

**PRESENT:** Supervisor S. Broderick; Dep. Sup. B. Conrad; B. Geiben, J. Jacoby; R. Morreale; Atty. A. Bax; Eng. R. Lannon; Chief F. Previte; Fin. Dir. J. Agnello; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Historian M. Maggard; 1 Press (NG); 11 Residents and Clerk C. Schroeder

**ZOOM ATTENDEES:** Councilman J. Myers; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter and 1 Press (NFP)

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

*AGENDA:*

Additions: Jacoby: Police Hire

**Geiben MOVED the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

*RESIDENT STATEMENTS:*

Matt Murnyack, 708 Ridge Road, heard thru the grapevine the Board was looking into updating the Town Code. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, Murnyack asked the Board to contemplate adding in something for small businesses. It's great to see the Town flourishing with all the new development, but small businesses are needed to support these homes. He asked the Board to keep that in mind.

Broderick said they will be discussing updating the Town Code. Morreale will discuss further under his agenda.

**ABSTRACT: Jacoby MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 23-00871 thru 23-00990 and recommended payment in the amount of \$535,647.00 plus a Post-Audit of \$90,424.64. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*

**Morreale MOVED to approve the minutes of 4/10/2023 – Work Session. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 4-0.** Geiben Abstained.

*DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS:*

Seniors: Coordinator Olick said Ken Slaughenhoupt will speak at the Senior Center tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. regarding Lewiston history. There will be a Larks concert on 4/26 and a Driver Safety Training course in May.

*PENDING / OLD BUSINESS:* None

*NEW BUSINESS - CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:*

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The Clerk read correspondence from Patrick Fitzgerald, 2155 Adams Circle:

As a resident of the town, I would like to formally inquire about the acquisition of abandoned town property located on Adams Circle. The property in question, highlighted in yellow on the attached town zoning map, is located across the street from my residence. I have an interest in obtaining this property for the following reasons:

1. To stop fellow residents from dumping debris on town property.
2. Town highway ordinance states that rocks, stumps, lawn clippings, twigs, vines and rubbish will not be picked up. Owning this property will also avoid dumped material from dispersing among adjoining properties.
3. Reduce calls to town highway and police departments to resolve homeowner disagreements regarding town ordinance.
4. Maintain overall appearance of property to enhance property values in our neighborhood.

By obtaining this piece of property, the town would receive property tax revenue on land not suitable for a residential structure.

Broderick said he would have to talk with the Town Attorney and Building Inspector. It's not that simple. It's a paper street (stub road) for that subdivision.

Fitzpatrick said he spoke with the Building Inspector who advised him to submit a formal request to obtain this parcel. Again, Broderick said he would follow-up with the Town Attorney.

**BRODERICK:**

1) Legal:

Hometown Heroes – Agreement with Niagara Mohawk: Atty. Bax presented an Agreement for Release of Liability between the Town of Lewiston (Licensee) and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation permitting the Town to attach street decorations (banners) on utility poles and holds Niagara Mohawk harmless in the event there is any injury or damage to property. Bax reviewed and approved said agreement.

**Jacoby MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign said Release of Liability with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

2) Engineering: None

3) Finance:

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2023 Budget Revisions: The Finance Director asked approval to process the following Budget revision.

A request to move \$1,964.00 to Machinery Out of Dept. Personnel (DB0-5130-0100-0100) from General Repairs Personnel (DB0-5110-0100-0000) to cover employees working in another department as necessary according to the contract.

**Geiben MOVED for approval, as presented. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

Seasonal Hire: Broderick said the Town closed on Camp Stonehaven in the beginning of April. It's owned by the Town but is not yet open to the public as there is still work to be done. Broderick said they would be hiring a seasonal employee that will work 2 hrs. every morning, 10 hrs./week to open the park and make sure the paths are clear and safe to walk.

**Broderick MOVED the hiring of Michael Trane, a retired Niagara Falls police officer, effective May 1<sup>st</sup> at \$16/hr. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

Parks/Hwy Seasonal Hires:

**Broderick MOVED the hiring of Tom Kennedy, effective 4/24 and Shawn Bosi, effective 4/25 as P/T Seasonal Laborers for the Parks/Hwy Dept. at \$16.00/hr., respectively. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

Recreation Hires:

Broderick said the following individuals were hired at the last meeting: Allison Catalano, \$14.50/hr., Concessions and Rianna Wyno, \$14.50/hr., Concessions/Recreation Aide. The Recreation Clerk, Nicole Short asked that they be re-approved, effective 4/24.

**Broderick MOVED for approval. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

Short asked approval of three (3) new seasonal hires, as follows:

Aliza Whitehead - \$14.50/hr. - Recreation Aide

Dylan Weber - \$14.50 – Concessions

Elijah Russell - \$14.50 – Recreation Aide

**Broderick MOVED for approval, as presented. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

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Broderick noted that baseball practice started last week. Starters division will start their games on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concession stands are being prepared for opening next week. Crafts at the Senior Center this past weekend went extremely well. Candy Bar Bingo will be Friday night (4/28) at Pletcher pavilion beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Broderick said they will begin interviewing several individuals for the new Recreation Director position.

Parks Rentals: Beginning in 2023, the following fees will be collected for Pavilion and Parks rentals.

<u>Lower River Park</u>	Resident \$250	Non-Resident \$350
<u>Pletcher Pavilion</u>	Resident \$ 50	Non-Resident \$ 75
<u>Kiwanis Pavilion</u>	Resident \$ 50	Non-Resident \$ 75
<u>Kiwanis Pavilion w/ Concession Stand</u>	Resident \$100	Non-Resident \$150
<u>Sanborn Pavilion</u>	Resident \$ 50	Non-Resident \$ 75

**Broderick MOVED to approve the rental fees, as stated. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

Water Rates: Broderick said the Niagara County Water District raised its water rates by 10%. The Town of Lewiston did not pass that on to the homeowners, but budgeted a 4% increase instead.

**Broderick MOVED the following Resolution setting water rates for the Town of Lewiston.**

**WHEREAS**, the code of the Town of Lewiston Section A367-43 Authorizes the Town Board to set water rates within the Town of Lewiston water district, and

**WHEREAS**, the water rates charged to the Town of Lewiston water district by the Niagara County Water District have increased substantially, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the water rates for the Town of Lewiston water district are hereby set as follows:

**Water Rates:** Minimum Charge: \$30.23 per quarter.

0-1,000 Cubic Feet: \$30.23.

Over 1,000 Cubic Feet: \$0.030230 per cubic foot, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said water rates, charges, and fees shall become effective retroactively to January 1, 2023.

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**Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

**GEIBEN:**

**Older Americans' Month:** Geiben read a letter from Paulette Glasgow, President of the Lewiston Senior Club asking the Board to designate May as Older Americans' month. On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Lewiston Senior Club will recognize eight (8) of its members for the contributions they have given to the Club and their community.

Geiben read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Seniors in the United States lend to the success of our Country in many ways by sharing their knowledge, talents and abilities that only benefit their well-being, but all citizens of our great nation, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Lewiston is proud of our Senior Citizens. Lewiston is a better place to live, work and enjoy of their constant enthusiasm and energy, and

**WHEREAS**, Seniors in Lewiston continue to reach out to all Lewiston residents, young and old, who wish to share in their programs and activities on a daily basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN**, Recognizing the aforesaid and as an expression of pride and gratitude in its' Senior residents, the LEWISTON TOWN BOARD Proclaims the month of May, 2023 to be OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH in Lewiston, New York.

Geiben said the proclamation will be presented Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Board members are encouraged to attend.

**JACOBY:**

**Upper Mt. Fire Company Roster:** The UMFC submits the following individuals to the active rolls of the UMFC, effective 4/18: David Ankenbauer, Upper Mountain Road and David Rowland, Meadowbrook Drive.

**Jacoby MOVED for approval. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

**Police Hire: Jacoby MOVED the P/T Provisional Hire of Matice Porter, effective 4/25, subject to his successful completion at the Academy. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.**

**MORREALE:**

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Morreale said the Board will hold a work shop on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. to review the Town Code. This meeting will be open to the public.

MYERS: Myers said the Sanborn Area Historical Society will hold their regular meeting 4/25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Museum. Also, there will be a Pork Loin dinner at the Farm Museum on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 p.m. or until gone at \$15.00 per person.

#### *RESIDENTS STATEMENTS*

John Murnyack, 716 Ridge Road: Several years ago, there was a resident that used to come to the meetings regularly and did not like the direction the Town was going in and the decisions being made. The advice was if you don't like it, then maybe you should run for the Board. I'm just making you aware that I'm not planning on running. I'm a believer there is some level of corruption in all politics. Having said that, I want to compliment you, Steve. Coming to these meetings, as often as I have, I'm very impressed with the fact that anything that comes up before the Board it's always a unanimous vote, never dissenting. You run a pretty tight ship. It would be nice for transparency to have some understanding of some of the discussion that goes on amongst the board on the decisions. I know that happens in the back room. Anyway, it's a compliment to you Steve. On the surface, it looks like everything is running smoothly when I come to these meetings.

Broderick said they do not hold Board meetings in the back room. Do I talk to each Board member, Yes, I do. Obviously, the makeup of the Board is John (Jacoby), our lone Democrat right now. The rest are Republican. All of us have the greater good of the Town of Lewiston in our mind.

Broderick read a list of upcoming meetings.

**Morreale MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.** Time: 6:25 p.m.

Transcribed and  
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder  
Deputy Town Clerk

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