

Village of Lima Board Meeting

February 14, 2023

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney, Elissa Sackett, Clerk, Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk: Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor, Steve McGrath, Fire Chief, Meghan Rose, Ambulance Chief.

Guest Speakers: Steve Werner, Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Guest: Evelyn Rose, Scout

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve meeting minutes from January 24, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Werner

Mr. Werner provided an update regarding the 1st Annual Lima Great Pumpkin Weigh-off & Ag Day festival. Mr. Werner informed the Board that he has reached the pledged goal of \$3000.00. Mr. Werner plans to work with Louise Wadsworth to apply for a county grant. He confirmed the festival would be held in Mark Tubbs Park on October 7, 2023. The Board waived the park fee and the security deposit. The Lima Town Hall is reserved for a Kickoff Pumpkin Meeting on April 29, 2023. Mayor Skiptunas thanked Mr. Werner for his time and interest in the Village of Lima.

Department Reports

Steve McGrath, Fire Chief

Chief McGrath provided the Board with the breakdown of the 253 calls the fire department responded to in 2022. Chief McGrath reported that all trucks are in service at the present time. He informed the Board that the officer's elections will be in March. He also made the Board aware of a new law regarding a property tax incentive for firemen, EMTs, EMS, and ambulance personal. Mr. Werner made the Board aware of another program available to firemen and EMS personal. The Board supports these programs and any other incentives for our volunteers. Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that personnel are the most important part of critical emergency services. Chief McGrath will provide more information on these programs to Mayor Skiptunas, who in turn, will put the subject on the agenda for the next Joint Town and Village Board meeting to be held on March 7, 2023.

Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief

Chief Rose introduced her daughter, Evelyn, who was observing the Board meeting for a scout project. The ambulance report was passed around for review. Chief Rose informed the Board

that Lima and Livonia are forming a partnership with each other and the American Heart Association to become a CPR Instructor Site. They will be offering the community free CPR classes. The first to be held sometime in March. New card readers will be installed at the ambulance bay to help further protect confidential records and spaces in the building. Chief Rose would like to see the community use the open areas at the ambulance bay for events. Rig 2882 needs replacing. Chief Rose is recommending a remount instead of purchasing a new or used ambulance. A remount is more economical. Chief Rose will meet with Attorney Matt Lenahan to go over the information.

Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Floeser submitted his January 2023 Activity Report from the Building Department.

Larry Teta, Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Teta submitted his January 2023 Monthly Report.

Ben Luft, Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Luft stated that he has picked up the sewer pump for Buel Ave. Mr. Luft is continuing to work with Borschoff Reality to coordinate the drop off of equipment and to guide with some of the installation. He will continue to keep the Board updated. Mr. Luft informed the Board that he is in the process of collecting information for the NYSERDA grant. He stated that he will be prepared to provide ordering specifics to Deputy Mayor Wadach so that the contract with NYSERDA can be finalized. The grant will be used to acquire electric 60” electric lawn mowers and an electric utility vehicle. Mr. Luft gave an update on the improvements made in the shop. The crew has been doing a great job and morale is high.

Elissa Sackett, Village Clerk

Ms. Sackett spoke to Dan Marcellus regarding an upgrade to the email system. She also informed the Board that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 28, 2023 regarding the videoconferencing law. Ms. Sackett had a meeting with Pat Nicoletta regarding the water project. The Board discussed the option of adding the fiber optic BAN to reduce costs and help with interest rate. Delinquent water and sewer notices have been sent out to residents who have fallen behind in their payments. Some have started to pay but others who have not are risking having their late amounts relieved onto their Village taxes. The relevy process begins in April and the Board will have to approve a resolution to do so. Ms. Sackett reached out to Richard Sutherland regarding the status of the NBRC reimbursement. She will keep the Board updated. There are no current updates from Tracy Sutherland regarding the contract for the street light wiring maps. NY Forward Grants were awarded in the Finger Lakes to the Village of Geneseo and the Village of Medina for this round. Funds are in the state budget for this coming year, so Lima can apply again. There will be a Joint Town-Village Meeting on March 7, 2023, at 6:00pm. Please send any agenda items to Ms. Sackett. She will forward the items to the Town.

