

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick; Dep. Sup. B. Conrad; Councilmembers B. Geiben, R. Morreale & J. Myers; Atty. A. Bax; Eng. B. Lannon; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director J. Agnello; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Sr. Cit. Coordinator M. Olick; Rec. Dir. T. Smith; Dep. Bldg. Insp. E. Zimmerman; 1 Press; 5 Residents and Clerks C. Schroeder & T. Burns

EXCUSED: Councilman Jacoby

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

AGENDA: Additions: Broderick: Eng – Essex Street Lights; Geiben: Sr. Center Surplus Items & Library Announcement; Morreale: Meeting Update.

Geiben MOVED the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Myers and carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Clerk noted that the minutes that were distributed to the Board initially were amended to reflect the correct salary for the Supervisor (\$46,707.00), as per the 2024 Budget.

Geiben MOVED to approve the minutes of 9/25/2023 – RTBM, as amended. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

ABSTRACT:

Myers MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 23-02595 thru 23-02776 and recommended payment in the amount of \$379,403.54, plus a post-audit of \$20,526.57. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS:

Recreation: Dir. Smith said they are holding their Fall Festival this weekend from 1-3 p.m. at Kiwanis Park with crafts, pumpkin decorating and Candy Bar Bingo. The second annual “Trunk or Treat” will be held Oct. 28th at Kiwanis Park with candy, games and prizes for best trunk. Lego Night will take place at the Senior Center on Nov. 2nd from 6-8 p.m. Opening night for skating at N.U. will begin the day after Thanksgiving. They are looking for sponsors for its special themed nights. Dates & times for open skating are posted on Facebook.

Seniors: Coordinator Olick said they will host a mobile mammogram on Nov. 7th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Appointments and scripts are required. Medicare open enrollment will be held on Nov. 9th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is sponsored by Office of the Aging.

Olick said they have received a number of donations thru the years, such as paintings, lamps and fixtures they cannot use. She would like to place these surplus items on Auctions International.

Geiben MOVED for approval. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Highway: Broderick said the Highway Dept requested sealed bids for the furnishing and installation of 3,680 L.F. of concrete curbs on Country Club Trail. Bids were opened on 10/4. One bid was received from Concrete Construction, a single source provider.

Geiben MOVED to award the bid to Concrete Construction in the amount of \$93,980.00. Funds to come from H97. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS –

At the Sept 11th work session, Broderick said the Board approved \$90,000.00 of Greenway Funds to the Council on the Arts for its Public Art Project. The Board was under the impression that details were worked out with the Village but they were not. The Village only approved the bathroom, artwork on the building, metal work and benches. The Village has some things to work out with the NYS DOT.

Broderick MOVED to rescind the financing of \$90,000.00 to the Council on the Arts for its Public Art Project. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Broderick MOVED to fund approx. \$30,000 thru the Greenway for the artwork and metal work at the bathroom and benches. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

BRODERICK

1. Legal: None
2. Engineer: Essex Street Lighting

Lannon said the next step for the Town to undertake is the installation of street lights at Essex Ridge Subdivision. As per Town Code, streetlights are to be placed at T-Intersections, dangerous curves and cul-de-sacs. After a site visit, Lannon determined that street lights should be put at the intersections of Bronson and The Village Green; The Village Green and Bridal Path Lane; and Bridle Bath Lane and the stub street.

Geiben MOVED for the installation of three (3) street lights at Essex Subdivision, as recommended by the Engineer. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

National Grid will install the new LED lights. The Town will be charged an annual fee.

3. Finance: The Finance Director asked for approval to process the following 2023 budget revisions:

- a) A request to move \$400.00 to Court Equipment (A00-1110-0200-0000) from Court Contractual (A00-1110-0400-0000) to cover the replacement of a shredder machine.
- b) A request to move \$500.00 to Budget Officer Contractual (A00-1310-0400-0000) from Jr Accountant Personnel (A00-1310-0100-0001) to cover contractual expenses.
- c) A request to move \$1,212.00 to Building Equipment A00-1620-0200-0000) from Building Contractual (A00-1620-0400-0000) to cover the replacement of 2 toilets in the Town Hall basement.
- d) A request to move \$850.00 to Highway Admin. Equipment (A00-5010-0200-0000) from Brush Contractual (A00-5140-0400-0000) to cover the purchase of wireless computer hardware necessary for the office.
- e) A request to move \$60,000.00 to LP SRO Police Personnel (B00-3120-0100-0025) from SRO Police revenue (B00-1000-1520-0220) to cover LP SRO payroll expenses through the remainder of the year. These expenses are reimbursed monthly when the school is billed for SRO services.
- f) A request to move \$1,150.00 to Delinquent Lawn Maintenance Contractual (B00-3620-0401-0000) from the Grant Writing Contractual (B00-8095-0400-0000) to cover delinquent lawn cutting expenses. These expenses will be placed on the property owners 2024 taxes.
- g) A request to move \$5,801.00 to Union Welfare Benefits (B00-9070-0800-0000) from Union Welfare Benefits-Police budget (B00-9070-0800-0200) to cover union welfare benefits through the remainder of the year.

