

PRESENT: Supervisor Newlin; Councilmembers Edwards and Palmer; Town Attorney Leone; Deputy Attorney Boniello; Finance Officer DiRamio; Town Engineer Lannon; Police Chief Salada, 2 Press and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Bax and Johnson

Supervisor called meeting to order – 7:40 p.m.

Newlin called for public comment on the 2008 Budget. No residents wished to speak.

Palmer MOVED to close the Public Hearing for the 2008 Budget, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards requested the Snow and Ice Contract – Niagara County Roadways be added to the agenda.

First Agenda Item – Approval of Abstract.

Edwards MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims numbered 3503 - 3847 and recommended payment in the amount of \$302,993.19, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to approve the Post-Audit of \$241,077.18, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Second Agenda Item – Greenway Support Items. Board members are receiving requests from all parts of Niagara County, asking for Board support of Greenway projects. Newlin said the Board has been strongly advised by Nixon & Peabody, Niagara Power Coalition Council, to refrain from supporting any items until the Greenway protocols are agreed upon.

Third Agenda Item – Permission to Advertise for Boards / Commission applications.

Palmer MOVED to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for vacant positions on Boards / Commissions, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Fourth Agenda Item – Permission to Advertise for Bid – HVAC Town Hall/Senior Center. Edwards requests the bids reflect a three-year contract.

Edwards MOVED to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for Bid – HVAC Town Hall and Senior Center, with the contract being for a three-year term, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Fifth Agenda Item – Permission to Advertise for Bid – Janitorial Services – Town Hall/Senior Center/Highway Garage.

Edwards MOVED to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for Bid – Janitorial Services – Town Hall / Senior Center / Highway Garage, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Sixth Agenda Item – Extension of Wind Energy Moratorium. The extension would be for all of 2008.

Leone has received and is reviewing a draft Local Law for Towers, given to him by the Tower/Wind Energy Research Committee.

Newlin MOVED to extend the Wind Energy Moratorium for 2008, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Seventh Agenda Item – CAC meeting notice. The CAC will meet December 3rd.

Eighth Agenda Item – Award Mt. View Waterline Construction Contract. Lannon updated the Board. Seven bids were opened November 5, 2007. The Board received a bid outline/ tab of all bidders and their bids.

Lannon said CRA recommends the Town award the contract to Occhino Corp. in the amount \$1,433,226.

CRA has worked with Occhino Corp. while they completed a waterline in the Town of Amherst. They are a responsible and qualified company. CRA has requested references. If the Board were to award the contract, the next step would be that Occhino prepare bonds and insurance. This project has a two-year bond period.

Leone said there were mathematical errors but did not affect the bid. Bid Bond appears to be in order.

Palmer has never heard of Occhino Corp. Lannon said they are from West Seneca. Palmer is uncomfortable voting without having an opportunity to review all the documents.

Mt. View Waterline Construction Contract held-over to the November 26th Board meeting.

Edwards requested an extension to the Snow and Ice Contract – Niagara County Roadways.

Boniello said they took a five-year average, which we receive from them, and paid upfront 38%. It is then adjusted for the actual expenditure. If it is over, we will receive money, if not the Town pays. Based on what is in front of Boniello it all looks in order. The agreement runs till January 15, 2008. The voucher states 2007 – 2008 season.

Edwards MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract, pending Attorney approval, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Palmer requested the Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce make a presentation at the November 26th Board meeting.

Ninth Agenda Item – 2008 Preliminary Budget.

The Board made the following adjustments to the 2008 Budget

Palmer MOVED to adopt the Town of Lewiston Police Budget, as adopted by the Joint Village and Town Board, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to increase A-7630-0400 – Contractual – Seniors by \$2,000 for computers, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to increase A-1110-0100 – Court Personnel Services by \$5,000 for State mandated security staffing, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to increase A-3515-0100 – Dog Control Personnel, by \$4,050, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to increase A-1010-0400 – Town Board Contractual by \$1,000, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to designate January 1, 2008 - Noon at the Lewiston Senior Center as the official Municipal Inauguration Ceremony for elected officials, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0

Palmer MOVED to set budget line B-7550-0400 – Celebrations at \$5,000, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Palmer MOVED to create budget line A-6510-0421 - American Legion Auxiliary Fund, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Newlin MOVED to appropriate \$300 from fund balance to A-6510-0421, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Newlin would like to create a Town Newsletter to be distributed quarterly; therefore is requesting the creation of a budget line to cover the cost.

Palmer MOVED to create budget line A-8095-0400 - Town Communications, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Edwards MOVED to allocate \$16,000 to budget line A-8095-0400, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 3 – 0.

Palmer MOVED to authorize Budget Officer DiRamio to carry through the accounting of the changes made to the 2008 Budget, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Newlin thanked all Board members for their help and support on the 2008 Budget. This is the third-year in a row there is no town tax, and the Town is able to deliver quality service to the residents.

Palmer MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0. (8:10 p.m.)

Palmer MOVED to re-open the meeting, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Palmer MOVED to adopt the 2008 Budget as amended, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0.

Palmer MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Edwards and Carried 3 – 0. (8:13 p.m.)

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,

Donna Garfinkel
Deputy Town Clerk