

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers A. Bax, W. Geiben, J. Jacoby & J. Myers; Dep. Sup W. Conrad; Chief Previte; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director J. Agnello; Atty. T. Seaman; Eng. B. Lannon; Hwy. Supt. D. Trane; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Rec. Dir. M. Dashineau; Historian M. Maggard; 3 Residents and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

The Supervisor called the Work Session to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Reflection.

AGENDA: Additions: Broderick: Executive Session for Legal Counseling; On-going union negotiations; Geiben: Personnel – Senior Center.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS:

Finance: Agnello provided the Investment Report. On January 30, 2020, two investments matured. The Town earned \$20,035.56 in interest on those investments. They evaluated the opportunity to make additional investments and did for another six months. These investments will mature on July 30, 2020. There are three other outstanding investments. Two will mature on April 30, 2020 and the other on July 30, 2020.

Moody's annual comment was published on January 27, 2020. It is the same as the 2019 rating of A1 with no outlook. Lewiston has a solid credit position. Notable credit factors include a healthy financial position, a moderate debt burden, and an average pension liability. The Town's credit position also reflects a strong wealth, income profile and a moderately sized tax base. The full report is on Moody's.com.

Agnello asked the Board to approve the hire of Charles Easttey as P/T Jr. Accountant at a rate of \$19.50/hr, effective February 24, 2020.

Geiben MOVED the hire of Charles Easttey as P.T. Jr. Accountant, as a rate of \$19.50/hr. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Dep. Sup: Conrad participated in a webinar on Solar Batteries. It was more technical than he thought. It went into a lot of design and costs involved with solar panels and industrial sized batteries. The concern he has with the batteries thus far is the thermal runaway. That is an issue that has not been resolved. In cases of fires where there is off-gasing, there has been no research on how to handle it properly. He has questions on disposal and recycling of the solar panels as well. Conrad will continue to research this.

The Building Inspector said the New York Planning Federation is hosting a conference in April. They are offering several solar and land-use courses regarding solar. He thought it helpful if someone attended this conference. It is being held in Bolton Landing, NY (Lake George area).

Highway: Trane addressed the bids for Wood Grinding Services. Three bids were received: Lardon Construction Corp - \$58,331.00; Villani's Lawn & Landscape - \$59,250.00 and Zoladz Construction Co. - \$62,025.00.

Trane asked to accept the bid from Lardon Construction. Seaman has reviewed the bids. Once he receives signed documents back, Seaman would need to review their insurance provisions.

Bax MOVED to approve the bid from Lardon Construction Corp. at \$58,331.00, subject to Attorney review. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.

Historian: Maggard said they are in the process of updating the Town Seal.

ABSTRACT: Jacoby MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 3891 – 3925 (2019) and Numbered 124 – 269 (2020) and recommended payment in the

amount of \$871,255.04, plus a post audit of \$7,070.89. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jacoby MOVED to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020 – RTBM. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

BID APPROVAL - WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: Broderick said they would take no action on this at this time. Bids came in higher than expected.

BID APPROVAL – POLICE & PARKS STORAGE BUILDING: Broderick asked for a motion to reject all bids on the Electrical-Rebid as they came in higher than expected.

Geiben MOVED to reject the bids for the Police & Parks Storage Building (Electrical-Rebid). Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

INTRODUCTION - LOCAL LAW – Sewer Remediation Dedicated Fund

Bax MOVED to set a Public Hearing on Monday, February 24 beginning at 6 PM for the proposed adoption of a Local Law amending Chapter 270 Sewers to establish a Sewer Remediation Dedicated Fund. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Masters said he has some questions as to the mechanics of it when the time comes. Who is going to collect the fees? Are we going to have a fee schedule?

6th ANNUAL MIGHTY FITZ 5K:

The Board received a request from Paul Beatty, President iRun WNY, Inc., to host the 6th Annual 5K on Saturday, November 7, 2020. They are using the same course as last year and will complete all necessary DOT paperwork. They will reach out to the Lewiston Police Chief to go over the final traffic and safety plan.

