

Village of Lima Board Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2024

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

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Dick Garey, Fire Chief; Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief;; Several Residents (see Sign-in Sheet).

Absent: Charlie Floeser, Code Enforcement Officer.

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order Mayor Skiptunas at 7:00pm Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Dodzweit and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to approve the meeting minutes from August 13th, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

Steve Werner – Mr. Werner was present to discuss the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival scheduled for October 5th at Mark Tubbs Park. Mr. Werner passed around a parking and safety plan for the festival and discussed the various vendors and sponsors of the event. He requested additional dirt be brought to the park to fill in the area behind the new playground.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Dodzweit to allow for animals, commercial activity, amplified music, and vendor camping at the park for 72 hours for the festival. Motion passed unanimously.

John Wadach – Mr. Wadach discussed ways the Village of Lima could obtain a Climate Smart Community designation. He requested a resolution to create a Climate Smart Community Task Force. See attached resolution.

The board asked Mr. Wadach what types of energy efficient activities the task force would be investigating. Mr. Wadach stated the first study would be for constructing another solar array on the vacant land next to the existing array to benefit other businesses and create financial resource to the Village. The task force will research the overall costs of constructing the array, as well as maintenance and insurance for the product, and see if the project would be financially feasible.

Matthew Eldred – Mr. Eldred discussed Chapter 86 Firearms and Hunting of the Village Code. He suggested the Village revise the code to remove “bow” under the list of firearms to coincide with the New York State Code definitions. Attorney Lenahan will look at making the modifications to the code and present to the Board. Afterwards, public hearing will be scheduled.

Department Reports

Fire Department – Rick Crego, First Assistant Fire Captain

Captain Crego discussed the July Fire Report. He discussed the water flow test completed with Mr. Luft to test the strain the fire truck has on the water infrastructure in the Village.

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Ambulance – Meg Rose, Ambulance Chief

Chief Rose discussed the Ambulance report for August. She explained to the board that the ambulance would be without a daytime driver and EMT. She stated that with the decline in volunteers, the ambulance may need to start hiring part time employees to meet the daytime needs for coverage. The board and Chief Rose will discuss further and research all costs associated with hiring part time employees for the ambulance.

Chief Rose presented two new applicants for membership. Sean Cahill has applied to be a driver, and Wyatt Kurtz has applied as an EMS Junior. Chief Rose has approved both applicants.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to approve Sean Cahill and Wyatt Kurz as a new member of the Lima Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

WWTP – Larry Teta (Absent)

See report provided by Mr. Teta. Mayor Skiptunas is scheduling a plant walkthrough for the board to get a better understanding of what Mr. Teta does at the wastewater treatment plant and have a better understanding of the plant itself.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Charlie Floeser (Absent)

See report provided by CEO Floeser.

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft requested approval to send the leaf machine to auction in the fall.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to authorize Mr. Luft to take the leaf machine to auction. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Luft requested approval to split the cost with the Town to get the brush pile grinded up. Cost would be \$2500 split with the town.

Motion

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee M. Fleming to approve Mr. Luft to split the cost of \$2500 with the Town to have the brush pile grinded up. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Luft discussed the following items that the crew have been completing:

- Working with Bears Playground at the park on the new playground.
- Working on the final clarifier at the sewer plant.
- Finishing the Lead and Copper Line Inventory

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

All unpaid taxes will need to be turned over to Livingston County the beginning of October for levy onto Town and County taxes. See attached Resolution.

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Clerk Sackett attended a presentation by GOGov for their citizens notification software. The program is a mobile app that residents can download and receive information. There is also an option to sign up for email notifications if you do not want to download the app. Copies of the presentation have been emailed to the board for review. Clerk Sackett will ask how other communities like the app and how many residents are signed up for the services from a neighboring community. She will also confirm that the Town of Lima could also be part of the project if they wish to be.

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$7980.21
- General Fund: \$18290.96
- Sewer Fund: \$21191.64
- Water Fund: \$35777.20
- Capital Sewer: \$14458.73
- Grand Total: \$97698.74

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 Update – Clerk Sackett informed the board that Patrick Phelan (Empire Engineer) is no longer working on the Village Fiber project. She has had conversations with the new engineers asking about the status of the third pole application with National Grid. She will be reaching out to National Grid directly asking the status of the application as it has been two years since the initial application was submitted. Clerk Sackett has also been in contact with Matt Scorzelli with Syracuse Utilities regarding when the aerial work will begin. Mr. Scorzelli stated they are finalizing material availability with Empire, and he anticipates work to begin within a couple of weeks.

Park Playground – Deputy Mayor Smith received the final invoice from Bears for the new playground. Marcye Bears honored the \$40k price that the Town and Village had been quoted although costs were significantly higher. Deputy Mayor Smith will work with Supervisor Falk on how payment will be made to Bears. He also noted that the ADA swing has been ordered and will be installed once delivered. The swing will be paid for by proceeds from the Cannons for Kannon events and other donations received for the park.

