

June 23, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting

6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers R. Morreale, J. Jacoby, J. Myers & S. Waechter; Dep. Sup. W. Conrad; Police Chief F. Previte; Police Captain M. Salada; Finance Director J. Agnello; Atty. A. Bax; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Sr. Coordinator M. Olick; Rec. Director T. Smith; Eng. B. Lannon; Water Foreman D. Zahno; 1 Press; 19 Residents & Deputy Clerk T. Burns

**ZOOM:** WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; 1 Press

**EXCUSED:** Hwy Sup. M. Zahno

*AGENDA AMENDMENTS:*

Additions:

Jacoby – Historian Appointment

Morreale – Auctions International

Agenda **Myers MOVED to approve the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Waechter and carried 5-0.**

*PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR*

Hanna Davis-Townline Road

Davis would like to thank the Board for her father's Hometown Hero banner that was put up in Sanborn. Davis's mother also had the opportunity to see it and loved it.

Davis is in front of the Board today to discuss The Niagara Pumpkin Farm/Nightmares/WNY Property Kings. Davis has resided on her farm for almost 60 years and has never had a problem with any neighbors until the King family moved into their quiet community. Everyone respected each other's property and right to a peaceful lifestyle. The first encounter Davis had with Mr. & Mrs. King, she was accused of placing flyers against their intended Niagara Nightmare, LLC business in the neighborhood mailboxes on Townline Road. During this encounter, Davis had no idea who the Kings were, but they both verbally accosted the Davis's and blamed them for circulating flyers and ruining their business venture. Since that initial encounter, the Kings harassed the Davis's even though they had nothing to do with the flyers.

As farmers, the Davis's have always placed "No Trespassing/No Hunting" signs on their property line of their 23-acre homestead. They wanted to make sure the King family knew exactly where the adjoining boundary line existed. On the day the Davis's were installing their posted signs, the Kings confronted them by swearing and yelling while walking the lot line. Law enforcement was called to report the abuse, having never had to deal with neighbors like the Kings. When law enforcement arrived, they witnessed the Kings yelling "F-bombs" at the Davis's, including 94-year-old Mrs. Draper & 95-year-old Mr. Draper who were quietly on the porch at the lot line. Law enforcement listened to this verbal abuse for a few minutes and instructed the Kings to stop but they continued the harassment. Since this encounter, the abuse has only escalated.

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The Davis family has always gotten along with their neighbors due to having a mutual respect for each other. The Kings and their family have chosen to harass their neighbors and show no respect for their quality of life. Running over posted signs with their lawnmower, riding vehicles & ATV's up and down the property line, yelling and blowing their horns, air pollution from smoke from their burn barrels and large bonfires burning construction debris, noise pollution from their loud speakers and sound equipment, parking their unattended business trucks on the property line with the doors opened and radio blaring, flying drones and hovering at the property line to harass the Davis family while sitting on their porch.

"If this is the behavior which good neighbors subject each other to, then you should invite the King family to be your next-door neighbor. This behavior is unacceptable and hopefully, we can all instruct the Kings and their family to be a good neighbor and law-abiding citizens who demonstrate mutual respect and will make the Town of Lewiston a great place to live, once again. Please take the necessary action to get the King family in compliance with the Town Code and Zoning Restrictions".

Davis would like to thank Tim Masters. He has been so helpful to the Davis's and their family. He has listened and tried so hard to help. "You have been a great friend and someone I can talk to and learn how to handle situations that I have never had to handle before."

#### *DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS*

##### Water Foreman D. Zahno

Zahno would like to hire summer help for the Water Department and requests to hire Colin Cosgrove at \$16/hr. with hours starting June 25<sup>th</sup>. Zahno has spoken to Finance Director Agnello who said the this was in the budget.

Water Dept  
Summer  
Help

**Morreale MOVED to hire Colin Cosgrove as summer help for the Water Department at \$16/hr. starting on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 5-0.**

##### WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter

Ritter said the WPCC had their D.E.C. yearly inspection on Friday and it went well.

##### Sr. Coordinator M. Olick

Olick said Jack Scully will be coming to the center for a cello concert. The Senior Center will have an emergency preparedness training on July 29<sup>th</sup> that you have to register for.

##### Rec. Director T. Smith

Smith said they have yoga and Zumba on Mondays and Thursdays. There are a couple baseball tournaments coming up and all three summer camps will be opening on Monday. All of the parks have been sprayed for ticks.

