

Joint Town and Village Board Meeting

March 8th, 2022

Present: John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis, Carolyn Fleming; Mike Falk, Town Supervisor; Leta Button, Deputy Town Supervisor; Councilmen John Belec and Mark Petroski.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Village Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Village Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; David Sansone, Mike Finucane, Meg Rose, Chris Held, Jason Molino.

The Quarterly Joint Meeting between the Town and Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 6pm on March 8th, 2022 and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

David Sansone – Mr. Sansone was present to discuss the pending Ambulance coverage changes (second call would be Livingston County EMS (LCEMS); Honeoye Falls/Mendon Volunteer Ambulance (HFMVA) would be third). Mr. Sansone expressed concern about response time from LCEMS to cover Lima as most times there is not an Ambulance stationed close to the vicinity. The call time for HFMVA to respond to local calls is approximately 7-12 minutes. Mr. Sansone requested that if HFMVA is requesting compensation to stay second on the call order, that the boards explore that avenue.

Supervisor Falk and Mayor Skiptunas addressed Mr. Sansone's concerns. Supervisor Falk stated that residents are already paying for Lima EMS coverage, as well as LCEMS coverage and cannot support to pay another agency. Mayor Skiptunas stated that in discussions with HFMVA, preliminary discussions on costs were going to be hundreds of dollars per day, which were not feasible. Supervisor Falk explained that LCEMS uses predictive modeling to determine where to park their ambulances, based on the call volumes throughout the county. Once LCEMS takes over second for coverage, an ambulance will be stationed closer to Lima, thus reducing the call response time. Mayor Skiptunas also discussed the option of LCEMS being stationed at the Lima Ambulance base during the day so they are closer for calls. The Mayor added that he would consult with the Lima Ambulance leaders before committing to any use of the Ambulance Base by LCEMS.

Jason Molino, Executive Director Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority (LCWSA) – Mr. Molino introduced himself and discussed the pending Lima Town lease of their water system to LCWSA. He discussed that part of LCWSA's review is to look at any existing contracts the municipality they are working with may have with another entity. In this review, there appears to not be a lot of clarity regarding the Town/Village water line along 15A. Mr. Molino proposed that the Town and Village, along with LCWSA, start to discuss the areas of the 1987 water agreement that need further clarity. Deputy Mayor Wadach asked for examples of where there needs to be clarity, and Mr. Molino explained that areas of ownership, maintenance, and water loss calculations need to all be looked at. Mr. Wadach added that Village residents and businesses have paid for at least 85% of the cost of installation and maintenance of this water infrastructure. The Town and Village will assemble committees to start working on updating the current water agreement.

Amending Zoning Code to Allow for Low Impact Growth – Supervisor Falk passed around the latest census bureau, which indicates that Lima lost approximately 3% of their total population in a 10-year span (roughly 150 residents) and the trend is projected to continue. Supervisor Falk suggested that the Village look at possibly amending the current Village Zoning Code to allow for in-law suites on residential homes, as well as allowing for accessory buildings to be converted into rental homes. The

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overall goal with this change would be to stop losing population. If Lima were to stop losing population, they would be ahead of other municipalities. Mayor Skiptunas asked that this be added to a further Village agenda for more discussion, and that Wayne Childs be invited to a Village Board meeting to speak on the possibility of amending the current code.

Be Well in Livingston County – Livingston County has created a comprehensive analysis/funding to help promote healthy living. The first municipality in LivCo to participate was Nunda. Measurements were taken of the community at the beginning of the program, and again after year one and it does appear that the initiative has indeed made a difference. The second municipality to participate was Mt. Morris and that current program is wrapping up its first year. Lima will be the 3rd municipality to participate in the program, which will kick off in the fall. Supervisor Falk stated that a committee will need to be formed to coordinate the program in Lima.

Ambulance Maintenance Calls – Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief, was present to discuss the need for support covering repair calls at the Ambulance. She stated that having someone at the base to cover repair calls takes individuals away from either their paying jobs, or from being available if a call comes in. Mr. Luft stated that he would be willing to meet a service contractor at the base as long as he had a time, or they called before they arrived.

Mark Tubbs Park – The following items were discussed regarding Mark Tubbs Park:

- **Baseball field** – Councilman Belec proposed that the Town and Village take over maintenance of the baseball field. The field is currently mowed by the Village, but the rest of the maintenance is done by the HFLM baseball league. If the Town/Village takes over maintenance again, they will have more control over the field. Mr. Luft stated that the Village used to maintain the field, but there were issues regarding the maintenance which is why they got away from it. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated he was in favor of the Town/Village taking over maintenance. Attorney Lenahan requested that language be sent to him so a new contract could be written.
- **Dog Park** – Supervisor Falk requested that the Town/Village schedule the completion of the dog park. He proposed that the Town will pay for the additional costs of materials if the Village provided the additional labor. The Town has continuously been adding funds into their Park Reserve; however, the Village had stopped for a few years, therefore the Town has additional resources. Discussions were held on the 1” water line that will be ran to the park. Mr. Luft said as soon as the water project is completed, he can begin working on it. He requested that the park area be mapped out again, so he can plan on where exactly the water line will need to be installed.
- **Parking Lot Bollards** – Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that the row of bollards currently at the park look very nice, and asked if another line of bollards can be placed by the horseshoe pit area. Supervisor Falk said this is on the Town Highway Supervisors agenda for this summer.
- **Community Garden** – Deputy Mayor Wadach stated the Lima Garden Club has met and discussed the community garden at the park (Eagle Scout project completed by John Ryan Samarra). He asked if Mr. Luft could bring some dirt to the area. Mr. Luft stated that he has all the leaf clippings from last year and can deliver that as well to the garden.
- **Fireworks** – Supervisor Falk said the fireworks will cost \$8k this year; \$4k to be paid by each municipality. Mayor Skiptunas discussed various activities that can be held down at the park for the event.

Input for Village Budget – Supervisor Falk said there have been 2 dog attacks at the park this past year. Livingston County Department of Health will consider covering the park, if the Village agrees to a

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contract with the county. The contract costs approximately \$4900, and would cover dog calls at the park and within the Village limits. The Town already has an established contract with the County. Discussions were held to see if the County would consider a smaller coverage for just the park.

Comments

Deputy Supervisor Button suggested that the Town/Village set up a poster with a list of events that are being held within Lima. She stated that although items are posted on the websites, or on Facebook, they tend to get lost in the mix of other items. Suggestions were held to use a Google Calendar set up so events could be periodically added. Mayor Skiptunas will work on this with Deputy Supervisor Button.

Motion was made by Supervisor Falk and seconded by Councilman Belec to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.