

Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2024

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Ben Dodzweit.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 7pm Tuesday, March 26th, 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 Deputy Mayor Smith to approve meeting minutes from March 12th, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

The 30-day Permissive Referendum period for the purchase of a new dump truck and accessories has ended. The truck will be ordered and hopefully received by October. The new tractor is still on hold as there is not one for sale currently that fits the Village needs.

The bathrooms at the park are still locked since the weather has still been cold and snowy. Therefore, the bathrooms will be locked for the solar eclipse event at the park. There will be porta potties available for individuals to use during the event.

The DPW crew continues to work on the water service line study for the EPA. The crew have started going door-to-door to catch residents. Many have said they did receive the notice in the March water bill, so we may send another letter next month.

The installation of the underground fiber lines on Parkside Place has been completed and the contractors are now working on Eastwood Drive/Circle. This area has been more challenging as the ground is much different than at Parkside. He anticipates the contractors will be at least two more weeks in the Eastwood area before moving on to Rainbow and Meadow View. Pat Phelan is working on redesigns for the Rainbow/Meadow View area as the design again had the fiber lines too close to the water main. Empire is working on this now so the new placement will be ready when the contractors are finished at Eastwood.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Final notices have been mailed to anyone owning past due water/sewer for 2023. Individuals have until April 30th to pay the past due balances to avoid re-levy onto Village taxes. Any balance re-levied will be subject to a 15% penalty. Any payments received after April 30th will not be accepted.

The Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st at 7pm. The term is up for a seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals, so that individual will need to be reappointed, or another appointment will need to be made. New Trustee's will also be sworn in at the meeting.

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Joule Assets has requested the Village hold a community outreach event for the Community Choice Aggregation program the Village is a part of. This needs to be an in-person hybrid meeting and is a requirement of the Department of Public Service. Please see the email forwarded to everyone and contact Peggy Kurtz if you are able to host this meeting.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$1886.03
- General Fund: \$15012.50
- Sewer Fund: \$6267.58
- Water Fund: \$19795.73
- Capital Water: \$ -
- Capital Sewer: \$ -
- Capital Fiber: \$3800
- Grand Total: \$46761.84

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee C. 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.
- Met with the Girl Scouts about their planned Dog Awareness Day on June 9th. He hopes to have the dog park dedication the same date, as well as invite individuals who have therapy dogs, kennels, groomers, etc.
- Discussed Family Dollar/Dollar Tree closing.
- Discussed Arbor Day and tree planting.
- Will meet with Mr. Luft regarding ordering banners for the downtown area. This is part of the grant the Village received from Livingston County Economic Development.

Deputy Mayor Smith

- Met with the Town of Lima representatives on the Park's Commission as well as Bears Playground to develop a site plan for the new playground equipment. Requested Mr. Luft dig out approximately 8" of soil at the park for the new equipment and new fill. Once site plan is received from Bears he will map out where all equipment will be installed and where the ground needs to be dug. If site plan is received early enough, the design will be available for review at the Eclipse event at the Park.

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Trustee Petraitis

- This is Trustee Petraitis' last meeting. He thanked everyone for their time and dedication to the Village.

Trustee M. Fleming

- No comment.

Trustee C. Fleming

- No comment.

Motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to adjourn at 7:39pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Elissa Sackett
Village Clerk/Treasurer