#### *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Minutes **Morreale MOVED to approve the minutes from the 5/29 RTBM. Seconded by Jacoby, Waechter abstained and carried 4-0.**

*ABSTRACT*

Abstract **Myers MOVED to approve Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 25-01387 thru 25-01522 and recommended payment in the amount of \$687,775.28 with a Post Audit in the amount of \$0. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

**Myers MOVED to approve Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 25-01523 thru 25-01651 and recommended payment in the amount of \$351,953.17 with a Post Audit in the amount of \$0. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

*OLD/PENDING BUSINESS* - None

*NEW BUSINESS* - None

*SUPERVISOR BRODERICK*

Engineering:

The Town put the Water Storage Tank repair project out to a sealed bid and only received one bid from Aerial Roofing which was opened on June 17<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$71,119.

Water Tank Storage Repair Bid **Waechter MOVED to accept the presented bid for the Water Storage Tank Building repair from Aerial Roofing in the amount of \$71,119 from H-97. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

**Waechter MOVED to have the Supervisor sign the contract with Aerial Roofing for the Water Storage Tank repair project subject to attorney approval. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**

Nina Ballou from Wendel attended the Board meeting to talk about the details of the Town of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan. Ballou said they have done a considerable amount of work with the town in the past and the thing about Comprehensive Plans is, they should continue to develop and grow with a municipality. Sometimes, when we have a Comprehensive Plan in place, it's easy to just keep going and forget it needs to be revisited. Not only is the town changing but times change. The different uses and the different opportunities for Lewiston have changed since the last Comprehensive Plan in 1999. There was a small visit to the plan in 2011 but even since then, there have been a lot of changes.

Ballou presented a proposal that breaks down the process and steps that Wendel propose going about to update the towns Comprehensive Plan. What is nice about this structure is, it's what the board wants and what they want to achieve out of this plan. Not only is it listening to Town Officials but it will also incorporate the public in public workshops, a community survey and

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working with stakeholders to ensure that whatever plan put together is representative of who Lewiston is today and also where we want to bring Lewiston, what parts of Lewiston we want to preserve, what parts do we want to develop, what parts do we want to make sure are captured for history and what parts are we focusing on moving into the future and that can change in any part of this plan.

Ballou said Wendel structured the plan for Lewiston to not only be efficient time wise but make sure that they're structuring in a way that if the Town of Lewiston ever wanted to go after grants for implementation projects, you will be able to look back at the data collected through the public outreach process and show the State or Federal Government that the proper amount of public outreach and the proper amount of research was done. The other really large part is, looking at what other kinds of strategic plans have been implemented and introduced to the region at large and how does Lewiston's puzzle piece fit into all of that while also making sure Lewiston's first because sometimes, other plans can speak louder if Lewiston's plan isn't up to date. We want to make sure we're emphasizing what the goal for Lewiston is, and preserving what needs to be preserved.

Masters said a lot of the details will come out in the public outreach meetings and from Board members. Every time something comes to the Planning and Zoning Board, the question is, does this comply with Lewiston's Comprehensive Plan and it's hard to give an answer to that when our Comprehensive Plan hasn't been done since 1999. This is long overdue, it needs to be done and we want our Town Code and Zoning Code to match our Comprehensive Plan so we have a plan moving forward.

Waechter asked how Wendel will conduct the community outreach. Ballou said generally, they do one or two community workshops that are interactive so the community isn't listening to what the committee has been working on and putting together but their voices are actually heard and cataloged. The second part is through community survey which is generally through google surveys. Ideally, this is a good way to capture the communities' opinions at large because not everybody is going to come to the public workshops but this is a way we can share on social media, newspaper or wherever residents get information. The survey is also nice to analyze because you can collect data from it. The first step of the Comprehensive Plan would be to form a committee made up of about 7-12 individuals who want to dedicate a meeting a month to this process. The committee should be made up with Town Officials, Town professionals and a resident or two. They should be people who are involved in business or farming or whatever other industries the Town deems as those important voices. After the committee is formed, there would be meetings with stakeholder groups targeting the business community, the parent community, the elderly community, different groups who have particular needs that we make sure we're hearing.

Conrad said the lump sum payment should be broken down by tasks so there are different benchmarks as far as when payments are due. Ballou said the different tasks are broken down and if we move forward, a report will continually be updated with each task to make sure we're staying in budget.

Comprehensive  
Plan - Wendel

**Broderick MOVED to approve Wendel to move forward with the Town of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan at an ending rate of \$35,000 from the B-Fund Balance. Seconded by Waechter and carried 5-0.**

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**Waechter MOVED to have the Supervisor sign the contract with Wendel. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

Finance:

The Finance Director asked for approval to process the following 2024 budget revisions:

1. A request to move \$394 to Safety Contractual – B00-3620-0400-0000 from Safety Personnel – B00-3620-0100-0000, to cover the purchase of employee boots.
2. A request to move \$7,764 to Treatment & Disposal Contractual – SS1-8130-0400-0000 from Treatment & Disposal Equipment – SS1-8130-0200-0000, to cover contractual expenses.

