

JUNE 8, 2020

The eleventh regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Monday, June 8, 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, Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg and Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso. Absent were Police Chief John R. Bentley, and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 26, 2020.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee McCague, that the final claims for the fiscal year 2019-2020 as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstract dated June 8, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstract (#54) and direct payment by the Treasurer. General Fund: \$ 32,845.43, (Checks #16870 through #16904. Voided check #16886 for M & T Bank ACH payment.

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

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Barnes, that the first claims for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated June 8, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts (#2 & #2) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 49,271.67, (Checks #5060 and #5061), General Fund: \$ 63,079.13, (Checks #16905 through #16922).

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

REPORTS

Mayor Randall Holcomb began his report by saying the Village of Lakewood Annual Junk clean-up has begun and it appears quite a few residents are ready for it.

Mayor Holcomb reported the Lakewood Family YMCA is planning on conducting a virtual Firecracker Race on the 4th of July. With so many events being cancelled, Mayor Holcomb said he is pleased that the race will still be held, but in a virtual form.

Mayor Holcomb said he recently was contacted by Mr. John Streed, a representative of the Lakewood American Legion, who said Post #1286 would like to conduct a 4th of July Drive thru, showcasing the Village of Lakewood's elected officials and its respective departments, namely the DPW, Police and Fire.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling said at the beginning of the COVID-19 restrictions he closed the playgrounds by putting caution tape around them. Over the past few weeks the tape has been removed and replaced several times, he will no longer be playing that game by putting tape back up, however there are signs indicating the playgrounds are closed.

DPW Supervisor Pilling asked if anyone has heard from the tree committee on the trees that were to have been planted.

Mr. Pilling indicated the reason for the large amount of hours it takes Beichner Disposal Services to complete the Junk Pick-up is the same problem the DPW has when picking up brush. He has noticed as soon as the trucks complete a section of the village, the residents continue to put things out.

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DPW Supervisor Pilling asked Mayor Holcomb and members of the Board of Trustees if they have any more thoughts regarding the NYSERDA project.

Trustee Barnes indicated she is a little distressed on how NYSERDA is handling this by stating an energy efficient furnace would be a longer payback than solar panels.

Trustee McCague thinks the Board should be able to make a decision soon but would like to take a closer look at the Energy Audit and the Agreement the village has with NYSERDA. He believes then the board could decide on which project would be most efficient for the village.

DPW Supervisor Pilling also indicated he has the worksheet with the energy savings just about to be submitted but cannot do so until he knows what project they will be doing. Once the worksheet has been submitted the village will begin receiving reimbursement for some of the money that has been spent.

Mr. Pilling also reported most of the LED street lighting has been installed throughout the village and he has had only three (3) residents complain about the lights being too bright.

Police Chief John R. Bentley submitted the Lakewood-Busti Police Department's Incident Analysis Report saying they had two hundred ninety incidents for the period of May 25, 2020 to June 8, 2020.

Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg submitted his reported stating the Lakewood Fire Department has had three hundred sixty-nine alarms year to date and sixty in the month of May.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Fire Department Rescue boat is in the water and on a boat lift at the Harlem Ave. right-of-way.

Chief Hallberg also reported the Lakewood Fire Dept. has resumed holding drills with COVID-19 restrictions applied.

Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman reported she has filed the required constitutional tax limit with New York State Office of State Comptroller and the 2020-2021 village tax collection has commenced and is going well.

Mayor Holcomb received a report from Mr. Scott Mekus on the progress of the Lakewood Community Development Corp. (LCDC) new playground at Hartley Park project.

Mr. Mekus said the LCDC has received some proposed playground designs from Parkitects, Inc., and they will be shared with the Village Board very soon.

RESOLUTION #102-2020 AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to transfer, \$ 87.49 from Trust & Agency Account T1093.15 {Farmers' Market Fund} to General Fund A8510.40 {Community Beautification - Contractual} to pay for Farmers' Market expenditures.

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

RESOLUTION #103-2020 AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee McCague, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to transfer \$5,918.79 from Trust & Agency Account T1093.40 {July 4th Celebration} to General Fund Revenue Account A102089.00 {July 4th Contribution/Transfer} to offset 2019 July 4th expenses for fiscal year end 2019-2020.

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

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RESOLUTION #104-2020 AUTHORIZE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE RENEWAL

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee McCague, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman and Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso to renew the Bond Anticipation Note for the 2016 Road Rescue Ambulance and the 2016 International Dump Truck in the amount of \$ 52,270.00.

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

RESOLUTION #105-2020 USE OF VILLAGE STREETS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee McCague, to authorize the use of Village of Lakewood Streets for the Virtual Firecracker Race sponsored by the Lakewood Family YMCA to be held on July 4, 2020 and July 5, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION #106-2020 ACCEPT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LAND SURVEYING

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to hire White Surveying, Inc., from Clymer, New York to do the Surveying and Land Description for the deed on the property that is being transferred from the Town of Busti to the Village of Lakewood for the Grandview Stormwater Management Project, subject to their ability to have it completed within the next three (3) weeks.

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

RESOLUTION #107-2020 APPROVE M&T BANK 24-HOUR DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes, for the Board of Trustees to approve and execute the 24-Hour Deposit Agreement with M&T Bank, Lakewood Branch at 281 E. Fairmount Ave.

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

RECESS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:08 PM, so as to enter into executive session to discuss Police Contract Negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present at the executive session were Mayor Randall G. Holcomb, Trustee Ellen E. Barnes, Trustee Edward J. McCague, Trustee Douglas L. Schutte, Trustee R. Richard Fischer, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso, Village Clerk Mary B. Currie and Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Adjournment)

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes and unanimously carried to adjourn the executive session and regular Board of Trustees meeting at 8:07 PM.

Mary B. Currie
Village Clerk