

Village of Lima Board Meeting

November 9th, 2021

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Charlie Floeser, CEO; George Gotcsik, Planning Board/Rotary; Residents Terry and Louise Hagadone and Elaine Conti.

Absent: Steve McGrath, Fire Chief; Larry Teta, WWTP Operator.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the individual killed in the structure fire on Pond Rd.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve meeting minutes from October 26th, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

Terry and Louise Hagadone

Mr. and Mrs. Hagadone were present to discuss the recent flooding issues on Genesee St. This past year their home has flooded 3 times; once in July 2021 and twice in October 2021. The flooding has caused over \$12k in damages to their home, including needing to replace their furnace and hot water tank. Mrs. Hagadone stated that they had terrible luck when contacting the local emergency personnel asking for help, and proceeded to ask what is being done to prevent flooding in these areas.

Mr. Luft stated that the DPW crew have been working on snaking the drains on Genesee St. to see if there is a clog somewhere. As of now, all drains that have been checked are clear and working properly, but not all drains have been checked yet as a component on the sewer cleaner. Once fixed, he will continue to snake drains looking for possible clogs. He also discussed that part of the problem is their property is in a low-lying area. He has a contingency plan for the next rain which is to pump the water down to the storm drain on route 5&20. Mayor Skiptunas stated that he is in talks with FEMA and Livingston County regarding the drainage issues to see if there is any help that can be provided.

George Gotcsik – Rotary/Planning Board

Mr. Gotcsik discussed progress that had been made on the Village Green Space. He passed around a study and preliminary design that had been completed on the parcel in 2017. Designs show placement of a bandstand, greenery and a fountain in the back. Clerk Sackett had placed the order for the arborvitaes but the grower was out of them, so the order will be placed again in the Spring. The permanent Christmas tree will also be installed in the Spring as the tree is also out of stock (blue spruce). Mr. Gotcsik said the company will plant the tree, however the DPW crew will need to dig up the asphalt that is under the grass. Designs for the bandstand were passed around for review. The design was based off of an original bandstand that was in Lima years ago. Mr. Gotcsik has discussed the plans with New Energy Works and will be receiving a quote on the cost. The goal is to have Rotary place a down payment for the project, and then complete fundraisers towards building the green space. Mayor Skiptunas stated that ARPA money may possibly be used towards this as well.

Mr. Gotcsik discussed the Planning Board's review of the current signage code. They have also reviewed the Livingston County code as well as other local municipalities. Lima's current sign code falls in line with other local municipalities. The Planning board is still debating if they will allow 2 or 3 signs, including a sign on the back of the building. They are also entertaining adding window stenciling into the sign code, as long as it doesn't cover 50% of the glass. All adjustments the Planning board are making to the code would allow for businesses to have more flexibility with signs. Once the Planning board

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revisions are complete, the code will go to the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) for review/recommendations. If the Trustees have any questions or ideas, please send forward them on to Mr. Gotcsik so the Planning board can review. The goal is to have the new code in place and make revisions/modifications in the future.

Department Reports

Fire Department – Steve McGrath, Fire Chief (Absent)

No report; Chief McGrath was absent due to a structure fire on Pond Rd.

Ambulance – Meg Rose, Chief

The October Ambulance report was passed around for the Board to review. Chief Rose discussed the stats and stated that this month was another high call volume month. She stated the current crew have been working in the evenings and on weekends. Chief Rose is hoping that Lima can host another EMT class. If so, they will have 6 volunteers taking the course.

Chief Rose discussed increasing billing rates for services through MedEx. Lima's current rates are lower than the average billing rates for services. Chief Rose proposed increasing rates to the average rate so that Lima can continue to finance the ambulance, especially with the call volume being down due to no daytime medic. Rates would increase to the following:

- Mileage increases from \$24 to \$27 per mile
- Basic Life Support (BLS) increases from \$767 to \$870
- Advanced Life Support (ALS) increases from \$704 to \$1170
- Treat and release increases from \$200 to \$250

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Smith to increase billing rates for services provided by the Lima Ambulance to the rates stated above. Motion passed unanimously.

Lima Ambulance would like to set up a Lima EMS Corp 501c3. This would allow for donations to the Ambulance to be tax deductible and it would make the ambulance eligible to apply for various grants. Attorney Lenahan stated that he would reach out to Chief Rose to discuss the 501c3.

