

AUGUST 27, 2012

The eleventh regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, NY, was held Monday, August 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM, with Mayor David T. Wordelmann presiding. Trustees present were Gale A. Denn, Susan F. Drago, John Jablonski and Joseph M. Troche. Also present were Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson, Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft, Police Chief John R. Bentley, Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg and Building Inspector Charles L. Smith. Absent were Village Attorney Edward P. Wright and Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling.

ANYONE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Peter Conley, 7 Winchester Road, appeared before Mayor David T. Wordelmann and the Board of Trustees to thank the Village of Lakewood, especially Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling for correcting the tar problem on Shady Lane he and his neighbors were experiencing. Mr. Conley said the slurry seal that was applied to the road surface was a huge improvement and that he and his wife Jill are very happy.

Trustee Gale A. Denn thanked Mr. Conley for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting to express his gratitude to the Department of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held August 13, 2012.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Denn, Drago, Jablonski, Troche)

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Drago, seconded by Trustee Jablonski, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated August 27, 2012 be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts, (#12 & #13), and direct payment by the Treasurer. General Fund: \$ 103,111.21, (Checks #8838 thru #8877), Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 56,412.69, (Checks #2128 thru #2153)

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Denn, Drago, Jablonski, Troche)

REPORTS

Police Chief John R. Bentley wished to inform Mayor Wordelmann and the Board of Trustees that due to a Federal Government mandate all police and fire departments will be required to upgrade their radio systems to narrow band by January 1, 2013. Chief Bentley said the Lakewood-Busti Police Department could go in with the City of Jamestown and the Town of Ellicott on the purchase of radios from Eagle Radio, Jamestown, N.Y., to receive a small discount based on the quantity of radios purchased. The cost for the Village of Lakewood to upgrade the police department's current radio system has been estimated at approximately \$ 40,000.00.

Building Inspector Charles L. Smith, who is also a member of Chautauqua County Emergency Services Committee, said Chautauqua County is behind the eight ball with respect to the planned changeover to a narrow band radio system.

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About ten years ago Chautauqua County was going to be the first county to implement an enhanced statewide radio system that was being promoted by New York State. Previous to that Chautauqua County had appropriated monies to go forward with their own new radio system. Monies set aside were eventually spent elsewhere and once the State of New York abandoned their plan for a new radio system it put Chautauqua County back at square one.

Mr. Smith did note that some infrastructure to upgrade Chautauqua County's communications system along with a new micro-wave system have been put into place, however new radios for area police and fire departments are yet to put into service.

Trustee Gale A. Denn asked Chief Bentley what will be done with the outdated radios. Could they be used by other county departments or sold.

Chief Bentley said realistically the old radios are junk. He went on to say in looking forward he has purchased a new base radio that is narrow band compatible and the two newest police patrol cars are equipped with narrow band radios. Chief Bentley said his department will need six new mobile radios and twenty portable radios in order to comply with the new federal regulations, come January 1, 2013.

Trustee Denn said he would think the old radios could be sold to someone in the private sector.

Chief Bentley said the outdated radios could be posted on e-bay to see if there are any interested buyers. He added the new narrow band radios will be purchased via the state bid price. Eagle Radio, Jamestown, N.Y., who handles Motorola equipment and has sold radios and provided service to the Lakewood-Busti Police Department for over twenty-five years, is the local vendor for the new narrow band radios.

Mayor Wordelmann asked Chief Bentley when should the radios be ordered so they can be placed into service by January 1, 2013.

Chief Bentley said the radios should be ordered by mid September.

Trustee Drago asked where is the money going to come from to pay for the new radios.

Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft indicated that the Board of Trustees could consider a budget adjustment or possibly tap some extra funding, versus what had been budgeted for, that has been realized through increased sales tax revenue and water revenue received from the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities.

Chief Bentley said he has some asset forfeiture money that could also be put towards the purchase of the new radios.

