

November 14, 2024

Work Session/Public Hearing

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Dep. Sup. W. Conrad; Councilmembers Councilman J. Jacoby, R. Morreale & S. Weachter; Police Ch. F. Previte; Atty. A. Bax; Finance Director J. Agnello; Water Foreman D. Zahno; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Eng. B. Lannon; Rec. Director T. Smith; Historian M. Maggard; 1 Press (NG); 1 Resident; & Deputy Clerk T. Burns

ZOOM: Supervisor S. Broderick

EXCUSED: Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Councilman J. Myers; Sr. Coordinator M. Olick

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

Clerk read legal notice into record

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF LEWISTON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York, on the 14th day of November, 2024 commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, New York, on the adoption of a “A Local Law Modifying ‘Chapter 320 – Towers’ of the Town of Lewiston Code”.

Said law is intended to clarify the Town of Lewiston Building Department’s procedure of initial approval and annual inspections relative to the various towers and tower colocations that exist in within the town of Lewiston.

The complete text of said Law is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and is available for review by any interested person during business hours.

At such Public Hearing, all persons interested, who wish to be heard, will be heard.

Dated: October 31, 2024

Dep. Sup. Conrad asked if anyone wished to be heard. Nobody wished to speak.

Jacoby MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Morreale and Carried 3-0.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Jacoby – Police resignation

Waechter MOVED to approve the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Myers and Carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morreale MOVED to approve the minutes of 10/28/2024 RTBM. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 3-0.

ABSTRACT

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Waechter MOVED to approve Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 24-02914 thru 24-03093 and recommended payment in the amount of \$247,907.94, plus a Post-Audit of \$14,371.29. Seconded by Morreale and Carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS

Clerks Office

Local Law 5-2024, “A Local Law Modifying ‘Chapter 320 – Towers’ of the Town of Lewiston Code” will be changed to Local Law 4-2024, to keep the numbers in sequence when they are filed with the state.

Morreale MOVED to change Local Law 5-2024 to Local Law 4-2024. Seconded by Waechter and Carried 3-0.

Jacoby MOVED to approve Local Law 4-2024. Seconded by Morreale. Roll Call: Councilman Jacoby, yes; Councilman Morreale, yes; Councilwoman Waechter, yes. Carried 3-0.

OLD PENDING BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

Legal:

Introduction of Local Law 5-2024. This law is similar to Local Law 4-2024. It adjusts the language in these laws to reflect the fact that the Building Department does inspection and analysis on each of the sites that justify the annual fees that are charged. Instead of saying “renewal fee”, it reflects that fact there are inspection fees.

Morreale MOVED to introduce Local Law 5-2024, Solar Energy Systems. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 3-0.

Waechter MOVED to set a Public Hearing on Local Law 5-2024 on 11/25 at 6:00PM. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 3-0

Finance:

The Finance Director asked for approval to process the following 2024 budget revisions:

1. A request to move \$10,000 to the Attorney Contractual budget - A00-1420-0400-0000 from the Contingency budget - A00-1990-0400-0000, to cover contractual expenses through the remainder of the year.
2. A request to move \$20 to the Insurance Contractual budget – A00-1910-0400-0000 from the Taxes Municipal Property budget – A00-1950-0400-0000, to cover insurance expenses for new cars.

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3. A request to move \$133 to the Recreation Admin. Contractual budget – A00-7020-0400-0000 from the Recreation Contractual budget – A00-7310-0400-0000, to cover new employee physical.
4. A request to move \$12,000 to the Union Welfare Benefits budget – A00-9070-0800-0000 from the Hospital and Medical Insurance budget – A00-9060-0800-0000, to cover expenses through the remainder of the year.
5. A request to move \$16,000 to the Police SRO Wheatfield Personnel budget – B00-3120-0100-0025 from the SRO Police Revenue budget – B00-1000-1520-0220, to cover expenses through the remainder of the year.
6. A request to move \$4,000 to the Social Security budget – B00-9030-0800-0000 from the Data Processing budget – B00-1680-0400-0000, to cover expenses through the remainder of the year.
7. A request to move \$18,000 to the Police Union Welfare budget – B00-9070-0800-0200 from the Data Processing budget – B00-1680-0400-0000, to cover expenses through the remainder of the year.
8. A request to move \$1,645 to the Water Admin. Equipment budget – SW1-8310-0200-0000 from the Transmission & Dist. Personnel budget – SW1-8340-0400-0000, to cover a new desk top computer and a lap top computer.
9. A request to move \$5,000 to the Water Admin. Contractual budget – SW1-8310-0400-0000 from the Transmission & Dist. Personnel budget – SW1-8340-0100-0000, to cover contractual expenses through the remainder of the year.

Morreale MOVED for approval as presented. Seconded by Waechter and carried 3-0.

Agnello presented the 2025 budget and asked for approval.

Waechter MOVED to adopt the 2025 Budget submitted 11/14/2024. Seconded by Morreale and Carried 3-0.

Morreale said he would like to thank Agnello for all the hours and months that went into preparing the 2025 budget.

Agnello said she would like to thank the board, supervisor and department heads for continuing to work so hard and so well together and for always putting the residents first.

COUNCILMAN JACOBY

Jacoby read a letter of resignation from the police department.

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Jacoby MOVED to accept the resignation of Michael Milbrand, with regret. Seconded by Morreale and Carried 3-0.

COUNCILMAN MORREALE

The Town posted two vehicles on Auctions International. One was sold and the second one did not meet our minimum bid. We countered with the highest bidder and he agreed to accept the bid of \$15,000 for the 2018 Honda Clarity (Vin Ending in JC013395).

Morreale MOVED to accept the bid of \$15,000 for the 2018 Honda Clarity. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 3-0.

The sewer department has about 8-10 items that are excess equipment and they want to post them on Auctions International.

Morreale MOVED to post the presented items from the Sewer Department on Auctions International. Seconded by Waechter and Carried 3-0.

Morreale read a request for sewer forgiveness for a pool liner replacement for Angelo Morreale in the amount of \$57.98.

Morreale MOVED to accept the sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$57.98. Seconded by Jacoby and Carried 3-0.

COUNCILMAN MYERS - Excused

COUNCILWOMAN WAECHTER - Nothing to report.

Jacoby MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Morreale and carried 3-0. 5:46 P.M.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

Tamara L. Burns
Deputy Town Clerk