

Present: Sup. Newlin; Council Members Bax, Edwards, Johnson & Palmer; Tn. Atty. Leone; Deputy Tn. Atty. Boniello; Eng. Lannon; Adm./Op. Lockhart; Police Chief Salada & Town Clerk Brandon. 10 residents & 3 press reps.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and asked the Clerk to read the public notice.

**In the Matter of the Increase and Improvement of facilities of the
Town of Lewiston Water Improvement District; in the Town of Lewiston,
County of Niagara, New York pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law.**

**ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD
ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Lewiston (herein called "Town Board" and "Town" respectively), in the County of Niagara, New York District (the "District") and has pursuant to Town Law, created the Town of Lewiston Water Improvement and has directed CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc. a subsidiary of Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, a professional engineering firm licensed in New York, to prepare a map, plan and report for the District water improvements, along portions of Mountain View Drive, Woodland Drive and Forest Road, including but not limited to the installation of approximately 10,000 linear feet of new 8-inch PVC water main, the replacement of hydrants, service lateral reconnections, and appurtenances, and all of the foregoing to include all necessary site work, equipment, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, (the "District" Improvement"); and pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filled with the Town Board such map, plan and report for said increase and improvements of facilities of the District and has estimated the total cost thereof to be a maximum amount of thereof to be a maximum amount of \$1,600,000; and cost to be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in amount of \$1,600,000, offset by any federal, state, county and/or local grants received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston will be held at the Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, New York, on September 24, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. (prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvements of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in each newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.

DATED: August 27, 2007

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LEWISTON
September 10, 2007**

Newlin: We are going to be considering tonight some improvements to the water lines and paving above it, but this will be concentrating on the water line on Mt. View Drive that happens to be the oldest water line in the Town of Lewiston. It is probably 100 years old. It is not performing in terms of capacity of water flow as it should and is required by most reasonable regulations. A few years ago, Councilman Johnson and others talked about developing a water model for the Town and it prioritized where we were going to have infrastructure needs over the course of the near and medium term future. This was identified as probably the highest priority section to be addressed because of the risk of failure. If there is a failure a number of people would be without water. Tonight we are going to have a presentation from Engineer Lannon and the attorneys can follow up.

Lannon: The project consists of approximately 10,000 linear feet of water lines on both sides of Mt. View Drive, Woodland and Forest with the replacement of all existing hydrants, valves and appurtenances including the water service connections to the new water lines to the homeowners along those routes. We have been working collecting data from the Water Dept. and are making progress. The water lines are 6" cast iron lines that are probably on the order of 100 years old and have become tuberculated which means that the interior diameter has shrunk over the years and

becomes smaller and smaller. With a new 8" PVC replacement it will be an improvement in that area.

Newlin: We had first discussed doing work with the paving and drainage. Supt. Reiter and I went up there last fall and we thought we could begin work on that quickly. The Town in the last few years has taken a more comprehensive approach to infrastructure repairs and we sent our engineer and our water team up there to look at it. They said that the water lines look like they need to be replaced. So, rather than go ahead and pave some roads only to be dug up 2-3 years later because of a massive water break we decided to tackle it as all one project. The water replacement will be the first step and the paving will follow.

Boniello asked if there was a contingency built into the \$1,600,000.

Lannon: 10% which we believe to be sufficient.

Residents:

Lynette Luzak of 658 Mt. View Drive: How long will this project go for?

Lannon: In terms of construction duration and if we are able to start this year and that is our intent....we can probably expect to put in 200' of water line per day which would be a budgetary figure. That would be about 50 working days to put the water line in. It will take 10-12 weeks to put the main line in. First the main line, then install pressure test chlorinates to make sure it passes with the N.C.H.D. and once approval is given then we will go back and do the services to each home. You are connected right now to the existing water line and when done you will be connected to the new 8" water line. That transition from the old to the new cannot be done until we get approval from the N.C.H.D. We will do probably 4 or 5 a day in that order.

Lynette Luzak: So, the old water lines on my property will not be torn up.

Lannon said they will be abandoned in place. There will an inner connection from there to the water line on Mt. View Drive. You will see about 200" of water line put in a day and you will see probably 2 crews up there exposing a trench 4-5 feet deep and putting in pipe as they go. As they go they will be backfilling. It will not be one long trench. It will be a construction site but the active site would be moving right along.

Lynette Luzak stated that there are so many dangerous curves on the road and kids ride their bikes and there are many lane closures.

Lannon said they will be past your house a day or two at most.

Lynette Luzak said that she is worried about cars etc. and people that cut grass who park in the right lane when in the left lane you can't even see what is coming. It is ridiculous.

Lannon: We are going to try to lay the water line out to minimize the impact both to the road and the residents.

Lynette Luzak: On straight-a- ways those are understandable. Now, you are going to run it down and hookup the houses etc. and then Mr. Reiter is going to come and pave.

Newlin said we will be looking at the paving portion after the water is done. A lot of this is weather dependent i.e. a long winter etc. Once the water is completed then the paving will be tackled. How long do you think the paving will take Mr. Lannon?

Lannon: I would say in less than a month. 2-4 weeks depending on how much is done.

Lynette Luzak asked if that was included in this money.

Lannon: No, what is included in this project is just the water line, many hydrants, valves and service connections. Part of the line will be in the shoulder and part off the shoulder.

Boniello asked if the curb water hookups to residents will it be a whole new line from the road to the residence?

Lannon: Yes, there will be a service from the new main water line up to service in the home. That is about the property line. Some are beyond the property line and some are inside the property line but we are going to try to position where we can if not stay within the right-of-way.

Newlin said the Town does a good job of re-patching up a driveway to get it as good or even better shape than before.

Edwards: We are not putting new water services into the house. We are bringing water services to the service valve on the Town right-of-way.

Lannon: When I say the service connection, it will be anywhere from 40" maybe of new service from the main in the street to the property line. From the property line towards the house that is all private. That will be the resident's responsibility.

Lynette Luzak said she appreciated this construction. Thank you very much.

Newlin: Drainage will be under the paving portion and it will be taken care of. This is going to be one of the first projects that will be funded by the Power Authority money that we will be getting annually so we are able to do this without a rate increase within the water district. It is an example of how the Power Authority monies in the future will be deferring or completely alleviating some of the costs of what would otherwise be put onto the taxpayer. Once we are done with this project we will take a look at the next or the one that is most likely we believe to have problems in the near and medium term and then we will address that. It is a step-by-step analysis of what we believe is the liabilities in the water infrastructure of the Town.

Edwards: One clarification, the contractor who is awarded this work will restore all roads and existing sidewalks currently. Right?

Lannon: There are no sidewalks up there but any disturbed surfaces that are part of the work will all be restored to match the existing conditions. Whether that be lawn area or roadway.

Edwards said he asks that question and to back up a little bit... as there is extensive drainage work, some curb work and roadway and I personally don't know as if we can guarantee all that work this year or 08'. It is going to be restored.

Bax asked about the bonding requirements for all of the contractors that are going to do the work that it be included in our bids.

Lannon: It will be part of the specifications that we draw up (bond insurance). You have bond information from Hodgson & Russ.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Johnson, Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Time: 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed by:

Carol J. Brandon
Town Clerk

