

Village of Lima Board Meeting

August 22nd, 2023

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor. The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Wadach to approve meeting minutes from August 8th, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW Report – Ben Luft

The DPW crew completed the work on installing the new grate at the sewer plant. The grate covers one of the tanks by the sludge draw and it was noticed that the current grate was rusted and needed to be replaced. The crew fabricated the new grate and it fit in just like it was supposed to. The crew completing this themselves saved the Village thousands of dollars.

The paperwork has been sent in to Premier so they can start completing the electrical stakeouts for the Village. Mr. Luft is waiting to hear back if there is anything additional needed. Clerk Sackett said according to National Grid, we should be receiving the shape files within the next couple weeks.

The new leaf machine has been received. Mr. Luft and the crew will start working on getting the machine ready for the upcoming season. A few safety features need to be added such as rails and steps for the crew, as they ride on the back going down the street. Once he uses the new machine for a season, he will work on sending the old leaf machine to the auction.

The last overnight Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) study should be done in the coming week, as long as the weather cooperates. Once that is finished, MRB will look at the information and determine areas throughout the Village that should be viewed with a camera.

Mr. Luft asked questions about the dog park. He asked for a status update on the pavilion and concrete. Deputy Mayor Smith said there is currently a Request for Bids out for the construction of the pavilion near the dog park, but they are still trying to figure out the best way to do concrete in the area. It looks as though the concrete is going to be a separate project from the pavilion construction. Mr. Luft discussed issues with getting the concrete to the area as a truck will not go down and it will be very labor intensive to buggy it all out. Deputy Mayor Smith said it would need to be discussed with whoever is going to do the concrete, and also recommended putting down concrete pavers in the area. Quotes will be obtained for the concrete work, and it ways to get the concrete to the area will be discussed.

Mr. Luft anticipates around the middle of September the crew will stop watering flowers and trees. The crew has been diligently watering the newly installed trees all summer, and they appear to be holding up very well. Mayor Skiptunas said he has noticed that the new trees are obstructing the view onto West Main St. It was requested that Trustee Wadach reach out to Josh

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Landscaping to discuss cutting the trees back, so views are not obstructed, but the warranty is not void.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Chief Rose sent Clerk Sackett two new applications for membership for the Lima Ambulance. Applicants are Chodie Halligan, and Kristie Seaver; Chief Rose has reviewed and approved both applications.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve Chodie Halligan and Kristie Seaver as new members of the Lima Volunteer Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Sackett passed around information regarding Group Medicare Advantage Plans through Excellus. The Village is able to offer these services to active employees aged 65+. Since the Village has fewer than 20 employees, any employee age 65+ must enroll in original Medicare parts A and B through the department of Social security. The board reviewed the plans and asked Clerk Sackett to reach out to Bond Benefits (insurance brokers) to see which Medicare plan would be closest to what the Village currently offers.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$2242.20
- General Fund: \$125537.22
- Sewer Fund: \$4181.26
- Water Fund: \$13982.36
- Capital Water: \$350.00
- Capital Fiber: \$1200.00
- Capital Sewer: \$1793.75
- Grand Total: \$149286.79

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to authorize payment for the invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fiber Optic Update – No update at this time. The board requested that Mayor Skiptunas reach out directly to Jim Baase regarding the status of the BID package, as it has still not been received to date.

Short Term Rental Law – No update at this time.

Solar Eclipse 2024 – Mayor Skiptunas discussed the solar eclipse. Deputy Mayor Smith stated he had been looking at the grant through Livingston County Development. The grant requires the Village and Town of Lima to pay \$1000 (\$500 each) and then the Village would receive \$4000 for the event from Livingston County. Discussions were held on how to support the event, and it was decided that the Village would apply for the grant, and then provide services to the local community for the event and request a local organization, such as Rotary, to be the primary sponsor.

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Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to authorize the expenditure of \$1000 to Livingston County Development for the Solar Eclipse Grant, and to send an invoice of \$500 to the Town of Lima for reimbursement. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Roundtable Discussion

The following information was discussed during the roundtable:

Deputy Mayor Smith:

- Asked Mr. Luft to please remove the graffiti in the downtown district. Mr. Luft said it was on his list to complete as soon as possible.

Trustee Fleming:

- Discussed issue with Julia Bean. Ms. Bean talked to Trustee Fleming about her displeasure with bicycles being parked on the sidewalk. Mayor Skiptunas has already talked to Ms. Bean about the issue.
- Inquired as to when the “Meet the Mayor” event will be held at the Lima Library.

Trustee Wadach:

- Asked for clarification regarding the account labeling on the cash summary previously provided by Clerk Sackett.
- Sent information to Clerk Sackett and Deputy Mayor Smith regarding starting to charge individuals for using the EV charging station. Deputy Mayor Smith is looking into what a fair price to charge is and will move forward with setting this up. Clerk Sackett has set up her account through the BILL website affiliated with EVConnect.
- Informed the board the NYSERDA grant funds have been received in full (\$100k).
- Discussed Joule wanting to set up an informational meeting and inquired on the contract for payments from Joule for the tree planting project.
- Requested that department heads create a list of critical tasks, who can perform them, and if documentation exists on how to complete critical tasks.

Mayor Skiptunas:

- Discussed the Evening of Hope event being held on 8/23 from 6pm – 9pm at Elim Church.
- Will be attending a meeting with Mr. Luft and representatives from the Town and Village of Avon to discuss the possibility of selling water to the Town of Avon.
- Asked how the electric mowers are working.

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.