The Finance Director asked for approval to process the following 2025 budget revisions:

1. A request to move \$2,041 to Assessor Equipment – A00-1355-0200-0000 from Assessor Contractual – A00-1355-0400-0000, to cover the purchase of a new office printer/scanner.
2. A request to move \$400 to Building Equipment – A00-1620-0200-0000 with \$200 from Town Clerk Equipment – A00-1410-0200-0000 and \$200 from Dog Control Equipment – A00-3510-0200-0000, to cover the purchase of a new vacuum.
3. A request to move \$1,581 to Highway Admin. Equipment – A00-5010-0200-0000 from Highway Admin. Contractual – A00-5010-0400-0000, to cover the purchase of a new iPad for field use.
4. A request to move \$42,885 to Fire Protection Contractual – SF0-3410-0400-0000 from Fund Balance – SF0-1000-0599-0000, to cover the 2025 contractual increase in the Fire Protection Contracts.

Budget  
Revisions

**Morreale MOVED for approval as presented. Seconded by Myers and Carried 5-0.**

The Morgan Drive Sewer Relief will need an additional \$46,000. Agnello is requesting to take the funds from H97.

Morgan Dr  
Sewer Relief  
Funds

**Jacoby MOVED to approve \$46,000 from H97 for the Morgan Drive Sewer Relief. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

The Oak Hill Drive, Hillside Drive, Cliff Street drainage is in need of an additional \$116,500. Agnello is requesting to take the funds from H97.

Hillside  
Drainage  
Funds

**Morreale MOVED to approve \$116,5000 from H97 for the Oak Hill, Hillside, Cliff Street drainage. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

Broderick said Chief Previte is retiring as of June 27<sup>th</sup>. In recognition of that, Broderick presented Chief Previte a Town of Lewiston Certificate of Appreciation. “Awarded to Frank Previte III, completion of over 27 years of outstanding service to the Town of Lewiston. In recognition of your unwavering commitment, dedication and exceptional contributions over the years”.

**COUNCILMAN JACOBY**

Jacoby said there is a vacancy in the Chief of Police position. Mike Salada has been selected. This is a “no brainer”. Salada is educated and has been in the fire service. Jacoby said he couldn’t think of a better person to step up. Previte said this is why he hired Salada, for today. It is good to see it happen.

Chief of  
Police  
Appointment

**Jacoby MOVED to hire Mike Salada to the Chief of Police effective June 28, 2025 at the current chief salary. Seconded by Broderick and carried 5-0.**

Broderick swore in Michael Salada.

“I Michael Salada do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will not be influenced in any manner on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will faithfully and impartially execute the duties of my office as a Police Chief in and for the Town of Lewiston, according to the best of my skill, abilities and judgement; so help me, god”.

Jacoby said Mrs. Maggard, our Town Historian passed away and we are mandated by law to have a Historian. It is the duty of the Town Supervisor to make that appointment. Zachary Collister has a long history involved with local history, he is a hard worker and has plenty of experience with managing large amounts of data. Broderick said this is his appointment but Jacoby worked hand-in-hand with the Historical Preservation Board and Mrs. Maggard, he took the task of trying to find a Historian. Broderick would like to give Jacoby credit for that; it was not easy. Broderick appointed Zachary Collister as the Town Historian effective July 1, 2025 at a rate of \$2,000/year.

**COUNCILMAN MORREALE**

Morreale presented a Preliminary Energy Assessment from Willdan Energy to replace the lights at the Town Highway garage. This is the same company replacing the lights at Town Hall and the Police Department. The total cost is \$22,595.27; National Grid would pay \$15,816.69 and the Town would be responsible for paying \$6,199.92. The estimated annual savings is \$9,136 and would pay for itself in the first year.

Replace  
Highway  
Dept Lights

**Morreale MOVED to approve the replacement of lights for the Highway Department in the amount of \$6,199.92 from H98. Seconded by Waechter and carried 5-0.**

Morreale presented a request from Ryan and Jen Anderson of Sandlewood Drive for sewer relief for the installation of a new pool. The pool was 19,000 gallons and the sewer discount is \$80.62.

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Pool Sewer **Morreale MOVED to waive the sewer fee in the amount of \$80.62. Seconded by Jacoby and**  
Discount **carried 5-0.**  
580 Sandlewood

The town placed an old lawnmower and trailer on Auctions International and the winning bid was \$440.

Auctions **Morreale MOVED to accept the bid on Auctions International in the amount of \$440.**  
International **Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**  
Bid Acceptance

COUNCILMAN MYERS – Nothing to report

COUNCILWOMAN WAECHTER – Nothing to report

**Morreale MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Myers and Carried 5-0. 6:35 P.M.**

Transcribed and  
Respectfully submitted by:

Tamara Burns  
Deputy Town Clerk

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