

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers W. Geiben; J. Jacoby; R. Morreale and J Myers; Atty. A. Bax; Eng. B. Lannon; Chief Previte; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director J. Agnello; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Sr. Cit. Coordinator M. Olick, Rec. Dir. T. Smith 1 Press NG), 50± Residents & Employees & Clerk D. Garfinkel

ZOOM ATTENDEES: 1 Press (Sentinel)

EXCUSED: Deputy Sup. B. Conrad

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

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

RESIDENT STATEMENTS – No one spoke.

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS:

Town Clerk:

The Town went out for bid to replace windows at the Town Hall and doors (Court Side). Bids were opened on Dec. 13th. One bid was received from American Glass & Mirror Co., Inc. in the amount of \$176,500. The Clerk distributed copies of said bid to the Town Board and Finance Director, who recommended funds be allocated form H-98.

Geiben MOVED to approve the bid from American Glass & Mirror in the amount of \$176,500. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Geiben MOVED to authorized the Supervisor to sign said Agreement with American Glass & Mirror, upon review of the Town Attorney. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.

The Clerk read a letter from Carole Schroeder announcing her retirement as full-time Deputy Town Clerk with the Town of Lewiston, effective Jan 27, 2024.

“I thank the Town Clerk and Town Board, past and present, for all the support these past 37+ years. I have been blessed to have been given many opportunities thru the years.

This decision weighs heavily on me. While I look forward to retirement, it will be difficult leaving my fellow co-workers who have become family to me. I wish the Town and its employees continue growth and success.”

Geiben MOVED to accept Schroeder’s retirement, with regret. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Garfinkel distributed applications for appointment to 2024 Boards and Commission.

Police: Previte said he is canvassing Civil Service to fill a position in the Police Dept. There is a PT test at the Academy on Jan. 12th. After getting the results from that, he will approach the Board for a new hire.

Previte said the Border Patrol is seeing an uptick in illegal border crossings. The Lewiston Police Department is assisting the Border Patrol with the number of people coming over on rafts. The last one was on Christmas day. It is an ongoing problem.

Seniors: Coordinator Olick said they will be holding their non-alcoholic “Noon Year’s Eve” party tomorrow 12/29 at the Senior Center. They will resume regular activities at the Senior Center as noted in the newsletter.

Recreation: Director Smith said new recreation activities are posted on the website. All skating events have been sponsored. There was a slight issue the last few days where they ran out of skates to rent. That is a good thing, he said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of 11/27/23, RTBM. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.

Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of 12/11/23, Work Session. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

ABSTRACT:

Jacoby MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 23-03389 thru 23-03603 and recommended payment in the amount of \$278,073.57 plus a post-audit of \$10,278.01. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.

PENDING / OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BRODERICK

1. Reorganization – Broderick announced that the Reorganization Meeting/Work Session would be scheduled for Jan. 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
2. 2024 Mighty Niagara Half Marathon - The Supervisor read a letter from Colleen Daddario, Events Specialist, Niagara Hospice: Thank you for your continued support of the Niagara Half Marathon and the Hospice Dash 5K.

We would like to request Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2024 for this year's race. We plan to keep the same route with the starting line at Artpark and post-race party at Porter-on-the-Lake Park.

Letter received and filed

3. Finance: The Finance Director asked approval of the following 2023 budget revisions (
- a. A request to move \$1.00 to Prosecutor Personnel Services (A00-1165-0100-0000) from Prosecutor Contractual (A00-1165-0400-0000) to cover the rounding of annual salary.
 - b. A request to move \$151.00 to Budget Officer Personnel Services (A00-1310-0100-0000) from Budget Officer Contractual (A00-1310-0400-0000) to cover the sick incentive payment earned in 2023.
 - c. A request to move \$2,363.00 to Town Clerk Personnel Services (A00-1410-0100-0000) from A Fund Balance (A00-1000-0599-0000) to cover the tax stipend payment earned in 2023.
 - d. A request to move \$50,000.00 to Environmental Protection (A00-1420-0400-0100) from A Fund Balance (A00-1000-0599-0000) to cover the Town's portion of CWM legal fees paid by Niagara County.
 - e. A request to move \$180.00 to Building Personnel Services (A00-1620-0100-0000) from Election Inspectors Personnel (A00-1450-0100-0000) to cover Custodian payroll.
 - f. A request to move \$8,200.00 to Buildings Equipment (A00-1620-0200-0000) from Brush Contractual A00-5140-0400-0000) to cover the repair of the heat exchanger in the Main Meeting Room and Court Offices.
 - g. A request to move \$4,000.00 to Buildings Contractual (A00-1620-0400-0000) from Brush Contractual (A00-5140-0400-0000) to cover contractual expenses for the year.
 - h. A request to move \$4,131.00 to Highway Superintendent Personnel Services (A00-5010-0100-0000) from Town Garage Contractual (A00-5132-0400-0000) to cover the Snow & Ice stipend earned in 2023.
 - i. A request to move \$4,330.00 to Senior Center Contractual (A00-7630-0400-0000) from Senior Center Personnel (A00-7630-0100-0000) to cover contractual expenses for the year.

- j. A request to move \$1,240.00 to Medicare (A00-9020-0800-0000) from State Retirement (A00-9010-0800-0000) to cover Medicare tax expenses for the year.
- k. A request to move \$5,302.00 to Social Security (A00-9030-0800-0000) from State Retirement (A00-9010-0800-0000) to cover Social Security tax expenses for the year.
- l. A request to move \$14,140.00 to Police Personnel Services (B00-3120-0100-0000) from Police Personnel SRO NW (B00-3120-0100-0025) to cover Police payroll expense.
- m. A request to move \$330.00 to the Out of Dept. Police Personnel Services (B00-3120-0100-0100) from Police Personnel SRO NW (B00-3120-0100-0025) to cover Out of Dept. Police payroll expense.
- n. A request to move \$15,000.00 to Police Contractual budget (B00-3120-0400-0000) from the Police Equipment budget (B00-3120-0200-0000) to cover contractual expenses for the year.
- o. A request to move \$105.00 to Out of Dept. Parks Personnel Services (B00-7110-0100-0100) from Parks Personnel (B00-7110-0100-0000) to cover Out of Dept. Parks payroll expense.
- p. A request to move \$34.00 to Medicare (B00-9020-0800-0000) from State Retirement (B00-9010-0800-0000) to cover Medicare tax expenses for the year.
- q. A request to move \$142.00 to Social Security (B00-9030-0800-0000) from State Retirement (B00-9010-0800-0000) to cover Social Security tax expenses for the year.
- r. A request to move a total of \$15,000.00 to Highway Gasoline & Diesel (DB0-5110-0400-3510) from Transfer from Other Funds budget (DB0-1000-5031-1189) to cover gasoline & diesel expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year.
- s. A request to move a total of \$10,000.00 to Snow Removal Contractual (DB0-5142-0400-0000) from Snow Removal Personnel (DB0-5142-0100-0000) to cover contractual expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year.
- t. A request to move \$6,328.00 to Refuse & Garbage (SR0-8160-0400-0000) from SR0 Fund Balance (SR0-1000-0599-0000) to cover the refuse expense for the remaining of the year.

- u. A request to move \$975.00 to Treatment & Disposal Personnel Services (SS1-8130-0100-0000) from Sewer Admin. Personnel Services (SS1-8110-0100-0000) to cover payroll expense.
- v. A request to move a total of \$28,000 to Treatment & Disposal Equipment (SS1-8130-0200-0000) with \$15,000 from Sewer Admin. Contractual (SS1-8110-0400-0000) and \$13,000 from Treatment & Disposal Contractual (SS1-8130-0400-0000) to cover the purchase of Weirs & Baffles for the tanks.
- w. A requesting to move \$895.00 to Master Sewer Personnel Services (SS2-8110-0100-0000) from Sanitary Sewer Personnel Services (SS2-8120-0100-0000) to cover payroll expense.
- x. A request to move \$250.00 to South Sewer Admin. Personnel Services (SS3-8110-0100-0000) from South Sewer Personnel Services (SS3-8120-0100-0000) to cover payroll expense.
- y. A request to move \$5,000.00 to Transmission & Distribution Equipment (SW1-8340-0200-0000) from Transmission & Distribution Personnel Services (SW1-8340-0100-0000) to cover equipment expense.

Geiben MOVED to approve the budget revisions, as presented. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.

4. Investment Report

Agnello said two US Treasury Bills matured on 12/14/23. The Town earned \$50,899.33 in interest on these two investments. No further investments were made at this time.

Lastly, the Supervisor congratulated Geiben on his retirement as Town Councilman. He thanked Geiben for his years of service to the Town of Lewiston. He has served with Geiben for the past eight years and said it was a pleasure to work with him. Geiben was a wealth of knowledge.

GEIBEN:

Geiben said it was a privilege serving the residents of the Town. He thanked his wife, Rita and children, Barbara and Carrie for their love and support. He also thanked the workers for their hard work making Lewiston a great community to live in with a great quality of life.

JACOBY:

Jacoby read a letter from Christopher Pannozzo, Lewiston Library Board of Trustees regarding the terms of two current members of the Library Board – Ms. Nancy Smith and Mr. Fred Caso.

“I am aware that each of their trustee terms are set to expire at the end of this calendar year. Nancy and Fred are both highly dedicated and valuable members of the board and I can attest that they serve with the best interests of Lewiston residents, taxpayers and library patrons always in the forefront of their minds.

With this, I respectfully request that Nancy and Fred both be reappointed to a new five-year term effective Jan. 1, 2024.”

Jacoby MOVED to reappoint Nancy Smith and Fred Caso to the Library Board of Trustees, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.

Jacoby also expressed well wishes for Bill Geiben. As the lone Democrat on the Board, Jacoby said Geiben was always willing to lend his support and advice.

MORREALE:

Morreale said he came on Board in 2015, along with Broderick and readily formed a bond with Bill. He thanked Geiben for his service to both the Town and Village of Lewiston. They worked well together and accomplished a lot.

MYERS: Myers also thanked Geiben for his service. He truly knew the residents valued Geiben during the first time they campaigned together. Everyone knew Bill, Myers said.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Darrin Ziemba, said he is the local elected representative for Teamsters 264 representing public workers at the Town Hall, Courts, Police, and Public Works. The current contract expires at year end. The Town has failed to ratify a new contract. Because of this, the Union will file an order of mediation with the Public Relations Board.

The Supervisor wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Geiben MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0. Time: 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Garfinkel
Town Clerk

Transcribed by

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk