

Village of Lima Board Meeting

October 27th, 2020

Present: John Correll, Mayor; John Wadach, Deputy Mayor; Trustees John Katatto, John Skiptunas, Joshua Petraitis, David Cabrera

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan Esq.; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Eric Baker, Dan Marcellus, Meg Rose, Mike Finucane

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, October 27th, 2020.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Skiptunas and seconded by Trustee Katatto to approve meeting minutes as amended from October 13th, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Correll started off the meeting by addressing the Board and audience. Mayor Correll stated that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve the Board and the Community. Mayor Correll then stepped down from his position as Mayor. Clerk Sackett administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Wadach to assume the position of Mayor.

Mayor Wadach addressed the Board and audience. He presented the following:

CORRELL POND RESOLUTION

Whereas, John Correll served the Village of Lima as the Chairman of the Lima Park Commission for over a decade before becoming a Trustee and

Whereas, John Correll wrote the grant application seeking funds to purchase and develop the 35-acre parcel located to the east of the original Mark Tubbs Memorial Park and

Whereas, John Correll refused to give up in his quest to acquire funding for park expansion even after his first grant application was denied and

Whereas, John Correll's second attempt at seeking grant funding for expanding the park was successful and

Whereas, John Correll worked diligently to acquire the necessary grant matching funds to purchase and develop the new park parcel and

Whereas, John Correll designed the trail system and enhanced the value of the fishing pond in the park annex;

Now, wherefore, it is hereby **Resolved** that the Village of Lima will refer to the pond located in the Mark Tubbs Memorial Park as Correll Pond from this day forth.

Resolution was accepted by Trustee Skiptunas and seconded by Trustee Katatto. Resolution passed unanimously.

Mayor Wadach also presented Former Mayor Correll with a framed copy of the Correll Pond Resolution as well as a framed photograph of the pond. Mr. Correll thanked Mayor Wadach and the Board.

Mayor Wadach appointed David Cabrera to the position of Trustee. Mr. Cabrera is an 8-year resident of Lima and is currently employed as an Engineer for Corning Inc. Clerk Sackett administered the Oath of

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Office to Mr. Cabrera. As his final appointment of the evening, Mayor Wadach appointed Trustee Skiptunas to the position of Deputy Mayor.

DPW Report – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft gave an update on the Water Tower project, stating that weather permitting the tower should be up roughly around Thanksgiving. Everything is done on the inside, the outside needs to be finished as well as the upgrades to the vault at the bottom of the tower.

Mr. Luft also stated that he received the quote for the sidewalk tractor that fits the necessary specs. He said that it is the right model, but the wrong horsepower (1 size lower). It will work, just can't go any higher with horsepower because then the tractor will be too big for the sidewalk. The tractor will cost roughly \$27K and funds will come from the mower reserve account.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Skiptunas and seconded by Trustee Katatto to authorize Mr. Luft to spend up to \$27K for the sidewalk tractor and accessories. Motion was approved unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. Luft stated that leaf pick up is currently going on and will run until the 3rd week of November or the first snow fall.

Clerk Report

Clerk Sackett discussed the Water Billing conversion project. The first estimated read was October 21st and we had 4 individuals call in their read. Many individuals are taking advantage of signing up for automatic payments and e-statements. We have around 50 for each (not necessarily the same residents). Mr. Luft spoke up and stated that he had received a phone call from the vendor regarding upgrading the Trimble as it will work better with the upgraded software. We still need to purchase the new Trimble and set up training. This will be purchased out of the water reserves.

Clerk Sackett explained that the online water and sewer payment system is live for residents to pay their bills through the website and asked Mayor Wadach if he could please add to the website. Clerk Sackett also explained that all the resident needs to do is enter their account number and it would automatically let them into the system. Mayor Wadach asked if the PIN could be added back on to the accounts so it was more secure, and to please test the account. Clerk Sackett stated she would reach out to Nick Zorio (Edmunds Rep) about adding the PIN back to the account.

Clerk Sackett also had several invoices available for approval. Breakdown of payments are the following:

- Ambulance: \$693.05
- General: \$36411.12
- Sewer: \$2385.77
- Water \$560880.12 – high payment due to Water Tower project
- Trust&Agency: \$92.64

Motion

Motion made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Cabrera to approve payments of said invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Pathstone PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)

Mr. Correll spoke with the Finance Director for Pathstone. The Finance Director stated that the project may not be feasible without a PILOT. If the PILOT were to be accepted as stated, the village would receive roughly \$7K as compared with \$21,000 in Village taxes that would be assessed for the development. Currently the Village receives roughly \$1500 for the vacant land. Mayor Wadach voiced

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his objection to granting a PILOT and stated that all Village residents should pay their fair share of property taxes.

Sidewalk Project Update

Donegan, Inc. will be getting a resolution together by next meeting to proceed with the Project. The project should be out to bid by December with construction starting late March/early April. A letter with a map will be sent to every affected homeowner with the specs/info. Anyone who is directly affected will have the opportunity to meet with the engineer and board member to discuss the construction adjacent to their property. (ex: removing trees/shrubs). Bonding will be around \$500K. Originally the plan was to have the bond for 30 years resulting in around a \$40 tax increase for a home assessed at \$150K, however Attorney Lenahan stated that the life of the bond is only 10 years (will verify with Donegan to see if accurate). Mayor Wadach stated that if the bonding was only for 10 years, this could present an issue with the project. Attorney Lenahan stated that Erdman Anthony did state the project was a Seq Type II therefore no further environmental studies are necessary.

