

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

The fifteenth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, NY, was held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM, with Deputy Mayor Susan F. Drago presiding. Trustees present were David J. Di Salvo and John Jablonski. Also present were Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson, Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft, Police Chief John R. Bentley, Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg. Absent were Mayor David T. Wordelmann, Trustee Gale A. Denn, Village Attorney Edward P. "Tad" Wright and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

#### DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Drago indicated Mayor Wordelmann is out of town visiting his daughter, son-in-law and newborn grandson in North Carolina and therefore will not be in attendance this evening. On behalf of the Board of Trustees Deputy Mayor Drago congratulated Dave and his wife Sharon on the birth of their newest grandchild. Deputy Mayor Drago then wished to take a moment, on this Veterans' Day eve to thank all veterans, past and present, for their service and sacrifices. She asked those present if they see a veteran tomorrow to be sure to say thank you.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Di Salvo, seconded by Trustee Jablonski to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held October 27, 2014.

Adopted: 3 ayes, no nays (Di Salvo, Drago, Jablonski)

#### AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Jablonski, seconded by Trustee Di Salvo, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated October 31, 2014 and November 10, 2014 be approved and that the Clerk shall execute abstracts (#23, #24 & #25) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 51,778.69, (Checks #3151 thru #3165), General Fund: (End of Month) \$ 120.00, (Check #11178),

General Fund: \$ 34,190.45, (Checks #11179 thru #11216)

Adopted: 3 ayes, no nays (Di Salvo, Drago, Jablonski)

#### REPORTS

Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling reported that the D.P.W. crew is in the third week of its annual leaf pick-up and as of this afternoon has hauled seventy-eight loads. Last year a total of seventy loads were picked-up. Mr. Pilling also reported that last week 1,500 wetland species plants were planted around the new pond next to the baseball field under construction, as part of the wetland mitigation project. Mr. Pilling said he received assistance with the planting from Cummins employees, and staff members from Forecon and Eco-Strategies, Falconer, N.Y. Mr. Pilling was pleased to announce that the Village of Lakewood was awarded a \$ 100,000.00 grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to fund the Crescent Creek Water Quality Improvement Project ((WQIP). A press

release regarding the grant and the wetland project will be forthcoming.

Police Chief John R. Bentley reported that the Lakewood-Busti Police Department has responded to ten thousand seven hundred eight reportable incidents year-to-date and things are remaining steady. Chief Bentley also wished to report that each and every Lakewood-Busti Police Officer has been trained in the administration of Naloxone, which is an antidote for a person suffering from a life threatening opiate overdose. The training and supply of the antidote was provided at no cost to the Village of Lakewood. Chief Bentley said the New York State Attorney General's Office is expected to reimburse the Village of Lakewood for the time officers spent on this particular training course.

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Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg reported that the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department has responded to six hundred ninety alarms year-to-date. Chief Hallberg indicated that he has, for distribution to the Board of Fire Commissioners, copies of the Lakewood Fire Department's projected capital plan for equipment through the year 2028 for their review.

Trustee Di Salvo asked Fire Chief Hallberg if there has been anymore discussion since last year about the possibility and the process to bill insurance companies for emergency medical service (EMS) calls. Trustee Di Salvo said it is understood that other fire departments do indeed bill insurance companies and wondered where the Lakewood Fire Department stood on the matter.

Fire Chief Hallberg said the committee is continuing to research that particular question, but the problem has been the Lakewood Fire Department is not in a position to guarantee 24 hour emergency medical technician (EMT) service. Chief Hallberg said the fire department is reluctant to charge if the service can not be guaranteed 24/7. The committee is scheduled to reconvene after the first of the year to revisit that subject.

Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft indicated a recent report by the New York State Conference of Mayors, (NYCOM) showed the Village of Lakewood is grossly undercharging for some of its fees, in particular the fee for a Peddler's Permit. As part of the process to amend/revise the local zoning law, she suggested that the Board of Trustees review the Village of Lakewood's fee schedule and adjust it where necessary.

Trustee Jablonski indicated it would probably be a good idea for the Village of Lakewood to review its fee schedule "across the board".

Trustee Di Salvo said he believes a Mobile Food Truck concession should be covered by the issuance of a peddler's permit and receipt of the appropriate fee.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Jablonski, as the Village of Lakewood's Tree Committee liaison, reported that a grant application submitted by tree committee member Ms. Tammy Bakewell was approved by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and funded the purchase of five trees which were recently planted along the east side of Fairdale Ave. The planting of the five trees was part of a

larger project which included the planting of an additional twenty-eight trees at the Community Park & Boat Launch, LaGrega Field and the west side of Fairdale Ave.

ANYONE TO BE HEARD

Trustee Jablonski indicated that he received a letter from Ms. Susan Stillwell-Tomczak, 230 West Summit Street, which stated their lakefront property continues to get worse, noting that the surface water discharge pipe at Lowe Park deposits a tremendous amount of sediment into the lake every time it rains.

The letter from Ms. Stillwell-Tomczak also noted that other debris such as construction and demolition material, bottles and even a tire has been discharged into the lake from this pipe. The letter, in addition to informing the Board of Trustees of the situation, asked what agency needs to be contacted concerning this matter.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling indicated most of the water that is discharged into the lake from the pipe in Lowe Park is generated from the catch basins along Rt. 394.

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Deputy Mayor Drago indicated that the only thing on this evening's agenda is for the Board of Trustees to continue to review the Village of Lakewood's zoning law and offer any suggestions for revisions for the Board of Trustees to consider.

Trustee Di Salvo asked Deputy Mayor Drago if she had a chance to review some of the suggestions that he and Trustee Jablonski made at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 27, 2014. Some of which included revisions to the Section #25-50, [Signs], landscaping for monument signs and proposed amendments for signage along the Chautauqua Ave. business corridor.

Deputy Mayor Drago said the Board of Trustees is still reviewing sections of the zoning law dealing with mobile food trucks, temporary retail outlets, signage, drive-in establishments and sediment control.

Deputy Mayor Drago suggested that any additional amendments or revisions to the current zoning law should be prepared in a draft form and presented for consideration at the next regular meeting which is scheduled for Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Trustee Jablonski, seconded by Trustee Di Salvo, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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Joseph M. Johnson  
Village Clerk