

Present: Sup. F. Newlin; Councilmen A. Bax, S. Edwards, M. Johnson & E. Palmer; Finance Officer A. DiRamio, Town Atty. J. Leone; Dep. Atty. D. Boniello; 1 Press (Bflo News); 1 Resident and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

The Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Following the public hearing, Edwards requested an executive session for review of a contractual matter. Johnson asked to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Building Inspector's position. Edwards asked to address an emergency situation on Rt. 31 in Sanborn in regular session.

Edwards MOVED the agenda with the three amendments. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

The Clerk was asked to read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE
YEAR 2008**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Lewiston for the fiscal year 2008, including general town funds, highway funds, fire protection district funds, and lighting district funds, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston, 1375 Ridge Road, where it is available for public inspection during normal office hours. The Town Board of the Town of Lewiston will hold a public hearing on said preliminary budget on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lewiston Town Hall. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained. The following are the proposed 2008 salaries of certain Town officers of the Town of Lewiston.

Supervisor	\$28,760
Deputy Supervisor	1,689
Council Members (4)	12,680
Town Clerk	50,667
Highway Superintendent	60,537

By Order of the Town Board
October 29, 2007

Town of Lewiston
2008 Budget Summary

<u>Code</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>Appropriated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Amount to be Raised by Taxes</u>
A	General	\$2,575,840	\$2,364,950	\$ 210,890	\$0
B	General/ Outside Village	2,069,888	1,939,979	129,909	0
BD	Highway-Town	2,005,260	1,790,260	215,000	0
SD	Drainage	234,965	234,965	0	0
SS1	WPCC	<u>1,547,800</u>	<u>1,547,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Subtotal	\$8,433,753	\$7,877,954	\$ 555,799	\$0
<u>Special Districts</u>					
SW1	Water	\$1,652,462	\$1,195,800	\$ 247,959	\$ 208,703
SF	Fire Protection	992,340	18,700	9,033	964,607
SS2	LMSIA	1,640,250	1,168,177	0	472,073
SS3	LSSIA	302,880	113,140	0	189,740
SL	Lighting	20,000	200	0	19,800
SR	Refuse	<u>158,900</u>	<u>158,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Subtotal	\$4,766,832	\$2,654,917	\$ 256,992	\$1,854,923
Total		<u>\$13,200,585</u>	<u>\$10,532,871</u>	<u>\$812,791</u>	<u>\$1,854,923</u>
	ASSESSEDVAL VILLAGE		\$135,274,314		
	TOWN O/S V		<u>635,234,460</u>		
	TOTAL		<u>\$770,508,774</u>		

The Tax Levy for 2008 is as follows:

Town of Lewiston Tax Levy 2008						
<u>Town District</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Assm't Units or Footage Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lewiston O/S Vil	B					
Lewiston OSV-High	BD	TOV	635,234,460	0.0000	0.00	0.0000
Lewiston OSV-Drain	SD					
Fire Prevention	SF	FP-241	661,006,579	1.4593	964,607	964,607
Lewiston WIA	SW1	WD-240	856,392,748	0.2437	208,703	208,703
Lewiston MSIA	SS2	SD-243	613,401,304	0.0801	49,133	
Lewiston MSIA	SS2	SD-243 P/U	4,028	105.0000	422,490	472,073
Lewiston SSIA	SS3	SD-245	82,925,304	2.2304	184,956	
South Sewer Non-U	SS3	SD-246	598	8.0000	4,784	189,740
Lewiston Hts. Gas	SL	GS-241	41	482.9300	19,800	19,800
Lewiston O/S Vil	SR	RD-241 P/U	4,540	0.0000	0.00	0.0000
ASSESSEDVAL		VILLAGE	\$135,274,314			
		TOWN O/S V	<u>635,234,460</u>			
		TOTAL	<u>\$770,508,774</u>			

The Supervisor asked if anyone wished to address the Board on the 2008 Preliminary Budget, as presented. No one wished to speak.

Palmer MOVED to adjourn the Public Hearing. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

After some discussion, Newlin said they would reconvene the hearing on the 2008 Budget at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 15th with a budget worksession to follow.

Johnson asked to be excused from this session as he would be out of town.

Newlin said he would like to meet with the Village Board prior to the budget meeting to discuss police matters and to finalize the 2008 police budget.

Bax MOVED to schedule a Jt. Town/Village Meeting regarding police matters at 6:00 p.m., November 15th followed by the budget worksession. Seconded by Palmer and carried 5-0.

The Clerk's office was asked to notify the Village Board of the meeting.

In other matters, Edwards said he'd been in contact with Paul Wendt current owner of property located on the former site of the Sanborn Greenhouses on Rt. 31. Construction crews were cleaning up some of the greenhouse area when a piece of construction equipment hit the corner of the building that had been used as a utility building for the farm. The building is deemed structurally unsafe, he said. The building needs to be condemned so contractors can take it down immediately. A site inspection from the town's engineering firm confirmed the building a public nuisance and hazard and needs to be either repaired or demolished.

Because the Town of Lewiston does not currently have a Building Inspector in place, Edwards said he would contact the Fire Inspector immediately to authorize the building to be condemned.

Before entering into the executive session, Johnson asked to comment on a few items with regard to the 2008 Budget. First, he asked if the Supervisor took into consideration the appropriations for the new fire contracts that are currently being prepared by the Town Attorney. The Finance officer confirmed they were.

Secondly, Johnson addressed a personnel issue within the Building Department. He said the Town Board approved an hourly salary increase for the clerk in the Building Department effective until the first of the year. Johnson said they have a letter from the acting building inspector, Don MacSwan that that salary be maintained because there will be additional duties coming up in the future.

Newlin said this is an item for the Executive Session. There are a number of ways we can do it. Should we have the new building inspector come in and let him make his analysis if we need to hire another part-time clerk or do we concentrate the work on the person who is already there. Give him the leeway and let him make the call as to how he wants the office staffed.

Newlin asked for a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter and personnel (Building Inspector).

Palmer MOVED for approval. Seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk

Executive Session:

Present: Newlin, Bax, Edwards, Johnson, Palmer, Leone, *Boniello, DiRamio (Partial)

Issues Discussed:

- Personnel Issue related to Over-time Requirements
- Re-qualification of personnel and Re-Classification
- Contractual Matter

Motion by Johnson, Seconded by Palmer to exit the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

Action Taken:

- Approval of Plowing Contract with County of Niagara commencing January 1, 2008.
- Should David Conti not accept position of Building Inspector, authorize hiring of Timothy Masters as Building Inspector at the same initial rate with a Memorandum of Understanding.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent. Time: 8:30 p.m.

*Minutes Taken by:

David Boniello

Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder