

Village of Lima Board Meeting

October 26th, 2021

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis and Carolyn Fleming.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Residents Don Black, Theresa Gleason-Black, Cathy VanHorne, Mark VanHorne, AJ Stephany, Judy Stephany, Sunday Thompson and Angela Webb-Kelleher

Absent: Brian Smith, Trustee; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve meeting minutes from October 12th, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests – Residents of Parkside Place

Several residents were present to voice their concerns regarding an Airbnb property in the Parkside Place neighborhood.

Sunday Thompson started by stating that the Airbnb is concerning in their neighborhood and asked if there was anything in the Village code about these types of rentals in residential neighborhoods. She stated that the property is causing disruptions in the neighborhood. She stated that individuals have been coming in and out late at night, and even dancing in the street. Traffic has increased and speeding has become an issue in the neighborhood as well.

Cathy VanHorne asked how the property was assessed and asked if it should be classified/zoned as something other as residential since it is now a business. Currently the property is classified as residential.

Trustee Petraitis asked if the residents have spoken directly to the homeowners regarding their concerns. They have not so he suggested that they start with them and see if there is anything they are willing to do to help the situation.

Mayor Skiptunas informed the residents that there is nothing in the Village code addressing these short-term rentals. Airbnb is becoming a more popular way to rent; therefore, the Village will need to do more research regarding these. He will reach out to Angela Ellis at Livingston County as well as discuss the issues with the Planning and Zoning boards. He will also talk to the homeowners regarding the number of guests that are allowed in the house and the number of cars allowed at the property. Just as Trustee Petraitis had stated, he recommended the residents reach out to the homeowners to voice their concerns. He also reminded the guests that the Village has a noise ordinance and if there is a continuous issue to reach out to the Code Enforcement officer, Charlie Floeser.

Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft was absent due to flooding issues on Buell Ave. Mayor Skiptunas stated that the flooding was worse than back in July. Deputy Mayor Wadach requested an update on the crosswalk signs on Rt. 20. Clerk Sackett stated that Mr. Luft had picked up the signs the previous Thursday and will install the signs as soon as possible.

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Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

National Grid has fixed the wires in the secondaries for the two poles that are out (W. Main and Ziegler). Nate Durie has submitted a request in Cimcon to commission these last two nodes and the lights should be functioning now.

Clerk Sackett and Attorney Lenahan attended a meeting with Bond Council and Bernard Donegan's office to discuss the Fiber project. If the life of the fiber lines is certified by an engineer as over 10 years, then we would be able to bond for that long. The lines would also need to be certified as a capital asset with a life of over 10 years by an accountant. The Village must have the certifications as well as the notice to proceed before we can move forward. Once received BPD stated it will take approximately 4 months to get a note funded for the project. Attorney Lenahan reminded that the project required financial reports to be submitted, regardless of the stage of the project; the first report is due October 31st. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that he would reach out to Genesee Finger Lakes regarding the reports being completed.

Clerk Sackett received the 2022 Inter-municipal Extension Agreement from Livingston County regarding machinery, tools, equipment and service sharing. This needs to be signed by Mayor Skiptunas and sent back to Livingston County.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to authorize Mayor Skiptunas to sign the 2022 Inter-municipal Agreement for machinery, tools, equipment and service sharing between the Village of Lima and Livingston County. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Sackett had several invoices available for review. Payments by fund are the following:

- Ambulance: \$622.02
- General: \$8020.63
- Water: \$14297.23
- Sewer: \$4685.21
- Capital Water: \$165087.78
- Capital Sewer: \$0
- Grand Total: \$192712.87

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to authorize payment for said invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Rose emailed a quote she had received regarding zones at the Ambulance. The quote she received was from John W. Danforth Company and the estimate came in at \$15,364.50. She will try to get at least two more quotes from other vendors.

Business

Ambulance – Mayor Skiptunas stated Honeoye Falls has asked the Village of Lima to loan them an Ambulance as they have one that is out of commission. The board requests an Inter-municipal Agreement to be signed prior to loaning the ambulance to Honeoye Falls.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to authorize Honeoye Falls to loan a Lima Ambulance as necessary once an Inter-municipal Agreement has been signed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skiptunas stated briefly that Chief Rose is working on getting costs of all billable services, and that they are looking into a hybrid shift (preferably) with Livingston County. If this were to happen,

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Livingston County would potentially occupy the Ambulance building Monday – Friday and the Lima volunteer crew would work weekends. This is still in early stages of planning.