Old Business

Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study

Motion

Deputy Mayor Wadach recommended that MRB Group be selected as the consultant for the Village of Lima Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study. Trustee Petraitis offered the motion to select MRB Group and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Deputy Mayor Wadach will contact Pat Nicoletta at MRB to draw up a contract for the study.

Sign Code

Livingston County Planning Board reviewed the Sign Code and made some recommendations. Matt Lenahan, Village lawyer, recommended the Board approve the changes. After discussions, the Board requested Mr. Lenahan make the changes. A public hearing will be scheduled.

Short Term Rental Law

Trustee Fleming indicated that there are no updates at this time.

Park

Trustee Petraitis informed the Board the master plan is being worked on. The gate lock has been ordered for the dog park. There was some discussion regarding a grand opening and the preparations needed to be done.

New Business

Municipal Endorsement

Mr. Lenahan presented a Municipal Endorsement to the Board for approval. The Resolution states that the Village approves and endorses the application of Livingston Integrated Management Associates for a grant for a park project known as Ellis Block.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to approve the Municipal Endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Arbor Day

Mayor Skiptunas officially set the date for the Villages Arbor Day celebration for May 13th, 2023.

Motion

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach to order pots and seedlings and seconded by Trustee Fleming. Motion passed unanimously.

Record Retention Grant

Motion

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis authorizing Mayor Skiptunas to file an application for grant assistance under the local Government records management improvement fund as a co-applicant with Livingston County Records Management. The motion passed unanimously.

Grow LivCo Advisory Committee

Mayor Skiptunas was asked to serve on the advisory committee for the upcoming strategic

planning process. Mayor Skiptunas expressed his eagerness to serve on the committee, however: he cannot attend the first meeting. Mayor Skiptunas asked the Trustees for volunteers to attend the meeting on March 20, 2023.

Roundtable

Mr. Luft is continuing to work with Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority in regard to the meter on Tupelo Trail. He will continue to follow up with Jason Molino. Repair were made in the meter pit at the Lima School. There was discussion regarding the Town's plan to install new water mains that may possibly cause the Village to loose customers. Deputy Mayor Wadach proposed sending a letter to our out-of-village customers to show the comparison of costs between the Village water and the new proposal from the Town. The Board discussed honoring Barry Ingsalsbee for all his years of service on the Livingston County Planning Board. Deputy Mayor Wadach inquired as to whether the 1st payment to Josh Gardens had been made. Ms. Sackett confirmed payment was sent. Deputy Mayor Wadach also reminded Ms. Sackett that the paperwork needed to be sent to Joule Community Power regarding reimbursement. The Board discussed establishing a data base used for documentation of infrastructure of the Village (GIS). There will be an update at the next Board meeting. One of our residents questioned how he received solar credits and a charge on his Nation Grid bill. Deputy Mayor Wadach will investigate and update the Board and the resident with his findings. Ms. Sackett and Mr. Luft discussed the street light that is out on Rochester St. National Grid replaced the pole and put the light on the pole, however; they won't connect the electric. Mr. Luft will contact National Grid. The DOT has not responded to letters regarding the flashing crosswalk signs. The Board will reach out to Ms. Burns and the Senator's office if National Grid does not respond. Mayor Skiptunas will have a meet and greet at the Library on February 23, 2023, at 6:30. He encouraged the other trustees to attend.

Motion

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Wadach to form an Asset Management Committee including Deputy Mayor Wadach, Mayor Skiptunas, Larry Teta and Dave Kirkwood. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

A motion was made by Deputy John Wadach to approve Mayor Skiptunas to attend the NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith to pay the bills.

\$33,235.47 from the General Fund
\$14,765.35 from the Ambulance Fund
\$25,304.92 from the Water Fund
\$12,289.89 from the Sewer Fund
\$947.50 from the Capital Projects Fund

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn at 9:20pm.
The motion passed unanimously.