Rotary will be hosting a free spaghetti dinner at the Lima Ambulance base on June 13th at 6pm. The event is to create awareness for volunteer opportunities in Lima and surrounding areas. Local groups attending include Lima Rotary, Kiwanis, Lima Volunteer Ambulance and Lima Volunteer Fire Department. This is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Motion was made by Supervisor Falk and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Petroski to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:21 pm. Motion passed unanimously.