Chief Bentley then reported that the Lakewood-Busti Police Department has answered seven thousand five hundred sixty reportable incidents year-to-date. He also reported that members of the Lakewood-Busti Police Department assisted the New York State Police in apprehending a motorist who lead police on a high speed chase that originated in Jamestown and ended at the intersection of West Summit Street and Park Lane, when the tires of the truck being driven by the perpetrator were slashed by tire spikes and eventually crashed into a tree, power pole and sign. When the motorist took off after crashing the truck, State Police Sgt. Stephen Long and Lakewood-Busti Officer Michael Currie joined in a foot pursuit where he was tackled and apprehended by Officer Currie a few houses west of the accident scene. Chief Bentley said the driver was charged with driving while intoxicated and a number of vehicle and traffic violations.

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Chief Bentley said, luckily it was a successful conclusion to a potentially deadly situation.

Trustee Denn said the high speed chase and subsequent accident which occurred just west of his residence was a very serious matter and that the law enforcement officers involved should be commended for their actions.

Chief Bentley said two things he would like for Mayor Wordelmann and the Board of Trustees to consider providing to employees of the Village of Lakewood are use of a company credit card with certain restrictions placed upon its use and an E-Z-PASS when traveling on the N.Y.S. Thruway.

Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg reported that the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department has responded to five hundred nine alarms year-to-date.

Chief Hallberg said he wholeheartedly agrees with the arguments posed by Police Chief Bentley for the Village of Lakewood to consider applying for a credit card and E-Z-PASS for use by village employees, officials and department heads.

Chief Hallberg also reported that last week the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department responded to a natural gas leak on Spruce Street, which was caused by a Jamestown Board of Public Utilities excavator working on a water main replacement project.

Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft indicated she would be happy to ask Doreen Sixbey, a government banking specialist from M & T Bank, if her schedule will permit her to stop in Wednesday morning to explain the application process and use of a company credit card with the Auditing Committee and Mayor Wordelmann.

Building Inspector Charles L. Smith reported that he has approved the minor changes in plans for the new Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, to be built at 328 East Fairmount Ave., and expects construction to begin this fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Joseph M. Troche indicated that he and Mayor Wordelmann have continued to meet with Town of Busti Supervisor Jesse Robbins to discuss the particulars of the new police services contract agreement between the Village of Lakewood and Town of Busti. Mayor Wordelmann has put together a draft of the contract agreement and distributed it to Village Attorney Edward P. Wright and Supervisor Robbins for their review and comment. Trustee Troche said he believes a final draft of the contract agreement should be able to be worked out within a couple of weeks.

RESOLUTION #38-2012-2013 – APPROVE ADDENDUM TO PAINTING PROJECT

Motion by Trustee Denn, seconded by Trustee Troche, to approve an addendum to the original specifications relative to the Anthony C. Caprino Municipal Building painting project, to include the painting of the steel lintels, by Painting Unlimited, Jamestown, N.Y., at an additional cost of \$ 988.00. NOTE: The sanding, priming and painting of the steel lintels was not included in the original specifications.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Denn, Drago, Jablonski, Troche)

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RESOLUTION #39-2012-2013 – AUTHORIZE USE OF VILLAGE STREETS

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, authorizing the Lakewood Family YMCA to make use of the streets of the Village of Lakewood, Saturday, September 15th, for the Battle of the Businesses two mile run and Saturday, November 24th for the Amy King Memorial 5-K race.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Denn, Drago, Jablonski, Troche)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wordelmann reminded everyone present that the second annual Hospice Cup Fun Ride and the third annual Lakewood Kid's Day, which is sponsored by Chautauqua Ave. merchants, Lakewood Kiwanis and Lakewood Rotary clubs will be held this Saturday, September 1, 2012.

Motion by Trustee Denn, seconded by Trustee Troche, and unanimously carried the Board adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Joseph M. Johnson
Village Clerk