

Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2024

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Steve Werner, Andy Swan.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve meeting minutes from February 13th, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

Andy Swan – Mr. Swan was appointed by Mayor Skiptunas to fill the Village representative vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Swan introduced himself and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the community.

Steve Werner – Mr. Werner was present to discuss the 2024 Pumpkin Festival. The kick-off meeting was held on February 3rd and all who attended gave input on changes they would like to see for the upcoming festival. The next festival meeting will be held in April.

Department Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft received state bid information for the new dump truck. The truck will be approximately \$97k. He asked for a motion to withdraw \$105k split 60/40 from the highway and water reserves. Notice will be sent to the Sentinel and after 30 days the truck will be ordered. He expects its arrival to be between October/November 2024. Depending on the budget, Mr. Luft will either keep the old dump truck as a spare, or it will be sold at auction.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Wadach and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to authorize the withdrawal of \$105k split 60/40 between the highway and water fund for the purchase of a new dump truck and accessories. Motion passed unanimously.

The DPW crew has been busy working on the following items:

- Marking underground utilities for the fiber project. Areas to be marked are Parkside Place, Eastwood, Rainbow Lane, Kober and Hogan Ave.
- Working on the ESRI system.
- Working on the lead and copper study. The crew will start going door to door to complete. Flyers will be sent in the March water bills notifying residents of this. ID cards will be made for the crew members as well so residents can identify them.
- Replaced the pavilion door at the park.

Mr. Luft said he is still waiting to find a good leaf machine tractor. He will continue to keep the Village board updated and advertise when he finds one that meets the needs of the Village.

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Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

The signed software proposal has been submitted to AccuFund and we are moving forward with the conversion. The first software implementation will be payroll, followed by taxes and then finishing with water and sewer. The target date for the entire conversion is October 2024.

Clerk Sackett will be attending a meeting with our insurance representative, Jackie Shaffer, on March 8th. At this time, we will review the current policy and make any necessary changes such as adding/removing equipment. Once the new policy is written we will meet again with Mayor Skiptunas to discuss the premiums. Clerk Sackett also asked Ms. Shaffer about filing a claim for the streetlight repairs. The Village deductible is \$2500, so the claim would be for the difference, which is \$1456.14. The board asked to see if there would be any effect on our policy by pursuing the claim.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$11239.26
- General Fund: \$2504.59
- Sewer Fund: \$9438.20
- Water Fund: \$16861.43
- Capital Water: \$ -
- Capital Sewer: \$ -
- Capital Fiber: \$ -
- Grand Total: \$40043.48

Trustee Wadach questioned the NYSDEC SPDES permit renewals as the projects have been closed. Since a Notice of Termination (NOT) form has not been completed and filed with DEC, the Village is still responsible for payment. MRB and Erdman Anthony have both been asked to complete the NOT form for their respected projects.

Motion

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

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Round Table

Mayor Skiptunas

- Discussed the Solar Eclipse events planned for April 7th and 8th at Mark Tubbs Park.

Deputy Mayor Smith

- Discussed the process of hanging the banner across 5&20. Will need several individuals to help.

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Trustee Wadach

- Joule Assets have collected indicative electricity pricing from preferred suppliers and the lowest 12-month term rate is \$0.085/kWh. This rate is still higher than the current National Grid rate of \$0.071/kWh. Joule will be issuing a Draft RFP and holding two webinars to discuss.
- Trustee Wadach submitted his resignation, effective 2/27/24. All present thanked Trustee Wadach for all his time and dedication to the Village during his tenure.

Trustee Fleming

- Asked about the texting alert services the Village had researched several months ago. This will be discussed at the next joint Town and Village meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Fleming to adjourn at 8:11pm.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Elissa Sackett
Village Clerk/Treasurer