

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Bax, Ceretto, Conrad, and Winkley; Deputy Supervisor Briglio; Town Attorneys Davis and Seaman; Building Inspector Masters; Finance Officer Blazick; Highway Supt. Janese; Police Chief Previte; 3 Press; 9 Residents and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Deputy Supervisor Briglio opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

The Clerk read the following notice of resignation of Councilman Winkley: *“This letter is to inform you and the members of the Town Board of my resignation from the office of Town Councilman. My resignation is effective immediately.”*

**Bax MOVED to accept Winkley’s resignation, with regret, Seconded by Conrad, Carried 3 – 0.**

**Bax MOVED to appoint Ronald Winkley as Town of Lewiston Supervisor, Seconded by Conrad**

Briglio asked Seaman if these actions are in order with Roberts Rules of Order. Seaman said yes, since Winkley resigned from his seat on the Town Council he is eligible to be appointed to the vacancy which was created by Supervisor Brochey. Therefore, upon a motion and a vote by the majority of the Town Board, it would be proper.

**Carried 3 – 0.**

Bax thanked Mr. Briglio for all his efforts on behalf of the Town. It has been a pleasure working with him and thanked him again for his efforts.

Winkley was sworn in by Justice Sheeran.

**Winkley MOVED to appoint William Conrad as Town of Lewiston Deputy Supervisor, Seconded by Bax and Carried 3 – 0.** (1 – Abstention – Conrad)

Conrad was sworn in by Justice Gee.

**Conrad MOVED to appoint William Geiben as Town of Lewiston Board member, Seconded by Bax and Carried 4 – 0.**

Geiben was sworn in by Justice Gee.

#### DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY TO EXISTING BANK ACCOUNTS

**Bax MOVED to designate Ronald R. Winkley Town Supervisor, William C. Conrad Deputy Supervisor and Martha N. Blazick, Town Finance Director as signatory to the Town of Lewiston Host Community Standing Committee bank account at First Niagara Bank, Seconded by Ceretto and Carried 5 - 0.**

**Bax MOVED to designate Ronald R. Winkley Lewiston Town Supervisor, William C. Conrad Lewiston Deputy Supervisor and Martha N. Blazick, Town Finance Director as signatory to Town of Lewiston First Niagara Bank Accounts, Key Bank Accounts and M&T Bank Accounts, Seconded by Conrad and Carried 5 – 0.**

#### POWER AUTHORITY RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Seaman prepared a Resolution under the Boards instruction. The Town, under the NYPA agreement, has the ability to designate its ultimate user of the Hydro-Power Allocation. This Resolution, as prepared, designates the Town of Lewiston and Special Districts as the ultimate user of the allocation.

Winkley questioned if it needed to be read into the read. Seaman said it can be read or the Board could move it as written.

**Bax MOVED to approve the Resolution as drafted, Seconded by Conrad,**

Submitted resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lewiston entered into an agreement with the Power Authority of the State of New York in August 2007 concerning the disposition of Lewiston’s hydro-power allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, said agreement allows the Town to designate the “Ultimate Users” or beneficiaries of the hydro-power allocation and to change such designations from time to time, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lewiston hereby designates the following “Ultimate Users” pursuant to the agreement:

The Town of Lewiston and its Special Districts -6.5 MW and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor notify the Power Authority of said designation in accordance with to the terms of the agreement, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town’s Hydro-power allocation, once monetized, be distributed and used in the following order:

**Town of Lewiston and its Special Districts -6.5 MW**

- 1) Costs of administration of the hydro-power allocation
- 2) Town electricity costs (including delivery charges)
- 3) The Town’s Energy-related expenses:
  - \* Natural Gas and other energy related utilities
  - \* The portion of the Town’s Fire Protection contracts attributable to electricity and utility bills
  - \* Gasoline/Diesel fuel for use in Town vehicles
  - \* If any funds remain they are to be retained to be used only for the Town’s energy-related costs as determined by the Town Board

Winkley said the Board has tried for two and half years to figure out how to handle these monies. At this time, with discussion with other Board members, Winkley feels this is the best way to help the Town of Lewiston. This helps the budget and allows the services to stay at the maximum.

**Carried 5 – 0.**

It also allows the next Board the ability to come-up with cost saving / energy saving means that will affect the Town for many years to come.

**DECLARE PARKS DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT EXCESS**

**Ceretto MOVED to declare the following items excess and approve the Parks Superintendent using the resale market to dispose of them: John Deere 1600 11’ Wing Mower (VIN1TC1600THBT09045); Toro 30177 42” Deck Mower (VIN791648); Dixie Chopper X2503 60” Mower (VIN5053247); Millcreek Turf 50TD Large Area Turf Spreader (VIN3181) & Jacobson 50A Greens King Mower (VIN62285-00002174, Seconded by Conrad and Carried 5 – 0.**

**RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE**

**Ceretto MOVED the following increase in Recreation Fees: \$25 - Registration fee increased to \$30; \$50 –Registration increased to \$60; \$75 - Registration increased to \$90 and \$100 Registration increased to \$120, Seconded by Conrad and Carried 5 – 0.**

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Winkley said after the enlightening meeting of last week, when the Board was suddenly informed, “worse than we thought”, he worked with Blazick.

The Supervisor is the Chief Budget Officer and they have to give guidance to the Finance Director and communicate with the Board. Whether it was intentional or not, Winkley does not believe it was, there was no communication. The Board, Finance Director and Department Heads have come together and presented this amendment to the budget. There will be no Town tax this year. The Town has not gone into the appropriated fund balance and no special district fees will be raised.

It was a lot of work by the Finance Officer and Board members, and Winkley appreciates this. Winkley thanked the Departments; they were asked at the last minute to decrease their budgets by 3%, after coming to a meeting where they thought their budgets were fine.

Winkley said, because the Town Clerk's salary was advertised, in order to decrease it by the requested \$10,000, the Board must vote.

**Winkley MOVED to decrease the Town Clerk's salary by \$10,000, Seconded by Conrad and Carried 5 – 0.**

The budget is \$15,588,294. This is the level the budget was at in 2012.

**Winkley MOVED to accept the budget, with the presented addendums, Seconded by Geiben and Carried 5 – 0.**

Geiben thanked Winkley for the work he has done in the last five days.

NATIONAL GRID REFUND

Blazick forwarded information to the Board regarding this. The total refund to the Town is \$16,175.76, with the Town paying Troy & Banks 39% or \$6,308.54, with the net gain being \$9,867.22.

**Bax MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the document with the findings from Troy & Banks and authorize the payment of \$6,308.54, and to execute the agreement with National Grid, Seconded by Conrad and Carried 5 – 0.**

**Bax MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Ceretto and Carried 5 – 0.**

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted by:

Donna R. Garfinkel

Town Clerk