

Village of Lima Board Meeting

September 22nd, 2020

Present: John Correll, Mayor; John Wadach, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joe Schwing, Jerry Warsaw, Joshua Petraitis, John Skiptunas

Absent: Trustee John Kattato

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan Esq.; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Correll and opened with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020.

Mayor Correll stated that the official results were certified from the Election held Tuesday, September 15th. Clerk Sackett performed the Oath of Affirmation to newly elected Trustee's Joshua Petraitis and John Skiptunas, as well as Mayor elect John Correll. The board thanked former Trustee's Joe Schwing and Jerry Warsaw for their service and wished them luck in the future.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Skiptunas to approve the meeting minutes as amended from September 8th, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

Mayor Correll gave an update regarding EFPR Solutions Monthly Report. Tina D'Negrio who is handling the Village reconciliation stated that she is still reconciling the records, and should have a report ready by the 2nd board meeting in October.

There were several invoices available for approval to the Board. Breakdown of payments are the following:

- General Fund \$8474.17
- Ambulance Fund \$38.45
- Water Fund \$15097.05
- Sewer Fund \$227.24
- Water Capital Project \$7778.47
- Sewer Capital Project \$4142.50

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve payment of the invoices presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

DPW Report

Ben Luft stated that the backhoe is in need of 4 new tires which will cost around \$3k. The backhoe is a 2016 and has not had this type of service yet. Mr. Luft said he is also looking to replace the 2013 550 Dump truck and purchase a sidewalk tractor. This 550 will cost around \$80K and come fully equip. Mr. Luft stated that there are 2 needs to fill at the DPW due to retirement and another individual leaving for another opportunity. Interviews are hopefully set to begin by the end of the week. The board in unison talked about various ways to keep employees. Currently employees will earn \$1 wage increase as they become certified (water certifications, sewer certifications). Deputy Mayor Wadach brought up that

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there are very good fringe benefits for Village employees (insurance, PTO, NYS Retirement). Mayor Correll stated that he is in talks with Livingston County to see about getting 2 seasonal employees to help free up Ben as the Village will have several major projects starting within the next year. Mr. Luft did also state he would like to hire at least 1 person and get them started ASAP.

Motion

Motion made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Skiptunas to authorize Mayor Correll to hire 1-2 people for DPW, up to \$18 per hour based on the recommendations of Deputy Mayor Wadach and Mr. Luft. Motion approved unanimously.

Clerk Report

Clerk Sackett stated that she is currently working on the water bill conversion with Edmunds. Final quarterly bills have been sent to residents and they should receive anytime. The due dates for this final billing cycle are 9/30 for water and 10/15 for sewer in order to get the billing cycle to match up going forward. Trustee Petraitis asked that this information be added to the Village website as well as the I Love Lima website for residents. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that the Village website will also need to be updated with Trustee Petraitis and Trustee Skiptunas information and asked that both send that to him.

Old Business

Water Sewer Conversion

Due date for the new billing format will be on the last business day of the month. Clerk Sackett stated that Johnson Lainer from Edmunds asked if we would be waiving late fees the first billing cycle to get residents used to the conversion. Board unanimously agreed that it would be in the best interest of our residents to waive the first month fee. Clerk Sackett will be reaching out regarding the file and print stock as there had not been an update from Penny Lane regarding printing.

Mayor Correll talked about the meeting he went to regarding a possible county system for water. The LCWA stated that the upgrade to the pump house is obsolete and a line should have been done to Conesus so water would be able to get to all (roughly \$25 million project).

LED Light Replacement

Attorney Lenahan contacted National Grid regarding where we stand and was informed that the Public Service Commission would need at least 90 days. Deputy Mayor Wadach and Mayor Correll gave back story on the project. Ultimately with upgraded pole lights they will be paid for in 13 years and have more capabilities such as Wi-Fi.

Sidewalk Project

Deputy Mayor Wadach gave an update to the estimate on cost (\$961k). This estimate does not include Buell and Dublin St. There was very high pushback on these two streets, and it is very costly to include them due to the terrain. Instead, the funds would be used to finish College St, Dalton Rd and Michigan St. Project will give connectivity from newer developments (Parkside, Rainbow). Grant was received for the project in amount of \$550k which at current estimate would be roughly 57/43 split between Federal gov't and Village.

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Mayor Correll noted that he will reach out to Donegan Inc. about a Bond Anticipation Note. Attorney Lenahan stated that Donegan will want a specific price from Erdman Anthony for bond and the Village will need to hold another public meeting for the bond.