Christmas Party December 16th – Mayor Skiptunas stated the Christmas Party will be held December 16th at noon at Fanatics. Please let him know ASAP if you plan to attend as a headcount is necessary.

Julia Beam Right of Way – Mayor Skiptunas has continued to do research regarding Ms. Beam’s right of way behind her shop. It appears that the right of way is actually a shared space between business owners on that section of Main St. Mayor Skiptunas intends to send a letter to all owners letting them know that the area is shared so deliveries can be made out back rather than in front of the businesses as it takes up parking spots.

1920 Buell Ave – CEO Floeser emailed Attorney Lenahan regarding the property at 1920 Buell Ave. Livingston County (owners of said property) have requested that the building be condemned. Attorney Lenahan stated that within talks with CEO Floeser, the property does not meet the criteria to be condemned, nor does code state the Village Board has the authority to condemn a property. Attorney Lenahan will reach out to CEO Floeser for more information/contact information from Livingston County to see exactly what they are requesting and why the property needs to be condemned.

Quote for EV Charging Stations – Deputy Mayor Wadach passed around two quotes from GreenSpark Solar for installing new EV Charging Stations in the Village. The first quote came in at \$13,463 and would be to install two charging ports at the already existing EV station located in the Village owned parking lot. The second quote in the amount of \$40,406 is to install four charging ports in the parking lot on the corner of W. Main St. and Genesee St. Deputy Mayor Wadach has submitted two DEC grant applications for funding the new stations that will cover 90% of the cost The \$5,000 earned by the Village of Lima for adopting the NY-Strechth Energy code will be sufficient to cover the other 10%.

Dog Control Contract with Livingston County – The Town has contracted with Livingston County to handle all their dog control needs. If the Village wishes to enter contract, we would need to do so on our own. Cost of the contract is \$4900 for two years. All agreed that it seems quite high to pay with the minimal amount of dog issues the Village has, and decided to not pursue a contract with the County.

Roundtable Discussion

Mayor Skiptunas gave dates of upcoming Rotary activities being held in the Village:

- Trunk or Treat 10/31 from 6-8pm at Lima Town Hall parking lot
- Seniors’ dinner 11/13 at Crossroads Church (former Lima Baptist)
- Tree lighting ceremony November 27th time TBD in front of Lima Town Hall

Mayor Skiptunas stated he received a phone call from Chris Jacobs office regarding the use of ARPA funds. Current legislation is going through the House and the Senate to extend usage of the ARPA funds. Mayor Skiptunas stated he will be getting an itemized list from both Pat Nicoletta and John Hinman showing increased costs for both the 15A water main project and the WWTP upgrades, and stated funds could be used towards these costs. Mayor Skiptunas also discussed two change orders that will be needed for the plant. The first is to replace the methane pipes with either carbon steel or stainless steel. Costs for carbon would be approximately \$53,758 with a lifespan of at least 25 years, while cost for stainless would be approximately \$82,648 and have a lifespan of 30 – 40 years. Larry Teta stated that he believes with the installation of a trap to catch sediment, the life of the carbon could easily be the same length as the stainless piping. His suggestion would be to go with the carbon piping in the waste water treatment plant.

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Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve the replacement of methane pipes at the waste water treatment plant with carbon steel pipes for a cost of \$53,758. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skiptunas also stated that a new valve needs to be added at the waste water treatment plant with a cost being approximately \$11,000.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve the replacement of the necessary valve at a cost of approximately \$11,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Mayor Skiptunas stated the house at 7276 McDonald Drive is in the process of being sold. The new owners plan to fix the home up. CEO Floeser has been in contact with the new homeowners regarding the necessary improvements that need to be made to bring the property up to code.

Trustee Petraitis stated that after some minor changes such as dimensions and location, the Parks Commission approved the Community Garden Eagle Scout project for John Ryan Samarra. He also said that a gentleman had reached out about donating trees to the park and has been invited to their next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Wadach said the Shade Tree Commission met and walked Main St. viewing where replacement trees are needed. Several locations were discussed to plant trees as well, such as the corners of the pocket park and down Genesee St. and in front of Hillcrest. Any trees purchased would be a substantial size and have a warranty for at least 1 year. The Shade Tree Commission will seek grant funds for establishing a tree maintenance program and for creating a GIS based tree inventory.

Deputy Mayor Wadach asked where we stood with the Codification project. Attorney Lenahan and Clerk Sackett stated at this point we are at a standstill. We are trying to find time to get together to work on the project. It is a goal to have our section completed around the first of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.