

Village of Lima Board Meeting

September 27, 2022

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Elissa Sackett, Clerk (arriving at 7:30)

Absent: Trustee Brian Smith

Guests: Ginny Baker, Dan Marcellus, Mike Cavanaugh, Kelsey Lehman, Garret Lehman, Joshua Scanlon, Traci Scanlon, Calli Weiler, Nathan Malone, Kurt Kipfer, Heidi Kipfer, Eric Baker, Salim Deir, Birgit Deir, Jonathan Shills, Bethany Shills, Sawn Dreyer, Cindy DePuy, Paul Thomson

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve meeting minutes from September 13, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skiptunas opened the Public Hearing regarding Airbnb's in the Village of Lima at 7:05. He asked everyone to stay on topic and follow the agenda. He also stated that the Board would not be responding to comments made at this time but would listen and process the information.

- Mike Cavanaugh informed the Board that he feels we have the opportunity to nurture the village by allowing Airbnb's in our community. He feels there should be as few obstacles as possible to make this happen.
- Kelsey Lehman is a bookkeeper and feels that small businesses would profit from Airbnb's.
- Tracy Scanlon has the only short-term rental in the village at the present time. She would like to see a formal process for complaints put in place. She feels that renters should also be protected.
- Calli Weiler held her wedding in the village and was very appreciative that her guests could stay close by in the Airbnb.
- Nathan Malone has an overall positive feeling about Airbnb's. He informed the Board that guests staying in Airbnb's can also be rated and that will help protect the Airbnb and the village from any unwanted activities.
- Kurt Kipfer stated that he is neighbors with the current Airbnb in Lima and has had no issues.
- Salim Deir spoke in favor of keeping the restrictions placed on Airbnb's to a minimum. He stated they were good for business.
- Bethany Shills stated that more Airbnb's would be good for her occupation as a house cleaner.

- John Shills spoke about how having different types of people in Lima would be beneficial in making Lima a more accepting place to live. He spoke about Love Leads Us, a food pantry he set up to fight racism and help feed the needy.
- Shan Dreyer stated that she had family stay at the Airbnb in Lima and had nothing but positive feedback.
- Cindy DePuy spoke about how Airbnb's could supplement income for aging people in the village if they were allowed to rent part of their homes. She mentioned parking might be one concern for the village to look into.
- Paul Thomson voiced some concerns regarding additional traffic, possible weekend party place, and too much turnover. He also stated that he didn't think the Airbnb's would bring extra money into the community as guests were not coming into town to spend their money. He is also concerned that the idea of Airbnb's will divide our neighborhoods as some people like the idea and some don't. He also mentioned that Airbnb's might take business away from our local hotel and motel. He feels there needs to be strict rules and regulations if Airbnb's are allowed in Lima.
- Dan Marcellus informed the Board that he has positive thoughts regarding Airbnb's.
- Eric Lehman has positive thoughts also and feels that Airbnb's will bring more income into the village.

Mayor Skiptunas thanked the community for their input. He explained the next step is for the board to discuss and work on drafting simple, yet clear legislation regarding Short Term Rentals. Mayor Skiptunas requested a 1-year moratorium on Airbnb's to provide the Village with enough time to draft such legislation. Any current Airbnb will be grandfathered in, and any potential Airbnb's could apply for a special use permit going forward.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to implement a 1-year moratorium on Airbnb's in the Village. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skiptunas closed the Public Hearing at 7:56 pm.

Guests:

Ginny Baker made a request that would allow the Lima Library to place a mini library box in the pocket park on Main St. Deputy Mayor John Wadach made a motion granting the request for the Lima Library to place a mini library box in the pocket park. Trustee Josh Petraitis seconded the motion. DPW Ben Luft stated that he would help find the perfect spot for the box. Mayor Skiptunas thanked Ginny Baker for a wonderful library display at the farmer's market.

Dan Marcellus informed the Board that he removed the emergency phone at the ambulance. He also informed the Board that the new PCs in the Village Office were not working as of yet as he could not install Office on the new PCs. He stated that he would give the Board a quote for installing Micro Soft Office 365 for all Village employees and a quote for getting just the office employees a subscription for Office. DPW Ben Luft suggested the Board make a motion allowing Mayor Skiptunas to approve one of the quotes. Deputy Mayor John Wadach made the motion and Trustee Josh Petraitis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW Report

Mr. Luft said he met with Fineline and MRB regarding the final stages of the water main replacement project. Fineline stated the trees will be delivered and planted on Friday.

