

PRESENT: Dep. Supervisor B. Conrad; Councilmembers A. Bax, W. Geiben, J. Jacoby & R. Morreale; Police Chief F. Previte; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director J. Agnello; Engineer B. Lannon; Attorney R. Parisi; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Water Foreman M. Townsend; Highway Supt. D. Trane; Rec/Parks Dir. M. Dashineau; Finance Consultant M. Blazick; Grant Writer B. Rotella; 1 Press; 6 Residents and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

EXCUSED: Supervisor S. Broderick

The Dep. Supervisor called the work session to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Reflection. Geiben asked to keep the families of the Jr. World Hockey players killed in a bus accident in their prayers.

AGENDA:

Geiben: Remove Approval of Minutes; Add: Niagara County HHW Collection Event.

Bax MOVED the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

ABSTRACT:

Morreale MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 803 to 967 and recommended payment in the amount of \$137,311.21, plus a Post-Audit of \$15,624.16. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:

Grant Writer: Rotella said they put a contract in for a pick-up truck for the Water Department and purchase and installation of fire hydrants. He provided a copy of the contract for the Attorney's review. As soon as it's approved, the Supervisor can sign it and the Town can put it in for reimbursement.

Next, Rotella presented an Authorizing Resolution for the Niagara River Greenway Commission for the Town of Lewiston, Lewiston Town Park Development Project. Rotella said they would present this to the Host Community Standing Committee in late June.

The Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to use the Town of Lewiston's Niagara River Greenway funds for the Lewiston Town Park Development Project for the costs needed to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has to apply and request funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and submits a request for additional funding for Lewiston Town Park Development Project in the amount of \$700,000.

RESOLVED, that Steve Broderick, as Supervisor of the Town of Lewiston, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee to complete Lewiston Town Park Development Project.

Geiben MOVED the Resolution, as read. Seconded by Bax and carried 4-0.

Lastly, Rotella said they are submitting a Bridge New York Project on Thursday for a culvert project. He asked the Town Engineer to go forward with the resolution for the SEQR.

Lannon said this project is for a replacement of a culvert on Pletcher Road near the KOA campground. In accordance with SEQR, it is defined as a Type II action as referenced in Section 617.5(c)(5) – Street openings and R.O.W. openings for the purpose of repair

or maintenance of existing utility facilities are defined as a Type II action. He asked the Board to pass a resolution to that affect.

Geiben MOVED to go ahead with the project declaring a Type II action for the Culvert Replacement Project. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Engineer: Lannon said he had one more item relative to the Town Park project. This is a follow-up to the SEQR authorization, declaring the project a Type I. This will allow the Town to conduct a coordinated review. This is the beginning step of the project.

Geiben MOVED to move ahead with the Town Park project and treat it as a Type I action and conduct a coordinated review. Seconded by Bax and carried 4-0.

Clerk: The Dep. Clerk submitted a proposal from Imperial Door Controls, Inc. for an updated handicap switch for the Town Hall front foyer door. The company will furnish and install (1) BEA Receiver, (2) BEA Transmitters, (2) Jamb Switch and (2) Jamb Switch Box. Materials and labor will be \$841.00.

Geiben said they should move forward with this request. Funds had been set aside under Town Clerk's equipment for two additional microphones for Board meetings. Now that the Town is continuing to investigate other sound systems, infrastructure money should be used to update the entire sound system.

Geiben MOVED to approve the proposal with funds to come from Town Hall equipment, for discussion.

Jacoby asked the status of recording Town Board meetings. Geiben said Prof. Abbondanza has been working on trying to get a microphone that will work in harmony with what the Town has now. What he had originally had a hum to it which would be irritating for their purpose. Abbondanza is still doing some research. He is zeroing in on the right type of microphone. The camera has been purchased and will work beautifully but it's the sound system we're concerned about.

Motion was seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Finance: The finance Director asked the Board to approve a post-audit to the Niagara County Water District for the 1st Qtr. 2018 payment in the amount of \$135,036.06. They did not receive the invoice in time for the cut-off date for the normal abstract.

Geiben MOVED to approve the post-audit payment to the NCWD. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Law re Solar Energy Systems: Parisi said a final draft was provided to all the Board members early last week.

Geiben MOVED for approval of a Local Law entitled "Solar Energy Systems". Seconded by Morreale. The Clerk was directed to poll the Board: Bax – Aye; Geiben – Aye; Jacoby – Aye; Morreale – Aye. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Boards/Commission Vacancies: No new applications received.

Shared Service Agreement w/Lewiston Porter CSD:

Morreale MOVED to approve the Inter-municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Lewiston ("the Town"), a municipal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal office located at 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, NY 14092, and the Lewiston-Porter Central School District ("the District"), a municipal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal office located at 4061 Creek Road, Youngstown, New York 14174, for the purpose of the Town utilizing

District Facilities for its recreation programs and the District to utilize Town Facilities for sporting events, practices and/or other school programs and events.

Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Morreale MOVED to authorize Steve Broderick, Town Supervisor, to sign a Shared Services Agreement with Lewiston-Porter Central School District for years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pond Request: The Board received a request from Joseph Lauzonis, Creek Road, to dig a pond toward the back of his lot to properly grade his back yard and resolve its standing water issue.

Parisi asked to table this until he has the opportunity to look at the Town Code on how they generally review ponds. He will review this with the Building office, as well.

Bax MOVED the appointment of Thomas Battaglia to fill a part-time position in the Police Department, effective April 9, 2018 at the contractual rate of pay pursuant to the contract. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Sanborn Park Greenway Funding: Morreale said the Recreation Department is asking for a motion to pursue funding from the Niagara River Greenway Committee for needed additions to Sanborn Park. He asked the Parks Director to comment.

Dashineau said he would like to submit three items for funding: 1) Handicap Accessible Pathway (\$15,000); 2) Installation of LED Lighting (\$13,500); and 3) Bathroom Restoration (\$45,000).

Geiben MOVED to allow the Recreation Department to pursue the funding from the Greenway Host Standing Committee for needed improvements to the Sanborn Park. Seconded by Morreale, for discussion.

Blazick said the Board just approved \$700,000 of Greenway Funds for the Town Park Development Project. She did not get the information for the Sanborn Park. We have not checked the availability of the funds of where the Greenway stands to make sure there is enough money for this.

Geiben said the \$700,000 for the proposed Town Park can be spread over a period of time. We have some flexibility there. We don't have to spend it all in one year. We had to have an amount to move ahead.

Rotella said they could start the application, come up with an estimate and meet with the Finance Department to validate how much money is in the Greenway account. We have to bring it to resolution anyway. That will give us enough time to get it started. We just need the Board to say "yes".

Motion carried 4-0.

WPCC: Maintenance Position:

Bax MOVED to approve the hiring of Erick Jon Cramer, Calkins Road (Town of Porter) as Waste Water Maintenance Person at the WPCC to start on April 16, 2018, at the contractual rate of pay (\$21.81). Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Niagara County HHW Collection Event: Geiben said the County is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Niagara Falls DPW, 1785 New Road, Niagara Falls. Pre-Registration is mandatory.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Rosemary Warren, Griffin Street, said she inquired from Senator Ortt's office for the disposal of household batteries. She was told to take them to Wal-Mart on Military Road, which she did. They are accepted in the Automotive Department, she said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Conrad announced that the Village of Lewiston will be hosting its annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 21.

Geiben MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Bax and carried 4-0. Time: 6:35 PM.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk