

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING - February 27, 2023 - 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick (ZOOM); Councilmembers W. Geiben, J. Jacoby, R. Morreale and J. Myers; Deputy Sup. W. Conrad, Building Inspector T. Masters (ZOOM); Deputy Building Inspector E. Zimmerman (ZOOM); Finance Director J. Agnello; Atty. A. Bax; Police Chief Previte; Eng. R. Lannon; Senior Center Coordinator M. Olick (ZOOM); WWTP Chief Opt. J. Ritter; 3 residents, 2 Press (1-ZOOM) and Clerk D. Garfinkel

EXCUSED: Highway Supt. Zahno, Water Foreman Zahno; Recreation Director C. Cvijetinovic

Deputy Supervisor Conrad, presiding over the meeting, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Reflection.

Previte swore in Officer Cody Bruyere and introduced new Police Clerk, Chelsey Baer to the Board.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda additions: Geiben – Personnel; Morreale – National Grid update

Geiben MOVED to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 5 – 0.

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS – No one wished to speak

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS

Police Chief Previte – Previte said there is a constant issue with parking tickets and ATVs on roadways. If a parking ticket is not paid, it is turned over to the Town, a letter is written, but no suspension can be done.

Previte has two (2) Local Laws addressing these issues and would like the Board and Attorney Bax to review and move forward with approval.

Finance Officer Agnello – 2023 Budget Revisions

Transfer of \$100,947 from Fund Balance - B00-1000-0599-0000 to Parks Equipment - B00-7110-0200-0000, to cover a 1/3 of the purchase cost of the excavator approved February 13, 2023.

Transfer of \$100 from South Sewer Admin. Equipment - SS3-8110-0200-0000 to South Sewer Admin. Contractual - SS3-8110-0400-0000, to cover contractual expenses.

Morreale MOVED approval of Budget Transfers as presented, Seconded by Geiben and Carried 5 – 0.

Agnello said the Auditors will start the Town's AUD Document for New York State, once complete the 2022 Town Audit will begin.

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Senior Center Coordinator M. Olick – Center has no available AARP Tax preparation appointments.

March 2nd - Technology 101 class - Students from Lew-Port will come to the Center to help Seniors with their phones, computers etc. March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. March 21st – Sheriff Filicetti and Irene Myers will speak to the Seniors. March 28th – Resident Robert Gianetti will discuss his many travels. March 29th – Lewiston Larks to perform.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jacoby MOVED to approve Town Board Work Session minutes – 2/13/2023, Seconded by Morreale and Carried 5 – 0.

AUDIT PAYMENT

Myers MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims numbered 22-03808 thru 22-03808 and 23-00320 thru 23-00446 and recommend payment in the amount of \$1,222,454.44 plus a Post-Audit of \$9,819.80, Seconded Geiben and Carried 5 – 0.

PENDING / OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Residents / Public Correspondence - None

SUPERVISOR BRODERICK

Recreation personnel - Broderick read the following letter: Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation from my role as Director of Recreation for the Town of Lewiston. I respectfully announce my two (2) weeks’ notice ending on Tuesday, March 7th.

Broderick MOVED to accept the resignation of Cathy Cvijetinovic, with regret, Seconded by Geiben and Carried 5 – 0.

Broderick said the entire Board attended the Association of Towns Conference last week. Each member attended a variety of classes. It was invaluable for the whole Board to be there.

Legal – Nothing / Engineering - Nothing

COUNCILMAN GEIBEN

Geiben said it is no secret that he will not be seeking re-election for a third term as a Lewiston Councilman. His public service energy tank is almost empty. Geiben has been serving Lewiston in many different capacities, both Town and Village positions, for decades.

Geiben will focus on the progress of the new Lewiston Park located on Lower River Road.

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Geiben has served with many truly caring and dedicated people and very thankful for serving with them.

COUNCILMAN JACOBY

Jacoby thanked Geiben for his many years of service and for all the help.

COUNCILMAN MORREALE

Morreale has been working since October 2021, on the replacement of 83 decorative street lights within several subdivisions and is happy to announce the job is complete.

The cost to the Town, originally, was \$23,219. National Grid gave the Town a \$4,100 incentive. The cost savings a year is \$3,400 to \$4,000/year. In five years, the Town will recoup their money.

COUNCILMAN MYERS

Myers thanked Geiben for his service and has become a friend and hates to see him go.

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS – No one wished to speak

Jacoby MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Morreale and Carried 5 – 0. (6:19 pm)

Transcribed and respectfully submitted by:

Donna R. Garfinkel, Town Clerk