

PRESENT: Supervisor Dennis Brochey; Councilmembers Bax, Marra, and Winkley; Village Mayor Collesano, Trustees Conde, Eydt, Gibson; Village Attorney Jesella, Police Chief Salada and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Brochey gave an update on Artpark. The Town gives Artpark almost \$2 million between services for the Police and tipping fees from Modern. Brochey finds this pretty excessive, especially when the money can be used elsewhere. The Village is burdened with some of the cost. Artpark brings quite a bit to the Village, but Brochey doesn't believe it should burden the taxpayers.

Winkley believes the Town should pay for the Police services. Artpark requests an itemized cost bill for them to pay for Police. Mayor Collesano said the Village paid about \$10,000.

Gary Smith, President of Modern told Brochey the Town has the right to keep the tipping fees. Tipping fees last year were approximately \$200,000. Winkley feels this should be looked into. Steadily since 2007, this has gone up \$20,000/year, now all the sudden it drops down to \$190,000.

Brochey said he has been working very hard to get caught up on things. There are two union negotiations happening and they are requesting a 3% increase. The Police Dept. is great, but you can't give out something you don't have.

Brochey said Johnson had mentioned in October or November that the Town might be looking at a Town tax. Brochey does not want that to happen. Winkley said it gets to the point where the Board has to just say no.

Brochey said the town has \$5 - \$6 million in bonds, which makes Lewiston look good and that the Town can afford things.

By this time of the year, Salada has had one or two meetings already with Artpark, but to date there has been none. Several parking signs are gone, it is not known who will open the gate and it has been suggested the Village control the no parking signs, but none of this has been addressed. Trustee Eydt will set up a meeting with Artpark.

Next discussion was the energy water bill credit program. It seems residents are accumulating a credit on their water bills. The energy credit amount needs to be adjusted to cover just a minimum water bill. Brochey is planning on lowering the Town's credit to \$14.90, which is the minimum water bill amount. The Village could lower theirs to \$22.35. Water meter heads need to be replaced, at an estimated cost of \$850,000 for the Village and Town. In lowering the Towns credit by the \$5.10, those dollars can then be utilized to pay for the meters. The savings would be approximately \$149,000/year allowing the purchase of about 1,000 meters.

Brochey has submitted a Power Allotment request to the NY Power Authority. One of the submissions was the cost of the meters. Brochey would like to request they open the allotment window to allow more of a diversity of items.

Bax wants it stated there is no difference in the energy credit amount as the water billing cycles are different. The Village is a three month cycle, and the Town is two.

Regarding the Ice Pavilion, Marra said Dashineau has a remediation plan prepared for the removal of the rink and repairing the property.

Mayor Collesano said there has not been a Police contract in quite sometime, and the budget is based on old numbers. Collesano would like the Attorneys to get together and work on it. Attorney Jesella said this has been brought up many times but meetings were never attended by all that need to attend. Attorney Jesella will work with Attorney Seaman.

Next, the Boards met with the Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Jill Palermo.

Linus Ormsby, President of Board of Trustees addressed the Boards.

The library is an important educational, cultural and recreational resource for our community. It is a place where thousands of residents and non-residents go to find fulfillment, enjoyment and entertainment. As Trustees they are responsible for ensuring there are sufficient funds to provide an appropriate level of service for the community. The library counts on the Trustees to improve the services to meet the changing needs of today.

The Trustees are here tonight for a couple of reasons. The Town is the primary funding source, and the Trustees are writing a five-year strategic plan. The first goal is to secure funds that adequately meet the needs of the library.

For the last several years, the library has maintained the absolute minimum number of operational hours, according to State standards. They are also operating without an Assistant Director or a second certified librarian. The main reason is because the library budget has been stagnant, despite annual requests for additional funding. This limits what the Board is able to do in terms of planning for the future.

Ormsby distributed a breakdown of the library budget, usage and programs. Last year's attendance was nearly 95,000 visits. With the exception of Tops, Artpark and schools, it is harder to think of a busier place in the Village or the Town.

The Trustees are asking that at budget time, the Board consider the importance of the library to the people of Lewiston and the surrounding communities and fund it accordingly. The Trustees want to make this important community asset even better than it is now. The task would be easier if moving forward, there is support from the Town and Village Boards.

Ormsby said the Trustees are looking at a concept of a library without walls. They want to get more people involved, bring more people in while also taking the resources out into the community. The hours of operation need to be expanded. In order to do that, more employees are needed.

The library would like to see additional use of the Community Room. Organizations use it now but they would like to see it used more. .

Ormsby appreciates Board Liaison Marra's attendance at Trustee meetings.

Bax MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal issues, Seconded by Marra and Carried Unan.

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Discussion on legal issues.

Marra MOVED to exit Executive Session, Seconded by Bax and Carried Unan. (6:30 pm)

No Action Taken

Winkley MOVED to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Brochey and Carried Unan.

Transcriber and Respectfully Submitted By:

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