Geiben MOVED to approve the Annual Mighty Fitz 5K run, as stated. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

EUROPEAN CHERRY FRUIT FLY PROGRAM:

The USDA is seeking to renew permission to trap and treat for the European Cherry Fruit Fly in the Town of Lewiston.

Geiben MOVED for approval to continue this program. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Geiben MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign required documents. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.

NIAGARA FALLS COUNTRY CLUB – Notice of Alcoholic license renewal

The Board received notice 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 from the Beverage/Golf Cart and Halfway House.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY – Request for Road Use

Niagara University has been approached by Safe Fleet, a national bus organization company that would like to have an International Bus Safety Competition at Dwyer Arena (parking lot) in July 2020. They will be using Penrose Street in the Town.

Chief Previte asked who would be taking care of blocking the road. Broderick said it would be Niagara University's campus safety.

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

PERSONNEL – Senior Center

Geiben received a letter from Jeanette Collesano announcing her retirement as Aging Services Aide effective, February 20, 2020.

Geiben MOVED to accept the retirement of Jeanette Collesano, with regret and appreciation for her twenty-five+ years of service. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0, followed by a round of applause.

Geiben announced a retirement luncheon for Jeanette on February 18, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. He asked the Board to notify the Town Clerk if they will be attending.

Seaman said the Board would need to make a couple of motions for the replacing of Jeanette Collesano. There has been communication with Niagara County Civil Service that the position that will be filled needs to have the title changed. Seaman said a motion has to be made to establish a new position and a motion to abolish the current position, effective at the time of Collesano's retirement.

Geiben MOVED to abolish the position of Aging Services Aide, effective February 20, 2020. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Bax MOVED to establish the position of Senior Citizens Coordinator, effective February 20, 2020. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

Geiben MOVED to post the position of Senior Citizens Coordinator internally within the Town for ten days. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Bax commented: A lot of the positive attributes at the Senior Center have to do with Jeanette Collesano and the dedication she has put into it. Our senior citizens who have gone thru the Senior Center can't leave without knowing or feeling the love that Collesano has put into it. I want to thank you personally, and on behalf of the Town, for all you have done.

BUDGET REVISIONS: The Finance Director asked for approval of four budget revisions, as follows.

1. A request to move \$100.00 from Seniors Contractual - A00-7630-0400-0000 to Seniors Gasoline - A00-7630-0400-3510 to cover gasoline expenses thru the fiscal year.
2. A request to move \$50.00 from Supervisors Contractual - A00-1220-0400-0000 to Professional Report Fees - A00-1220-0401-0000 to cover the submission of financial information to EMMA.
3. A request to move \$5,000.00 from Police Personnel - B00-3120-0100-0000 to Police Contractual - B00-3120-0400-0000 to cover expenses thru the fiscal year.
4. A request to move \$5,000.00 from General Repairs Contractual - DB0-5110-0400-0000 and \$5,000.00 from Highway Gasoline - DB0-5110-0400-3510 to Snow Removal Contractual (DB0-5142-0400-0000) to cover the purchase of salt.

Geiben MOVED the budget transfers, as presented. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS:

Paulette Glasow, The Circle Drive, asked if a plan for the Riverfront Park has been drawn up to be presented to the public. Broderick said it has not. They will be meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Tom Smith, said he came before the Board a few months back to obtain some information about a Town Employee. Broderick said Mr. Smith was out of order and cannot attack an individual. The Board set Rules of Decorum. Residents can address the Board. They

cannot attack an individual. Broderick invited Smith to call him during the day to talk about it his concerns.

Geiben MOVED to enter into Executive Session regarding 1) Consultation with Attorney and 2) On-going union negotiations. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session: Present: Broderick, Bax, Geiben, Jacoby, Myers, Agnello, Bob Lannon, Brian Seaman, Tom Seaman and Dan Zahno

Issues Discussed:

1. Union Negotiations
2. Consultation w/Attorney re Water line Project

Geiben MOVED to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Tom Seaman

Action Taken: None

Geiben MOVED to adjourn Work Session. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0. Time: 7:24 p.m.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk