

Present: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers A. Bax, B. Geiben, J. Jacoby & R. Morreale; Dep. Sup. B. Conrad; Chief F. Previte; Finance Director J. Agnello; Budget Consultant M. Blazick; Attorney R. Parisi; Eng. R. Lannon; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Highway Supt. D. Trane; Water Foreman M. Townsend; Grant Writer B. Rotella; 7 Residents and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

Excused: Bldg. Insp. T. Masters

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection in remembrance of former Town Clerk Carol Brandon, former Councilman Jim Langlois and for the victims of a vehicular incident in Toronto, Canada.

*AGENDA:*

**Geiben MOVED to approve the agenda, with the correction of the year which states 2017 to reflect 2018. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

*RESIDENTS STATEMENTS:*

Mark Elias, Morgan Drive, asked for some input on the condition of Morgan Drive. He has heard that a waterline project is going thru and wanted to know the schedule for that. He complained about the potholes and the ditches. Morgan Drive is falling apart.

*DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:*

Police: Chief Previte said a roundtable discussion was held at Niagara-Wheatfield regarding the recent student shootings happening in the country.

Previte wanted to make the Board aware of an accident with a police SUV utility truck. The vehicle was totaled. The officer, remarkably, walked away from the damage. Previte hoped to have something midweek on the department's investigation of that.

Highway: Trane said with the upcoming installation of the water line, it would make no sense to pave the road. The potholes have been patched once. It is a temporary fix.

Trane said the Town placed a Case/Davis TF-300 Trencher up for bid on Auctions International. The high bid was \$2,700.00. He asked the Board to accept the bid.

**Bax MOVED to accept the bid of \$2,700 for the TF300 Trencher. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

Trane asked for a budget transfer of \$10,000 from H97 to the Highway Salt Storage Shed fund. **Broderick MOVED for approval. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

The clerk asked if the Highway Dept. would be delivering mulch this year. The Clerk's office has been getting a few inquiries. Trane said they would not.

Engineer: Lannon said the schedule for the waterline at this point is the survey is being conducted. Parts of that are under design. They are targeting to advertise for bids, pending approval of the Town Water Dept., NCHD and others, sometime in the fall. He estimated an 18 month construction duration.

Grant Writer: Rotella said the Bridge NY grant was submitted for the Pletcher Road culvert. They are working on the Greenway application for the Town Park. He hoped to have that ready by the end of June.

WPCC: Ritter read a prepared statement, as follows:

Between Sunday, April 15 and Monday, April 16, the Town of Lewiston experienced three (3) inches of precipitation in addition to some snow melt. As a result, yards and ditches, as well as the Town's sewer collection system, were filled beyond capacity. This has

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resulted in multiple back-ups in homes in low lying areas and homes with sewer laterals under their basement slabs. As Town residents, I want you to be aware that the Town of Lewiston Sewer Department has been pro-active in its efforts to repair the aging infrastructure since the 1990's. More recently, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has mandated that all municipalities develop a plan on collection system maintenance and repairs to limit the amount of sanitary sewer overflows by trying to limit inflow and infiltration. The Town has been working diligently on this plan. Thank you.

**MINUTES: Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018, RTBM. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 4-0.** (Bax Abstained)

**Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018, Work Session. Seconded by Bax and carried 4-0.** (Broderick Abstained)

*ABSTRACT:*

**Morreale MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 969 to 1118 and recommended payment in the amount of \$243,705.37, plus a post audit of \$305,831.23. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

*OLD BUSINESS:*

Boards/Commissions: Cable (1); Board of Ethics (2); Planning (1) – No action taken

Pond Request (Lauzonis): Broderick said this would be referred to the Building Inspector, as per the Town Code. Parisi said this can be removed from the Agenda.

*NEW BUSINESS:* None.

*SUPERVISOR:*

a) Finance:

The Finance Director asked for Board approval to process a budget revision to fund unexpected unemployment expenses for 2018.

**Geiben MOVED to transfer \$5,500.00 from SS2-8120-0200-0000 (Sanitary Sewer Equipment) to SS2-9050-0800-0000 (Unemployment Insurance) and transfer \$1,000.00 from SS3-8120-0200-0000 (South Sewer Sanitary Equipment) to SS3-9050-0800-0000 (Unemployment Insurance). Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

Agnello requested approval to re-state the purchase of the meeting room cameras from the B-Fund to the H-97 Fund in the amount of \$2,253.98. **Bax MOVED for approval. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

b) Legal:

Attorney Parisi referred to an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Sharing of Equipment, Services and Materials with the City of Niagara Falls. Parisi said this agreement allows the Town and City to share resources in terms of operation of the respective highway departments.

**Geiben MOVED to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Lewiston and City of Niagara Falls for the sharing of equipment, etc., as presented. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.**

**Geiben MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign said Agreement. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

The Supervisor gave Supt. Trane credit for working on said agreement. It is good for both communities.

Parisi deferred to the Grant Writer regarding the DASNY grant. Parisi said the grant agreement itself is fairly standard and he approves it as to form. Rotella said it is a \$50,000 grant for the purchase of a Heavy Duty Truck, as well as the purchase and installation of fire hydrants. He said it takes about 45 days to put in for reimbursement.

**Bax MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign said DASNY Grant Disbursement Agreement. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

c) Engineer:

Lannon said this pertains to an extension of the recent Board action authorizing him to sign the purchase order between the Town of Lewiston and the NY Power Authority for the NYPA fire hydrant. Lannon said they have entered into a purchase order between NYPA and the Town in the amount of \$42,000. The next step is to award the contract to the low bidder, Visone Contracting, in the amount of \$31,509. This will allow us to start work on the fire hydrant.

**Bax MOVED to award the contract for the NYPA fire hydrant to Visone Contracting in the amount of \$31,509. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

**Bax MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign appropriate documents, subject to the approval of the Attorney. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

4) Upper Mountain Fire Company roster:

The following persons are no longer members of the Upper Mountain Vol. Fire Co. The UMFC requests that the Town remove their names from the fire company roster: Tristan Diez and Caleb Goldfus.

**Geiben MOVED for approval. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

*BAX:* Nothing to report.

*GEIBEN:*

Geiben commented that he does not like the new dais. I don't know if it's too late to change it. I can't see down the end of the table like the way it was before. The Judge doesn't like it either because he can't get close enough to the people. If there is any way we can make some modification, I'm all for it.

*JACOBY:*

Jacoby said he attended the Fire Prevention Bureau meeting in Sanborn. They talked about firefighter recruitment and firefighter retention. A couple people have approached him about ambulance response times. He said the Fire Chiefs are more than willing to address that issue. They need a specific incident, date, time, where it occurred, etc. so they can address it but they have to be made aware of the incident.

Jacoby said Historic Preservation Commission member Zack Collister will be bringing in a collection of photos of all the historic places in the Town of Lewiston at its next meeting, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.

*MORREALE:*

A homeowner on Little Vista Drive is requesting a light be installed at the corner of Big Vista and Little Vista Drive. The Developer, John Giusiana said that was agreed upon when the subdivision was approved.

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Morreale referenced a resolution of the Town Board, dated November 10, 2014, whereby the Town Board authorized National Grid to install one (1) 100 watt high pressure sodium lamp and traditional post top luminaire on a 16' black direct embedded fiberglass pole and direct-buried cable on Big Vista @ Little Vista, at an annual charge of \$276.72.

The Board, Morreale said, did its due diligence here. If they are looking for more lighting, they should go to their HOA or at whatever means they want to handle it.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the homeowner that a light was installed and the Town met its obligation.

*RESIDENTS STATEMENTS:*

Paulette Glasgow, The Circle, commented on Geiben's remarks about the dais. There's an old saying that "the best form of government is a government that is closest to the people". I said from the time I sat on that Board, twenty years ago, that the dais is too high. It should be lowered to floor level. You need to be closer to the people.

Geiben said one of the dilemmas is that it is shared by the Judges. They have more standards for a dais that we do.

At the March meeting, Glasgow said the Board discussed replacing the damaged Senior Center sign. During that discussion, they talked about how much it would cost to replace the sign and what could be paid for the sign. During that meeting, the Board discussed going out to bid. Since the figure discussed falls within the required three (3) written quotes, per the Procurement Policy, when does the Town anticipate going out to bid?

Broderick estimated that they would seek written quotes within a week or two.

On that same note, Glasgow said since the Board has publicly announced how much it would pay to replace the sign, would any bids the Town receives per that bid solicitation be considered tainted because the figure is already out there?

Broderick said they did not say how much they were going to spend. They said how much it was to replace it for insurance purposes.

In closing, Broderick announced a Jt. Town/Village meeting on May 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Geiben suggested sending a list of topics to be discussed. He would not be unable to attend the meeting.

**Bax MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.** Time 6:35 p.m.

Transcribed and  
Respectfully submitted by

Carole N. Schroeder  
Deputy Town Clerk