

Village of Lima Board Meeting

August 23rd, 2022

Present: John Wadach Deputy Mayor; Trustees Joshua Petraitis, Brian Smith and Carolyn Fleming.

Others Present: Matthew Lenahan, Attorney; Elissa Sackett, Clerk; Jane Radomski, Deputy Clerk; Ben Luft, DPW Supervisor.

Absent: John Skiptunas, Mayor

The meeting of the Village of Lima was called to order by Deputy Mayor Wadach at 7pm Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 at Lima Town Hall, 7329 E. Main St. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Petraitis and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve meeting minutes from August 9th, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

DPW – Ben Luft

Mr. Luft stated that the trees for the water project have been ordered and Fineline has the list of what/where to plant. After discussing with residents, a total of 12 trees have been ordered to be replaced. Some residents did not want to replace the trees that were removed, and others did not want as many. He has a phone meeting scheduled with Pat Nicoletta to go over the remaining punch list and timeline of completion later this week.

Quotes have started to come in regarding a new leaf machine. The quote Mr. Luft received was for a 25-yard tow behind which is a little bigger than what the Village currently has and is approximately \$102k. This does not include the cost of a new tractor to pull the machine. If the Village were to invest in an all-in-one drivable machine, it would be around \$240k. Mr. Luft is trying to see if the Village can receive a quote for a 20-yard machine which is what the Village currently has.

Most of the large summer projects have been completed for the year. Most recently the crew replaced sidewalk on East Main and replaced the final hydrant on College St. The last project to be completed is the replacement of the sidewalk across from Kwik-Fil which will take place the week of September 7th as concrete is scheduling out that far. In the meantime, the crew will start to prepare for fall projects and start prep for winter. Mr. Luft praised the DPW crew for all their hard work this year and discussed plans to send staff to water and sewer schooling to obtain necessary licenses.

Clerk Report – Elissa Sackett

Clerk Sackett reminded the board that the joint meeting will be held September 13th at 6:30pm and asked for any agenda items to be sent to her. Current agenda items are the following:

- Crossroads Festival Vendor
- Water Agreement with Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority (LCWSA)

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

- Ambulance Fund: \$1823.85
- General Fund: \$24418.91
- Sewer Fund: \$10039.38
- Water Fund: \$25481.98
- Capital Water: \$1539.00
- Capital Sewer: \$6129.11
- Grand Total: \$69432.23

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Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve payment for all invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fiber Optic Project – Deputy Mayor Wadach and Clerk Sackett discussed the interviews conducted with the three finalists for the fiber project. The three firms were the following:

- Empire Access – Based out of Prattsburgh, NY. Proposal submitted in the amount of \$43,920. Empire is currently working on the “Light up Livingston” project and will own the lines once completed. Very versed in Fiber to the Home technology (FTTH).
- ECC Technologies – Offices in Pittsford, NY and Raleigh, NC. Proposal submitted in the amount of \$99k. Over 25 years’ experience in several areas and helped with the Yates County fiber project.
- Hunt EAS – Offices in Rochester, NY. Proposal submitted in the amount of \$91k. Currently working on the “Light up Livingston” project and working on fiber network project in Town of Dryden where the Town will own the infrastructure as well as be the provider.

Pros and cons were weighed between the finalists, with an ultimate decision to choose Empire Access based on their extensive Fiber To The Home experience, the work they are currently conducting in Livingston County, and the cost of services in their proposal.

Motion

Motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Petraitis to accept the proposal from Empire Access and award the Engineering contract to them. Motion passed unanimously. Deputy Mayor Wadach will notify all participating firms of the Board’s decision and ask Empire Access to draw up a contract for design and construction management.

New Business

NY Forward Grant – Deputy Mayor Wadach stated that he had been working on the NY Forward Grant application and has approximately 8 pages completed thus far. He stated that a lot of the infrastructure improvements that the Village has completed over the past several years should work to the Villages advantage. Many of the items that he has put in the application for improvements to be made are pulled directly from the Village of Lima Vision Plan. A public hearing is necessary for the application and will be held September 13th at the Village board meeting. Clerk Sackett will publish a legal notice regarding the meeting in the *Sentinel*.

Roundtable Discussion

Attorney Lenahan stated the following:

- He will be meeting with Jason Molino, Executive Director at LCWSA regarding the water agreement.
- He is working on the Short-Term Rental Guidelines and should have them to review at the next board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Wadach discussed the following:

- Only \$80k of the NYSERDA funds are allowed for the new EV Charging Station. The remaining \$20k could be used towards the LED light improvements at the DPW Shop and other Village owned buildings. Mr. Luft said he will obtain the cost to upgrade numbers from National Grid.
- Requested Clerk Sackett obtain the estimate on what the Town of Lima spent on the elevator project so that upgrade could be included in the NY Forward Grant application.

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Motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Smith at 8:17pm to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.