Water Project

Bids for new water mains along Rochester Street, Lake Avenue, Seneca Ave, Maplewood Ave, and College Street will go out in January with a Spring start date. Letters for those who will be impacted will be going out in January. This would be a good time for residents to upgrade their lines if they still have galvanized pipes from the meter box to their home. Deputy Mayor Skiptunas will add this into the packets he is planning to get around for residents. The Village could also list local contractors that have worked connecting water lines in the Village in the past.

Community Solar

The Second public meeting was held October 20th at the Ambulance Base. It is the same deal as previous; residents will receive 8-10% reduction on their current bills. The Village will get also be getting a payment for this which can be used towards a sustainability project. This will roll out in January and should appear in February on the resident's National Grid bill. Action only needs to be taken by a resident if they do NOT want to participate. The contract includes an Indemnity Clause that states that should something happen due to the actions of Joule Assets or Roctricity, the Village of Lima would not be held responsible. Letters will be sent to residents on Village letterhead describing the program along with directions for opting out if they prefer not to participate.

Code Book Project – General Code

The contract has been signed to upgrade the general code. The first step is to digitize everything. Emails have been circulating to get everything started. The last time there was a codification upgrade was in '94. Attorney Lenahan will work with Clerk Sackett to gather all the laws passed since 1994. We will reach out to the former Attorney as well as the Secretary of State for copies of laws if necessary.

Buell Property Purchase

Attorney Lenahan talked with the Realtor and requested info (waiting to hear back) regarding the purchase of the parcel at adjacent to the Village Garage. The parcel is expected to be used for storage of equipment. Going forward the Village will want to do a title search. It is a cost, but it is worth it if looking at putting a new structure on the property in the future.

New Business

Park Driveway

Breakdown of the cost of putting in a water line at the park was passed around. Pat Nicoletta had said to run the line through the driveway, but could it go through the land adjacent to the driveway. It would be difficult to run the other way as there is a high voltage line that runs through the path. The high voltage li

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ne runs to the green box at the pavilion and from the pavilion to everywhere else is a regular power line. The driveway currently has drainage issues, so if opted to go through the driveway, the cost would be more than \$52K estimate. The possibility of adding this project to water main project was discussed. This issue will be added to the Town-Village meeting agenda on November 17th.

Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission had their second meeting. Currently looking at getting an inventory of the trees in to a system so residents can look them up. Could use some of the funds received from the Solar Sustainability grant to fund this.

Discussed Tree pruning that is completed by National Grid. Other municipalities have laws pertaining to this that state the utility company needs to have a permit to do something and are very aggressive with how the trees are maintained and what can be planted.

Contracts/Joint Ventures

The board signed the contracts for the Joint Fire/EMT Services with the Town of Lima. The contracts needed to be resigned as South Lima was added back into the Town.

AT&T Contract was signed regarding the ATT antenna on the Water tower.

Date of Joint Town Meeting was set for November 17th, 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Current Agenda: Dog Park – rules, permitting, water services
Open Air Pavilion

Open Discussion

Dan Marcellus – IT for the Village (Skyport)

Mr. Marcellus asked if he could be added to an upcoming agenda to do an IT review. Dan stated that when someone is leaving, we do have retention for the email. Currently the Village is on a 2-year rolling budget and at the end of the year he will send out an invoice. Dan also stated that he would be willing to come to the office sometime and asked Clerk Sackett to reach out to him to set up a date.

Meg Rose – Ambulance

Meg stated that she had heard feedback that the monthly Ambulance report is hard to read and asked what the board is looking for on the report. She also gave several ideas and a different organization for the report to make it easier for the board to comprehend.

Meg discussed incentives to keep EMTs as the Ambulance currently has quite a few drivers, but find that they run short on EMTs, especially during regular business hours. Ideas brought up were the recruitment letters, gift card incentives, sponsorships. Currently she is keeping track of data as to where there are “holes” in shifts. Ms. Rose said that they have emptied out one of the rooms to create a “bunk room” for those who are out of town and willing to stay late.

Round Table Discussion

Mayor Wadach stated that there was no progress in purchasing the current street lights from National Grid as the process is waiting for approval from the Public Service Commission. Purchasing the current street lights is the first step in converting to LED street lights. Attorney Lenahan will reach to Paul Gister of National Grid in 30 days to assess progress of the sale.

Mayor Wadach stated that the Village was awarded a \$40K grant to bring public WI-FI to the business district.

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Mayor Wadach said Livingston County has an Economic workshop Friday and Monday 9 until sometime in the afternoon and asked if anyone was able to attend. Deputy Mayor Skiptunas stated that he would possibly be able to attend the morning session.

Deputy Mayor Skiptunas met with Young Explosives along with Mr. Correll regarding fireworks this upcoming 4th of July. The group discussed moving the launch site to the un-mowed area of the park so that residents could view the display from anywhere on the mowed lawn area of the park. Since the fireworks were cancelled this year the budget is increased. Young Explosives takes care of everything and the Village does not have to pay any upfront costs, plus if the fireworks are to be cancelled again, the Village is not out any money.

Trustee Cabrera stated that he would be looking into a Fiber option for internet. Empire Access (locally owned company out of Prattsburgh, NY) has been increasing their districts and looking into providing service this way.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.