New Business

School Zone Options – Mayor Skiptunas expressed concern that the area in front of Lima Primary School is not designated as a school zone. It is up to the Village to designate the area as a school zone. Mr. Luft said there are signs on both sides of College St. stating that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. He will look into the cost of adding additional signs in the area for school zones.

Sewer Charge – A resident reached out to Mayor Skiptunas requesting to have his sewer charge reduced. After discussions the board agreed to not waive the excess sewer charge.

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Round Table

Trustee Dodzweit – Remarkd how low the pay rate is for EMT’s.

Deputy Mayor Smith – Noted that National Fuel have not fixed the properties on College St. after they did repairs. Mr. Luft said National Fuel will have someone come back and fix the properties and hydroseed, however, it tends to take a long time before they return.

Trustee C. Fleming – No Comment.

Trustee M. Fleming – No Comment.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 9:47pm. 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.**

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VILLAGE OF LIMA		
Event:	Board Meeting	Meeting Date: 9/10/24

Name	Address	Company (if applicable)
✓ Steve Warner	7280 Kober Dr.	Pumpkin Festival
✓ Denise Warner	7280 Kober Dr.	Pumpkin Festival
✓ Matt Eldred	7180 V. Main	N/A
— Christine Steermon	2878 Plank Rd	Green Team
✓ John + Bonnie Wadach	7373 Ziegler Dr	Green Team
✓ Doug BEST	1911 PROBST	GREEN

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JOHN SKIPTUNAS, Mayor
BRIAN SMITH, Deputy Mayor
CAROLYN FLEMING, Trustee
MELINDA FLEMING, Trustee
BENJAMIN DODZWEIT, Trustee

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ELISSA SACKETT, Clerk-Treasurer
BEN LUFT, Supt. of Public Works
MATTHEW LENAHAN, Attorney

Village of Lima
Resolution to Create a Climate Smart Community Task Force
September 10, 2024

WHEREAS, The Village of Lima is dedicated to good environmental stewardship;
and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lima has earned NYSERDA Clean Energy Community
Status by earning 5,200 clean energy points; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lima is seeking to further reduce greenhouse gas
emissions and create enhanced resiliency to climate change; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lima duly creates the Village of Lima
Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force consisting of Mayor John Skiptunas,
Deputy Mayor Brian Smith, and the following community members: Cathy & Nick
Apostoleris, Eric & Ginny Baker, Doug & Renee Best, Jeanne & Rob Beutner,
Skyler Kortright, Ginny Mazzearella, Anthony Powell, Ed Reed, Tyler Simpson,
Christine Steerman, Bonnie & John Wadach, Elaine Walker. The CSC Task Force
will fulfill the following tasks on behalf of the Village Board.

1. Conduct research on issues related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating enhanced resiliency to climate change.
2. Notify the Village Board of Trustees of grant opportunities to further the Village's environmental goals.
3. Provide grant writing and administrative support.
4. Create and disseminate educational materials to the community.
5. Conduct workshops, fairs, and tours to enhance community engagement.
6. Work toward earning additional Climate Smart Communities Certifications.
7. Provide regular updates to the Village of Lima Board of Trustees on the work of the Task Force.

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The Village of Lima Board of Trustees, in the Village of Lima, County of Livingston, State of New York, met in regular session at the Lima Town Hall, 7329 East Main Street, in the Village of Lima, County of Livingston, State of New York, on the 10th day of September, 2024 at 7:00pm.

The preceding resolution was moved by Mayor John Skiptunas, seconded by Deputy Mayor Brian Smith, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows.

Mayor John Skiptunas	Aye
Deputy Mayor Brian Smith	Aye
Trustee Carolyn Fleming	Aye
Trustee Melinda Fleming	Aye
Trustee Benjamin Dodzweit	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.
DATED: September 10, 2024.

I, Elissa Sackett, Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Lima, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of the Resolution as herein specified with the original included in the September 10, 2024 Official Meeting Minutes of the Village of Lima Board of Trustees, New York, and attest that they are the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of September 2024.



Elissa Sackett, Village of Lima Clerk-Treasurer

(include stamp below)



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Trustee Fleming offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Lima hereby requests that the County of Livingston collect unpaid Village taxes pursuant to Local Law #2 of the year 1987, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lima will take no action to recover said unpaid taxes pursuant to Section 1440 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and no sale on account of said unpaid taxes will be held pursuant to law,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Village of Lima officially requests that the County of Livingston collect unpaid Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2024 as of October 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 1442 of the New York State Real Property Law.

And it is further resolved that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Lima shall be transmitted to the Livingston County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

Trustee Dodzweit seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following vote:

John Skiptunas, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor	Voting	Yes
Benjamin Dodzweit, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Melinda Fleming, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Carolyn Fleming, Trustee	Voting	Yes