Mr. Luft said that he has picked up the arborvitaes that were approved at the last meeting to purchase. He needs to know where they are to be planted as they are sitting at the Village shop and he does not want the deer to start eating them.

Deputy Mayor Wadach complimented Mr. Luft on the replacement of the sidewalks and the repairs at the park on the playground. Bears Playgrounds replaced the necessary parts on the equipment at the playground. He also asked why the meter pit needed to be re-wired. Mr. Luft explained that we are having issues reading the meters in the pit. He will continue to troubleshoot to find the issue.

Clerk Report

Clerk Sackett stated tax collection ends on Friday, September 30th. See attached resolution to submit any unpaid parcels to Livingston County for re-levy.

Clerk Sackett said all but one payment has been received from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the sidewalk project. She explained when DOT processed the payments, they transposed the numbers so our documents are off by \$0.50. She is working with Jon Harman from DOT to see how this can be rectified.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$2471.47
- General Fund: \$13842.37
- Sewer Fund: \$10237.47
- Water Fund: \$16967.86
- Grand Total: \$43519.17

Motion

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

Old Business

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Trees – Deputy Mayor Wadach and members of the Shade Tree Commission met to discuss the RFP's received regarding the tree planting. All RFPs include a tree gator, and each contractor will need to guarantee the trees for 2 years. Proposals were received from the following companies:

- Tyler Richardson
- Williams Landscape
- Josh Gardens
- Cardinal Lawn and Landscape

Deputy Mayor Wadach recommended accepting the RFP from Josh Gardens as they were a local firm and had the lowest unit prices of the three established landscaping that submitted proposals. The next step will be to meet with the contractor to discuss locations of the trees as these will be planted in the spring. Mr. Luft recommended that Trustee Wadach discuss the placement not only with the contractors, but with the homeowners as well since the trees will be their

responsibility. Mayor Skiptunas asked to be included when the meeting with the contractor takes place.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Fleming to accept the RFP from Josh Gardens for the tree planting. Motion passed unanimously.

Roundtable Discussion

Trustee Petraitis discussed the following:

- Park
 - Attended a watershed workshop at Vitale Park in Livonia. Trustee Petraitis received a rainwater collection tank to install at the park.
 - Stated the dog park will be free the remainder of this year, but starting next year individuals will have to pay a fee to utilize. The fee will go towards maintenance, key fobs, etc. at the dog park. The Commission is currently in the process of ordering signs/rules to hang at the park.
 - Paula Tubbs Memorial had been modified. The Commission was unaware that this would be taking place.

Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the following:

- Still trying to get a qualified project for the NYSERDA grant. He is waiting on quotes to come in for the EV Charging stations. He did receive a quote for an electric zero turn mower with a 60" deck. This came in at \$28k and batteries last approximately 1000 total hours. Mr. Luft said that if there are any other electric power items the funds could be spent on, he would be interested in looking at those.
- The NY Forward Grant has been submitted and confirmation has been received that the grant was received.

Mayor Skiptunas stated the following:

- He has been working with an organization called ModStreet who are Public Works specialists. They work on spaces such as the pocket parks, etc.
- A Destination Workshop is being held on Monday by Livingston County on how to be a holiday destination. It will be held from 8-4 in Geneseo and cost is \$35 per person. If you are able to attend, please let him know.

Attorney Lenahan stated he has been in contact with Jason Molino from Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority, and encouraged the board to come to a negotiation regarding a contract between the Village and LCWSA for the Town Water Districts. Since water loss calculation is part of the hold up in the contract, suggestions were made to use the same percentages that were used to bill the town for the remainder of 2022, and then negotiate again at the beginning of the year. After multiple discussions, the board stated that no decision would be made until after the county wide leak detection was completed and MRB looked over the results to see if there was any way to get closer to what the actual loss in the lines are.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Trustee Joshua Petraitis offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Lima hereby requests that the County of Livingston collect unpaid Village taxes pursuant to Local Law #2 of the year 1987, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lima will take no action to recover said unpaid taxes pursuant to Section 1440 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and no sale on account of said unpaid taxes will be held pursuant to law,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Village of Lima officially requests that the County of Livingston collect unpaid Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2022 as of October 1, 2022, pursuant to Section 1442 of the New York State Real Property Law.

And it is further resolved that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Lima shall be transmitted to the Livingston County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

Trustee Fleming seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

John Skiptunas, Mayor	Voting	Yes
John Wadach, Deputy Mayor	Voting	Yes
Joshua Petraitis, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Brian Smith, Trustee	Voting	Absent
Carolyn Fleming, Trustee	Voting	Yes