

## Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Present:** John Skiptunas, Mayor; Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Carolyn Fleming, Melinda Fleming and Ben Dodzweit.

**Others Present:** Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor;

**Absent:** Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Larry Teta, WWTP Operator; Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 8:09pm Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. following the Joint Town and Village board meeting.

### *Motion*

A motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Trustee Dodzweit to approve meeting minutes from May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Fire Department – Dick Garey, Fire Chief**

See joint meeting minutes for report.

#### **Ambulance – Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief**

See joint meeting minutes for report.

#### **WWTP – Larry Teta (Absent)**

See report provided by Mr. Teta.

#### **Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Charlie Floeser**

See report provided by CEO Floeser.

#### **DPW – Ben Luft**

Tentative date for paving Buell Ave. and Dublin St. is the third week of July. After July 4<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Luft will check in and see if it will get pushed back due to weather.

About 50% of the water meters have been inspected in the Village. Letters have gone out again in water bills informing residents to contact the DPW and schedule a time for inspection. By the end of July Mr. Luft will contact directly any residents who have not had their meters checked and schedule appointments on weekends/weeknights to finish the project.

The 30-day permissive referendum has almost expired authorizing the purchase of the new pickup truck. Mr. Luft would like to move forward with the purchasing the vehicle at the end of the month.

### *Motion*

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to authorize the purchase of the new pickup truck. Motion passed unanimously.

The new playground will be pushed to late summer/fall. Weather has played a factor in being able to dig out the area and with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up it is not feasible to start construction

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until that is over. Mr. Luft said as soon as the area is staked/sprayed out, he and the crew can have the area dug in a matter of days depending on the weather. The ground needs to be dry in order to get the excavator into the park. Deputy Mayor Smith will reach out to Bears to coordinate the best time for installation after the 4<sup>th</sup> so Mr. Luft can dig the area. It should only take Bears a couple of weeks to install the new equipment.

### **Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett**

Tax Collection has started and will continue through September. Any payment received before July 1<sup>st</sup> will not receive a penalty. After July 1<sup>st</sup> delinquent tax payments will be subject to a 5% penalty with an additional 1% penalty added in August and September.

The Village did receive the May payment from Joule for the sustainability grant. It is believed the April payment is lost in the mail. Joule is discussing with their financial institution how to void the check and have a new one reissued.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$12461.79
- General Fund: \$42514.68
- Sewer Fund: \$10212.27
- Water Fund: \$7186.11
- Capital Sewer: \$581.75
- Capital Fiber: \$168427.85
- Grand Total: \$241384.45

### ***Motion***

Motion was made by Trustee M. Fleming and seconded by Trustee C. Fleming to approve payment to invoices as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Fiber Optic Project** – The underground portion of the Fiber project has been completed. Bid opening for Phase 2 (Aerial) construction took place on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Village received two bids from Syracuse Utilities (bid \$99,375) and Eternal Technology Inc (bid \$155,035). Empire has reviewed both of the bids and recommends Syracuse Utilities as the aerial contractor.

### ***Motion***

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Dodzweit to award the Phase 2 Aerial construction to Syracuse Utilities. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**2024/2025 Insurance Renewals** – Clerk Sackett discussed the insurance renewal package received from Eastern Shore. The overall premium increased by \$2,842 due to property increases and equipment value increases. Handouts were passed around showing the breakdown of premiums based on departments. Optional quotes were also discussed to increase equipment coverage for the fire trucks and ambulances which would cost an additional \$736.

### ***Motion***

Motion was made by Trustee Dodzweit and seconded by Trustee Fleming to accept the additional coverage for the fire department and ambulance for an additional cost of \$736. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Round Table**

Trustee Dodzweit – No Comment.

Deputy Mayor Smith – The Park’s Commission will be meeting this week. He will report at the next board meeting.

Mayor Skiptunas – No Comment.

Trustee C. Fleming – No Comment.

Trustee M. Fleming – August 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary will be hosting a party at the park. Will give more details as it gets closer.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Dodzweit to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elissa Sackett  
Village Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Lima

**\*All documents listed in the minutes are available to review at the Village office during regular business hours.**