Several residents are concerned about their landscaping. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that there are funds allocated for landscaping/possible removal of sentimental items. This will need to be discussed with homeowners.

Motion

Mayor Correll made motion and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to modify the current plan design; this excludes Buell & Dublin, and includes finishing College, Dalton, Michigan, Meadowview, Elm and Livingston.

Community Solar

The first community meeting is scheduled for 9/24 7pm at the Ambulance. Deputy Mayor Wadach asked if we could find if there is Wi-Fi so the meeting could be recorded/archived for the public. It was mentioned that there needs to be additional clarification on how the credit actually will appear to customers. Administrators indicate there is additional grant money for this and the Village could receive up to \$50 per account for something environmental.

Pathstone

Mayor Correll stated they are currently at a standstill regarding the PILOT. There are not enough firm numbers to make a sound decision.

Water Project

Mayor Correll met with AmStar and they are still on schedule to be finished refurbishing the water tower sometime in November. Currently they are rigging for the tarp and scheduling ground sampling for baseline regarding lead testing. The tower will be painted a gray/white color.

Sewer Project

Mr. Luft stated that the project is on track and will be going out to bid very soon

New Business

Firetruck Discussion and Expectations

Mayor Correll stated that before the meeting they had a demonstration at the Fire Department with the CAF truck from East Avon and how this way of extinguishing a fire could help alleviate strain on the Village's aging water system. The fire department currently has a '94 Pumper, '12 frontline pumper, and a '95 ladder truck. To retrofit the '12 pumper w/CAF system, it would cost roughly \$125k - \$175k, but you're then adding this new system to an aging truck.

Mayor Correll reached out to the county as to what could be done. The village currently has a 24/7 agreement with E. Avon, so does it make sense to buy the same products?

Trustee Kattato is the board liaison for the fire department and needs to be included in the plans. There needs to be further discussion regarding still utilizing the current trucks. Are they still viable with their age? Does the fire department have enough manpower to warrant the expenditure? There is still the

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gal/min issue that needs to be addressed. Flow meters should be invested on 2 trucks to see how much output is actually going through, and then a contingency plan could be adjusted based on the output.

Ambulance

There were two new volunteer member applications; Daniel Mott and Andrew Johnston.

Motion

Deputy Mayor Wadach made motion seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve the two new volunteer ambulance applicants.

Agreements

Motion

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Skiptunas to approve Mayor Correll to sign mini excavator agreement with the Town of Lima.

Motion

Motion made by Trustee Skiptunas and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to split the Code Enforcement officer with the Town of Lima. Village and Town will split the Code Enforcement Officer costs by 50%.

Motion

Motion made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wadach to approve the 2021 Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Lima.

Motion

Motion made by Trustee Skiptunas and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wadach to approve the 2021 Ambulance Agreement with the Town of Lima.

Cub Scout bottle Drive

The Cub Scout bottle drive bin will be moved from its current location to the corner of Genesee St & Save-A-Lot parking lot.

Organizational Meeting

All Trustees are assigned to various groups in the Village. Discussed expectations of Trustees in the groups and all were asked to be as active as possible.

Round Table Discussion

Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the Shade Tree Commission. Currently they are hoping to do a tree inventory to go into a GIS system. The village needs a Tree Master plan in order to get any grants. Currently looking into becoming a Tree City USA. Also discussed the dead tree in the park near the Parkside entrance and can it be replaced? Mayor Correll stated that all the trees in that area have the same condition and asked that the Shade Tree Commission take a look at a possible solution.

Deputy Mayor Wadach also stated that Thursday he would be attending a webinar held by NYSERDA to hopefully get a new round of funding for the Community Solar initiative.

Deputy Mayor Wadach also asked if Brian Crye had gotten a new computer like he requested. Mr. Luft stated that he just received details from Dell and would pass along information. He could also get a computer off of the state bid at a lesser cost.

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Deputy Mayor Wadach asked Clerk Sackett to please forward on the utility bills for National Grid and National Fuel. Mayor Correll stated all National Fuel bills were available online and to please forward to Deputy Mayor Wadach.

Trustee Skiptunas said he had been looking into grants to tie into getting taps for water/sewers in place and it could help those who are on a fixed income. He is looking at putting a package together with all the information.

Trustee Petraitis asked for contacts for all the individuals on the committees. Mayor Correll will be sending these out to all.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:06pm.