Lastly, Chief Rose discussed getting cell phones for the two ambulances in the upcoming months. Due to the increase in violence against EMT personnel (nationally), Livingston County dispatch will start performing 15-minute status checks to ensure the safety of crews on scene. If crews are not able to be reached, law enforcement will be dispatched to the scene to ensure the safety of the crew. Chief Rose did state dispatch will try to reach out to crews via radio, but they need to have a back-up plan in the event the scene is in a "dead zone". Discussions were held regarding the possibility of adding a line to the Village plan for a small fee, or adding a line to the current Verizon line for the iPad. Trustee Smith mentioned possibly purchasing a prepaid phone for the ambulances.

WWTP – Larry Teta (Absent)

The Sewer Plant report was passed around for the Board to review. As of October 31st, the wastewater treatment plant was again in 100% compliance with NYSDEC regulations. Mr. Teta's report gave various updates regarding the capital improvements at the plant.

CEO – Charlie Floeser

CEO Floeser's report was passed around for the board to review. He discussed the statistics, his recent trainings and a Fire Code violation at Lima Manor. He also gave an update on the parcel at 7276 McDonald Drive. The property is in the process of being sold and the new owners intend to repair the

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property. Mr. Floeser has been in contact with the new owners regarding what is needed to bring the property up to code.

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft gave an update on the 15A Water project. Fineline is almost done hooking up approximately 45 water services to the new water main from Ziegler to College Street. They have about 15 more to do and then they will be completed with that area. They anticipate starting blacktopping necessary areas later this week as well as installing sections of sidewalk by next week. Once finished they will have to tie into the new main at the top of College Street, finish Maplewood and then tie in McDonald Drive. Once all sections are completed, they will start to move South on 15A towards the 4 corners.

Crosswalk signs have been installed on West Main near Michigan Ave. and Dalton Rd. Mr. Luft anticipates the remaining signs will be installed by early December. He is working on getting the remaining signs from Livingston County again. He has also reached out regarding getting the green reflector strips for the poles, but currently the county does not have them in stock and he hasn't had the time to order them. He believes he may be able to get the strips from Bloomfield.

Wednesday the DPW crew will be working with Ken Zuber on a project to help alleviate the drainage issues on Buell Ave. They will be installing a 12" overflow pipe on Buell Ave to help with some of the current drainage issues. The current pipe is not draining like it used to and Mr. Luft believes something is clogging it or there is a root problem with the drain.

Lastly, Mr. Luft stated the new Village of Lima dump truck is in Henrietta. The truck still needs a tailgate, so as soon as that arrives and is installed, the truck will be ready for pick-up. Mr. Luft anticipates he will receive the new truck by the end of November.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Clerk Sackett stated that a light is out on Hogan Ave and has been out since October 26th. She reviewed the NYPA timeline and according to that, it should be fixed within 10 business days. She has reached out to Casey Maestro as well as Joe Szabo regarding the light being out but has not heard anything back yet. She will continue to follow up with the status of this light being repaired.

Clerk Sackett emailed the board regarding the annual NYS Harassment and Discrimination training being held Tuesday, November 16th at 5pm. Training is online and mandatory for all Village employees. She also stated that a Public Hearing will be held at the Village board meeting on November 23rd regarding repealing section 403.6.2, Balanced and HRV/ERV Systems of the NY Stretch Energy Code.

Several invoices were available to the board for review/approval. Payments were the following:

- Ambulance Fund: \$2,807.13
- General Fund: \$35,349.77 - \$150.05 = \$35,199.72
- Sewer Fund: \$22,014.55
- Water Fund: \$11,957.56
- Capital Water: \$306,002.38
- Capital Sewer: \$13,572.08
- Grand Total: \$391,553.42

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petratis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to authorize payment for all invoices except the Verizon bill from the fire department in the amount of \$150.05 as the complete invoice was not submitted for payment. Once the complete invoice is received, payment may be made. Motion passed unanimously. Update – Chief McGrath has since delivered the full Verizon invoice.

