

## **Joint Town and Village Board Meeting**

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Present:** John Skiptunas, Mayor; John Wadach, Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis, Brian Smith and Carolyn Fleming; Mike Falk, Town Supervisor; Leta Button, Deputy Town Supervisor; Councilmen Mark Petroski.

**Others Present:** Matthew Lenahan, Village Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Village Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor; Residents Duane and Gail Fuller, Cathy and Marty Gardner, Ginny and Eric Baker, Bonnie Wadach, Amanda Cates, Mallory Depew, Callie Rabe and Traci Scanlon.

The Quarterly Joint Meeting between the Town and Village of Lima was called to order by Mayor Skiptunas at 6:30pm Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Business**

**Mark Tubbs Insurance Review** – Supervisor Falk discussed the NYMIR insurance review at the park. He stated that the only concern was regarding individuals who perform work at the park in regards to them providing their certificates of insurance, as well as listing the Town/Village as an additional insureds. Mr. Luft said there are only a couple vendors who work at the park; requests will be made to those vendors to add the Town/Village to their policies.

**EPA Review** – Supervisor Falk stated the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) are reviewing old files to bring parcels up to code by today's environmental standards. He stated that there may be a time that the EPA will review/re-evaluate the Village greenspace next to the Town Hall. Prior testing completed on the site showed that the soil was within regulations. The Village will wait to hear from the EPA if re-testing is necessary.

**Fireworks Contract** – Supervisor Falk met with Young Explosives to discuss the fireworks contract for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Young Explosives stated they would work with the Town and Village, but due to an increase in shipping costs, the Town and Village can expect between at 8-10% increase in the fireworks contract.

### ***Motion***

Motion was made by Mayor Skiptunas and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leta Button to increase the fireworks contract from \$8000 to \$8800 for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 festivities. The total amount is to be split evenly between the Town and the Village. Motion passed unanimously.

**State of the Village** – Mayor Skiptunas gave updates on the following items throughout the Village:

- Capital Improvement Updates – The Water Project and Waste Water Treatment Plant projects are near completion and anticipate both projects being completed by the end of the year.
- Fiber Optic Project – The Village has chosen Empire Access to design and construct the Fiber Optic Network throughout the Village. Design and permitting will take upwards of 12 months to complete and then construction will begin.
- NY Forward Grant Application – Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the grant application that he has been working on for the NY Forward Grant. With the success of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative in NYS, the NY Forward Grant is designed to help make improvements to smaller municipalities. Many items that have been added to the grant application were pulled directly from the Lima Vision Plan that was established in 2016. Key categories Deputy Mayor Wadach has hit on are:
  - Auditorium upgrades at the Town Hall

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- Village Greenspace upgrades
- Façade updates and Historical Preservation
- Gateway Improvements
- Street meridians
- Open air dining area
- Burying utility lines throughout the downtown area
- Funds for business owners to upgrade apartments

The grant application is due September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If any residents have any public input regarding the application, please contact Deputy Mayor Wadach.

### **Comments**

Several residents were present to voice concerns regarding a particular vendor and their merchandise displayed at the Crossroads Festival. Praise was given to the committee for the time and effort that the members put into making the festival a success, but residents were also disappointed that the merchandise being sold by this vendor had hateful writing and he was still able to have his booth. Some expressed that an apology be submitted by both the Town and Village for allowing this vendor to remain at the festival. The Crossroads Festival Committee has stated that they will be working to make changes in the future, and it was left that the Council would be the entity to submit an apology as they deemed fit.

Mayor Skiptunas recognized Chief Steve McGrath for 50 years of service to the Lima Fire Department.

Motion was made by Supervisor Falk and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:21 pm. Motion passed unanimously.