

Present: Supervisor F. Newlin; Councilmen A. Bax; S. Edwards, M. Johnson & E. Palmer; Dep. Sup. E. Elgin (5:55 pm); Atty. J. Leone; Dep. Atty. D. Boniello; Eng. D. Britton; WPCC Admin. T. Lockhart; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Officer A. DiRamio; Chief C. Salada (6:10 pm); 6 Residents; 2 Press; Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

Also Present: Mayor R. Soluri; Trustees T. Collesano, W. Geiben, M. Marra, R. Winkley; Village Eng. Mike Merino

The Supervisor opened the joint meeting at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the Village's I & I sewer capacity and its impact on future development and secondly to discuss the consolidation study of the Village into the Town of Lewiston.

Mike Merino, CRA, Village Engineer Rep., said the Village has recently been approached by Hasting Niagara, Inc. and the EI Team, Inc. to do renovation work at the Frontier House on Center St. They are proposing to construct some retail and commercial base as well as 27 living units. The developers have been working with the Planning Board and have been going thru the SEQR process. The issue of importance is the sewer capacity in the Village. Last year the Village exceeded its contracted capacity for treatment at the WPCC. We met a few weeks ago with Tim Lockhart, along with the developers, to discuss sewer capacity and what approach to take. It was Lockhart's recommendation that the Village request a loan of treatment capacity to service this project on Center St. The developers, upon my request, sent in information for what they project the flows to be for the development. Based on this, the Village of Lewiston is requesting a "loan" of the Town's contracted treatment capacity of 5,000 gallons per day to allow the project to move forward. A letter of request would be forthcoming.

Based on preliminary discussions with the Village, Lockhart said there is language drafted for modifying the existing contract for any new projects in the Village. What is being suggested is that for any new project, when they have exceeded their contracted limit for capacity, that for any project that would go in, they would have to remove that much capacity before the project would be considered. Also, for further consideration, if there is not a project being considered, and the Village is still in excess of what their contracted limit is, then the Town would consider some type of minimum I & I effort for each year they are over to start dwindling it down as a good faith measure.

Newlin said it sounds reasonable. We have an aging infrastructure in the Town. The Village has those problems even more so due to the age of the infrastructure. It seems that maybe we can do a little better than tread water and make some progress with the issue.

Next, Bernie Rotella, Town of Lewiston Grant Writer, was asked to bring both Boards up to date with regard to the Feasibility Study of the Merger of the Village into the Town of Lewiston. A grant in the amount of \$79,000 was awarded to conduct the study. Rotella said they interviewed potential vendors to develop and complete a detailed Feasibility Study – CRA Infrastructure & Engineering; TVGA Consultants; and DiDonato Associates. The proposals need to be reviewed and a decision made on which vendor to go with relatively soon, he said.

Mayor Soluri asked to discuss the proposals in executive session.

Councilman Palmer MOVED to enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters (negotiations). Seconded by Trustee Marra and carried 10-0. Time: 6 pm

*Executive Session

Present:

Town: Newlin, Bax, Edwards, Johnson, Palmer, Elgin, Leone, Boniello
Village: Soluri, Collesano, Geiben, Marra, Winkley

Also Present:

Bernie Rotella, Grant Writer

Issues Discussed: Proposed Contract for Feasibility Study for Town & Village Merger.

No action taken.

Bax MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Johnson and carried 10-0. Time: 6:20 pm

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

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Deputy Town Clerk

*Executive Session minutes taken by Attorney David Boniello