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Clerk Sackett asked if there was an update with the Village owned parcel in the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar Parking lot. Mayor Skiptunas stated that he had discussions earlier in the day about the parcel and having the Muraco's purchase it. Mr. Luft stated that there are issues with selling the property as the Village utilizes it for snow removal. Trustee Smith also stated that the parcel is used during the Crossroads Festival, and if sold they would not be able to use it any longer. The Board agreed that selling it would not benefit the Village. Attorney Lenahan will reach out to the Muraco's and state that the Village is no longer interested in selling said property.

Business

Water District 2 – Mayor Skiptunas has a meeting scheduled with Jason Molino, Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority Executive Director and Supervisor Falk to discuss Water District 2. There is a question from the Town of Lima Supervisor as to ownership of the water main from the Village owned pumphouse to Crossroads Church. Mr. Luft stated that maintenance wise, from the pumphouse to Baptist any issues were taken care of by the Town as it was in their area. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that he remembers when the pipe was installed, it was funded and constructed by the Village and that he believed the Village owns the water main itself. Attorney Lenahan will reach out to former Village Attorney, Steve Kruk, to see if he has documentation/clarification on this.

Fiber Project – Mayor Skiptunas stated that Supervisor Falk has had discussions with Livingston County, and the county may be willing to pay the \$180k matching that is needed to fund the Village fiber project. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that if the funds from LivCo are federal, then they would not be eligible for matching purposes. Mayor Skiptunas is going to research/communicate with LivCo regarding the possible funding and to ensure there are no strings attached.

Roundtable Discussion

Mayor Skiptunas asked for the board to review the new Lima Volunteer Ambulance applicant, Casey Wall. Chief Rose and Clerk Sackett have both done reviews on the applicant with no issues.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wadach to approve Casey Wall as a new member of the Lima Volunteer Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skiptunas asked if any board members had input on what Mr. Gotcsik discussed regarding signage? It was discussed to wait until the Village receives a draft of the new signage laws from the Planning Board, and then revisions/adjustments could be made from there. Mayor Skiptunas stated he recommended to the Muraco's that they file a variance for using the street sign in front of the new Dollar General/Family Dollar Plaza, due to the store location being set back far from the road and the business being partially blocked by other businesses.

Mayor Skiptunas asked if the Village owned the Pocket Parks. Where the mural is being painted, LivCo Development is requesting to have a lift placed on the property for the mural painting. Clerk Sackett will check with the Assessor to verify that we indeed own the property in question.

Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that the NYSERDA grants will be submitted for sidewalk construction on Livingston St. He stated that the Village could receive quotes from outside contractors for the cost of installing said sidewalks. . If approved, this could be completed next year. The grants for the EV Charging station have already been submitted and will require a 10% match by the Village. Since the original \$5k NYSERDA grant has offset Village expenses, General Fund money will be available for this match. Clerk Sackett reminded that part of those funds have already been encumbered to cover costs of the arborvitaes at the Village green.

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Deputy Mayor Wadach attended a required webinar for the Fiber Optic Grant. The Village received the initial contract from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) which was sent to Attorney Lenahan for review/revisions and forwarded back. Follow up will be done with GFLRPC as to the status of the contract. Attorney Lenahan stated that we have the certification from the Engineer regarding the life of the Fiber to be 15 years, we just need one from the accountant stating the same so that the bonding term for this project can be 15 years.

Deputy Mayor stated the heating still appears to be off at the Ambulance Bay. The thermostat is set at 63 but the bay is reading 73. Regulating the system should still be looked at. He also asked where the ambulance was regarding their contract with Honeoye Falls and Livingston County and the call volume. Chief Rose has been in contact with HF Chief; they are working on coordinating their schedules.

Mr. Luft stated that he is closing the pavilion at the park within the next week. Temperatures have started to drop at night so it is time to shut off the water.

Attorney Lenahan stated he received a call from the attorney regarding Cobblestone Green. The project is still going and they are in the process of changing plans so the entrance will be next to George's on Rochester St. They will be bringing this before the Planning Board. He also talked to the owners of the property on Buell Ave. They do not need a letter of condemnation for the property. Lastly, he stated that the Village is not any closer to resolving the sign issues with Sunoco. He is working with the owners and CEO Floeser on a solution for their signage.

Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 10:20 pm.

Executive Session ended at 10:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.