Geiben MOVED for approval, as presented. Seconded by Myers and carried 4-0.

Broderick said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public information session concerning remediation activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW). The session will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17th at the Lewiston Senior Center. It's expected Army Corps remediation plans at the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) on Pletcher Road will be discussed as well.

GEIBEN:

The Friends of the Lewiston Library will host their Annual Friendly Gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 6 p.m. The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that advocates and promotes the Lewiston Library as a vital community service. The Friends believe that an excellent library is essential to society. The Friends work to promote and assist the library by providing additional money for library materials, equipment and/or

services from funds received through payment of dues for Friends memberships and various fund-raising activities.

Appetizers, wine, coffee and desserts will be offered. The cost is \$15.00 per person in advance or \$20 at the door. The Friends will announce its Volunteer of the Year, Peggy Salada, who has put in many, many years of hard work.

JACOBY: Excused.

MORREALE:

Roster Additions: The Sanborn Fire Company, Inc. submits for active membership in said Fire Company the following names: Jason Conte, Saunders Settlement Rd; Samantha Bassett, Saunders Settlement Rd and Preston McDermott, Ward Rd (Town of Wheatfield).

Morreale MOVED for approval. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Coney Site Plan: The Planning Board on Sept. 21, 2023 approved a request from Carmen Coney for a Site Plan for a warehouse & storage at 1969 Langdon Road, SBL# 75.00-2-42.12. The action is determined to be Type II pursuant to SEQRA and no further environmental impact analysis is needed.

Morreale MOVED to issue a Negative Declaration on said Site Plan. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Morreale MOVED to approve the Site Plan at 1969 Langdon Road. Seconded by Geiben and carried 4-0.

Morreale said he and the Bldg. Inspector went to an information meeting at the NFSS. That is where the material to make the Atomic Bomb is buried. Army Corps of Engineers explained how they are going to start removal of lower-level material.

They are in the design phase for the removal of the radio-active waste. Tuesday, Oct 17th is the Public Information Meeting at the Senior Center. He encourages everyone to attend.

MYERS:

Myers announced that the Sanborn Area Historical Society presents a Ham Dinner at the Farm Museum, Saturday, Oct. 21st from 4-7 p.m. Adults - \$15.00, Kids 5-12 - \$7.00. Take-out available. No reservations or presale needed.

The SAHS will hold its regular meeting on Oct. 24th beginning at 7 p.m., with a special program "Getting Dressed in 1860".

Myers said the new LED Christmas Lights have been delivered to replace on the ones on Buffalo St. in Sanborn.

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS:

Francine DelMonte, former State Legislator, Lower River Rd. referenced Amy Witryol's letter that was mailed to homeowners with regard to short-term, transient rentals.

DelMonte said Witryol's letter makes significant, intelligent points. The people who rent these homes do not contribute to our economy. Additional pressure upon law enforcement to deal with complaints will rise as more come on line. She asked the Board to enforce the Town's ban on "party houses".

If you own a home in the Town of Lewiston, I would be concern that someone purchasing a neighboring home might turn it into an Airbnb.

Ms. Witryol experienced a horrendous summer, when someone purchased a substantial property next to hers on the river and opened an Airbnb. She has had nothing but problems. That can't be an isolated incident, DelMonte said.

The bulk of homeowners consider their home a major asset. They take pride in their home. The last thing they would want is to have someone purchase a house on either side of them and turn it into an Airbnb. The de-evaluation of our property and others will be significate. If such an action should take place, the Town should expect property owners to seek a lowering of their property taxes. It would devalue their property.

The Town Board will be held accountable. The public needs to be aware when the Town Board is going to address this issue. I want to be made aware if and when it comes up for discussion. As a former state legislator, I know certain issues trigger strong public responses. This is one that personally affects me and the entire town. I will not sit silently while the home I love can potentially sink in value.

Geiben MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0. Time: 6:37 pm.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk