

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers A. Bax, W. Geiben, J. Jacoby & R. Morreale; Dep. Sup. W. Conrad; Police Chief F. Previte; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director J. Agnello; Atty. B. Seaman; Eng. B. Lannon; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Highway Supt. D. Trane; Parks/Rec Director Dashineau; 1 Press; 4 Residents and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

The Supervisor called the Work Session to order.

AGENDA: Additions: Broderick: Grant Agreement w/Artpark; Bax: New Hires/Police.

Bax MOVED the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

ABSTRACT: Jacoby MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims for F/Y 2018 Numbered 4184 to 4213 and F/Y 2019 Numbered 153 - 319 recommended payment in the amount of \$833,376.16, plus a post audit of \$21,249.33. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.

MINUTES: Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of 01/28/2019, RTBM. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:

Police: Chief Previte said they will be holding Active Shooter training on Friday at Lewiston-Porter. They will transport some of the victims (roll players/staff) to St. Mary's Hospital to assess their capabilities. A second training is scheduled next month at Niagara-Wheatfield.

Engineer: Lannon said they have been requested to look at the condition of the Outfall Building on the Riverfront Park's property. It is not in the best shape of repair. Lannon said they are in the process of securing a quote for a sub-contractor to do a lead & asbestos survey as an initial first steps in evaluating the building. Hopefully they will have a quote for the Board to consider at the RTBM.

WPCC: Ritter made a request to hire Cory Piechowski from the Niagara County Civil Service list as Waste Water Operator Trainee. He meets the residency requirements.

Bax MOVED to hire Cory Piechowski, effective 2/25/19, as Waste Water Operator Trainee, per the union contract. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Broderick asked how the Treatment Plant handled the snow melt over the weekend. Ritter said they did great. The staff maximized the Plant and exceeded all the permits as far as pushing water thru the Plant. There were no sanitary sewer overflows into the river.

FINANCE: The Finance Director submitted letters requesting approval to process 5 budget adjustments.

- 1) A revision to move \$5,000 to the PIP Engineering budget (B00-1440-0440-0100) 000) from the Engineering revenue budget (B00-1000-1589-0700) to cover expenses paid for an engineering review. This revision increases the revenue budget and increases the expense budget. The fees are paid by the applicant to the Town then the Town pays the invoice.

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

- 2) A revision to move \$1,448 to the Safety Inspection Equipment budget (B00-3620-0200-0000) to cover office equipment purchased by taking \$1,201 from the Safety Inspection Contractual budget (B00-3620-0400-0000), and \$180 from the Site Plan Contractual budget (B00-3620-0400-2660), and \$67 from the Safety Inspection Gasoline budget (B00-3620-0400-3510). Unused budget is being used to cover this expense.

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

- 3) A revision to move \$10,705 to the Treatment and Disposal Gas & Elective budget (SS1-8130-0400-3500) from Treatment and Disposal Personal budget (SS1-8130-0100-0000) to cover 2018 Gas & Electric expenses. This is being funded from unused Treatment and Disposal Personal budget.

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

- 4) A revision to move \$4,000 to the Highway Garage Equipment budget (A00-5132-0200-0000) from the Highway Garage Contractual budget (A00-5132-0400-0000) to cover the purchase of 3 new computers. This computer upgrade is necessary due to the old machine not capable to handle the software necessary for the new gasoline fuel pump.

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

- 5) A revision to move \$525 to the Fire Inspection Equipment budget (B00-3410-0200-0000) to cover a computer purchase by taking \$500 from B-Fund Contingency (B00-1990-0400-0000), and \$25 from the Fire Inspection Contractual budget (B00-3410-0400-0000). This computer purchase was discussed at the 1/28/19 RTBM and is necessary for the installation of the BAS Software system in their department.

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

NOTIFICATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Notice was received 2/6/19 by the Town Clerk's office that a renewal for an alcoholic beverage license has been applied for by the Niagara Falls County Club, 505 Mountain View Drive for on-premises consumption at the Halfway House and Beverage/Golf Cart.

MIGHTY FITZ 5K RACE:

Paul Beatty, President iRun, WNY requests permission to host the 5th Annual Mighty Fitz 5K, Saturday, November 2, 2019. The race will take place at 2:00 p.m. with the start/finish line on Center Street in front of the Brickyard. The course will be the same as last year and they will complete all necessary DOT paperwork.

Bax MOVED to approve the 5th Annual Mighty Fitz 5K run request, as submitted. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

AGREEMENT (NYS EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT/ARTPARK):

Broderick said he was approached last year by Sonia Clark, Executive Director, Artpark & Company for an Empire State Development Grant. The grant can only be obtained by a municipality. After conferring with Board members, Ms. Clark applied for the grant and was awarded \$100,000 from Empire State Development to support Artpark. This will not cost the Town anything financially. Broderick asked for approval of the Grant Agreement between the Town and Artpark & Company.

Atty. Seaman said the purpose of the Agreement is to lay out the responsibilities of Artpark and the Town. Basically, Artpark is responsible for carrying out all of the requirements under the grant. The Town's responsibilities are for signing the Grant agreement with the State and giving the money to Artpark once it is received. Artpark bears all of the responsibilities under the agreement.

Bax MOVED to approve the Grant Agreement between the Town of Lewiston and Artpark & Company, Inc., as presented. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Bax MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Grant Agreement between the Town of Lewiston and Artpark & Company, Inc., as presented. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Morreale MOVED to appoint Matthew Villnave to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, term to expire 12/31/2025. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.

POLICE CAPTAIN APPOINTMENT:

Broderick said there is an in-house promotion to Captain. There is an issue with this promotion in that it would be a financial strain for the person to take the promotion in regards to their health care. Joshua Cain is considered for said position of Captain. Under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Joshua Cain is not required to pay any percentage of his health insurance premiums. The position of Captain is not part of the Collective Bargaining Unit. Due to his hire date, under current policies, Joshua Cain would have to pay twenty percent (20%) of his health insurance premium should he accept the position of Captain.

Broderick said they reached an agreement, drafted by Atty. Seaman, pertaining to Joshua Cain should he accept the position of Captain in the Police Department, for the purposes of the required contributions of health insurance only, Joshua Cain shall be treated as if he was hired by the Town prior to January 1, 2000, and would continue to not be required to pay towards his health insurance premium.

Bax MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement between the Town of Lewiston and Joshua Cain, with respect to his appointment to the position of Captain. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.

POLICE HIRES:

Bax MOVED to hire the following individuals for part-time employments: Adriano Medici, Michael Milibrand and Mitchell Pegan, effective February 18, 2019, per the union contract. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

RESIGNATION:

Bax MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Thomas Battaglia from the Lewiston Police Department, effective immediately. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.

RETIREMENT: Broderick read the following announcement: I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring as of February 22, 2019. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this great town and its people. Because of this job, my family and I never had any needs not fulfilled. So, for that I send a sincere thank you. If I can be of any service to you with any questions in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me. God Bless, Michael Townsend.

Geiben MOVED to accept, with regret, the retirement of Michael Townsend, effective February 22, 2019. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

STATEMENTS BY RESIDENTS: No one spoke.

Announcements:

Town Offices will be closed February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Jacoby MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk