

MAY 26, 2020

The tenth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 6:30 PM. This meeting was being held via Zoom.us video to protect the public's health, safety and welfare during the COVID-19 Pandemic. With Mayor Randall G. Holcomb presiding, Trustees participating were Ellen E. Barnes, R. Richard Fischer, Edward J. McCague and Douglas L. Schutte. Also participating through Zoom.us were Village Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman, Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso. Absent were Police Chief John R. Bentley, Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Holcomb kindly asked if everyone would join him to observe a moment of silence in honor and memory of Mrs. Sally Bootey. Mrs. Bootey was a long time resident of the Village of Lakewood who served on the Planning Board for many years and was also the mother of Village Clerk Mary Currie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 11, 2020.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated May 26, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts (#53 & #53) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 51,339.60, (Checks #5049 through #5053), General Fund: \$ 92,348.60, (Checks #16824 through #16869).

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

REPORTS

Mayor Randall Holcomb began his report by saying on Memorial Day the Blue Star Mothers held a very fitting service of remembrance at the Chautauqua Mall parking lot and he was honored to have been asked, as the Mayor of Lakewood, to open the celebration and time of remembrance.

Mayor Holcomb said it was fortunate the Village of Lakewood could host this wonderful event, which was very well attended, and that as Mayor he could welcome so many to the community.

Mayor Holcomb thanked the Lakewood Fire Department for attending the celebration with the Aerial Ladder truck flying a 20 ft. x 30 ft. American flag.

Mayor Holcomb said he received a call from Lakewood Legion Post #1286 Commander, Mr. Pete Ochocki, he said the Legion will be having Chicken Barbeque dinners to go on both Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st. Mayor Holcomb said the public is welcome to stop by the Legion, pick up some dinners and help support this fundraiser.

Mayor Holcomb also said he received a call from Lakewood Family YMCA director, Tom Anderson who said although the 4th of July celebration in the village has been cancelled the YMCA will still be having a race but this year it will be a virtual race. He indicated the virtual race guidelines will be available on-line, however, there will be no running in groups, no use of village streets or police escort needed. Those with questions about this year's virtual race may contact the YMCA.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling said he has talked to Solar Liberty about the placement of Solar Panels and they thought it might be better to have them installed on the DPW garage instead of the Village Hall because of the obstruction of the tower and some roof lines causing blockage from the sun.

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Trustee McCague said he believed some the other areas the NYSERDA grant will fund are furnace and air conditioning systems.

Mr. Pilling said he did inquire about the furnace & air conditions systems and was told, although they could do that, they would rather have it used on something that was a shorter return for their money than a furnace or air conditioning system would be.

Trustee Schutte said he thinks the best thing to do would be to go forward with looking into solar panels.

Trustee McCague said the agreement made with NYSERDA was for the energy audit and the street lights. The cost of the street lights was way down so that is why there is money left over. He agrees the best thing would be to look into solar panels.

Police Chief John R. Bentley submitted the Lakewood-Busti Police Department's Incident Analysis Report saying they had two hundred seventy-three incidents for the period of May 11, 2020 to May 26, 2020.

Building Inspector Jeffery Swanson reported he has begun issuing Zoning & Building Permits for some fences and signs and is hopeful to be issuing Building Permits by next week.

RESOLUTION #95-2020 APPROVE FIVE YEAR PAY STEP FOR DPW NEW EMPLOYEES

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Barnes, for the Board of Trustees to approve a five (5) year pay step for Department of Public Works new hired employees. The starting pay will be \$ 16.00 per hour, the following four years the pay will increase a \$ 1.00 per hour, plus the yearly increment.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #96-2020 – AUTHORIZE HIRING OF NEW DPW EMPLOYEE

Motion by Mayor McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor Thomas Pilling, for the Board of Trustees to approve the hiring of Mr. Zach Johnson, to the vacated full-time position created by the recent retirement of Mr. David Ruby. Mr. Johnson will start June 17, 2020 and will be compensated at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #97-2020 – APPROVE 2020 DOCK PERMIT APPLICATION

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to approve the 2020 Dock Permit Application as submitted by Albert Persia, 74 E. Terrace Ave., for the Maple Street right-of-way.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #98-2020 – AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to transfer, \$ 100.00 from Trust & Agency Account T1093.15 {Farmers' Market Fund} to General Fund A8510.40 {Community Beautification - Contractual} to pay AKS for the Farmers' Market signs.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #99-2020 – DEFER ONE PERCENT NON-UNION PAY RAISES

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, for the Board of Trustees to defer the one percent non-union pay raises until September 28, 2020 at which time will then be reviewed.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

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RESOLUTION #100-2020 – APPROVE ENCUMBRANCE FOR DPW WORK

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to approve the encumbrance from the 2019-2020 budget for Department of Public Works Supervisor Tom Pilling to move forward with street lighting and bricks for the Chautauqua Ave. Project with the appropriate procurement policies.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #101-2020 – APPROVE ANNUAL “JUNK PICK-UP”

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to approve Beichner Waste Services, Inc. to perform the Village of Lakewood’s Annual “Junk Pick-Up” with the provision they check in with the Village Clerk’s Office at the end of every day.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

Trustee Fischer asked if anyone has heard from SOLitude on what they have done with the testing of the weeds in Chautauqua Lake.

Mayor Holcomb said he has not heard from them but is currently waiting for their response.

Trustee McCague said the latest he has heard on the weed surveying from SOLitude is they tried twice in May but the water temperature was too cold, therefore there were no weeds. They have decided to defer the testing until possibly mid June and now have an anticipated date of treatment in late June.

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Fischer and unanimously carried the Board adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Mary B. Currie
Village Clerk