

AUGUST 24, 2020

The sixteenth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Monday, August 24, 2020, 6:30 pm, with Mayor Randall G. Holcomb presiding. Trustees present were Ellen E. Barnes, R. Richard Fischer and Douglas L. Schutte. Trustee Edward J. McCague participated through Zoom.us. Also present were Village Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso and Police Chief John R. Bentley. Absent were DPW Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling, Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

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 August 10, 2020.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS (as amended)

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, that the claims, as amended and audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated August 24, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts (#13 & #13) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 49,467.27, (Checks #5105 and #5106), General Fund: \$ 145,977.40, (Checks #17088 through #17122).

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

REPORTS

Mayor Randall Holcomb began his report by thanking DPW Supervisor Thomas Pilling and his crew for returning an anchor, which had been stored by the Village of Lakewood the past few years, to Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Turner, 1 Maple Ave. NOTE: Mr. & Mrs. Turner donated the anchor to the Village of Lakewood back in February 2012, to possibly be displayed in a village park.

Mayor Holcomb also thanked Mr. Pilling for solving the electrical problem in the gazebo at Richard O. Hartley Park before the concert with "The Probables" this past Thursday evening.

Mayor Holcomb said he has been busy working on combining the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board into one board. He has spoken to all members of both boards and all eight (8) members are interested in serving on the newly combined board.

Mayor Holcomb said current ZBA Chairman Gary Segrue indicated he would serve as chairman of the newly combined board and Planning Board Chairman Marty Idzik said he would serve as Deputy Chairman.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling reported the Crescent Creek project is nearly complete with only some hydro seeding still to be done.

Mr. Pilling said DPW Truck #4, which is a 2012 International Dump Truck, is currently at Five Star International, Erie, PA with engine damage and indicated the estimate of repairs will be approximately \$20,000.00.

Mr. Pilling also said the new excavator was delivered last week, the roto tilt head has not been installed but will be once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Police Chief John R. Bentley reported the Lakewood-Busti Police Department has handled four thousand nine hundred ten incidents year-to-date, one hundred thirteen of which have occurred in the past two weeks.

Chief Bentley said the new police patrol car still has some retrofitting yet to be done and once that is completed, the vehicle can be placed into service.

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Chief Bentley said the K-9 officer has been very busy lately and has been doing a great job. The officer has recently found stolen property, lost people and just last week he assisted NYS Parole and found a gun which was locked in a safe a parole violator thought he had hidden.

Chief Bentley wished to thank Trustee R. Richard Fischer for the donation he made to the K-9 fund.

Chief Bentley explained the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Act by saying it is an executive order from Governor Cuomo that will be required to be complete by April 21, 2021. He said it is an attempt to change the way police departments, statewide, operate with regards to every facet of law enforcement.

Chief Bentley said the act will be the subject at the next County Chief's Association meeting, Thursday, September, 3rd, at 1:00 pm. Chief Bentley said Chautauqua County Sheriff James Quattrone will be in attendance at that meeting and said if anyone would like to come, they are welcome to.

Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg submitted his report for the Lakewood Fire Department stating there has been five hundred forty-four alarms year to date with fifty-one so far in the month of August.

Chief Hallberg said the annual physicals for all fire department members have been completed and the annual physicals for the year 2021 have been scheduled for May 2021.

Chief Hallberg indicated the Lakewood Fire Department applied for and has received a grant for \$1,500.00 from New York State Department of Conservation for 5 sets of lightweight wildland/rescue gear. This gear is used for exterior firefighting and also for drivers and outside crews that will not be entering a fire building. The grant is a 50/50 grant, therefore the fire department will be purchasing the gear then receive reimbursement for half.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Fire Company has voted to spend up to \$125,000.00 for a new rescue boat. The new boat will be unlike any other on the lake with a built in fire pump as well as a bow ramp and diver's door. The new boat will be able to haul up to 16 people and an ATV.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Fire Company will also be installing a medical helicopter landing pad at the training grounds off E. Summit St. The new pad will abut the existing macadam roadway, making the transfer of a patient from the ambulance to the aircraft much easier. Mr. Hallberg indicated there has been a large increase in times patients have had to be flown this year.

Trustee Ellen E. Barnes reported she had given Mayor Holcomb some Cascade Park Equipment Catalogues that she received from Mr. Howard Howlett. Trustee Barnes indicated the owner of the Cascade Company is originally from this area and Mr. Howlett told her he has had one of their benches for ten years and has never had to paint it.

RESOLUTION #132-2020 – APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, WHEREAS, the Village of Lakewood (Village) is the owner of the Village of Lakewood Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit Project (Project); and WHEREAS, the Village's Engineer, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) is in the process of securing approval from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), to bid the Project; and WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to complete the bidding process as expeditiously as possible and without unnecessary delay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, does hereby authorize the advertisement for bids for the Village of Lakewood Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit Project at the timing and direction of the Village's Engineer, B&L.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 5 ayes, no nays (Holcomb, Barnes, Schutte, McCague, Fischer)

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Trustee Barnes said she has been asked by several citizens about the funding of this project due to the state of the economy within New York State and indicated she has been in contact with Ms. Natalie Topalian from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Trustee Barnes noted Ms. Topalian has assured her that the money is secured and will not be reduced or changed due to the pandemic.

RECESS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee McCague, to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:05 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 Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso and Police Chief John R. Bentley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Adjournment)

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer and unanimously carried to adjourn the executive session of the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:46 PM.

RESOLUTION #133-2020 – ACCEPT DONATION OF PROPERTY

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Schutte, for the Board of Trustees to gratefully accept the donation of two (2) vacant lots on the east side of Chautauqua Ave., (between E. Summit St. & E. Terrace Ave.) from Dr. Robert L. Siegel and Ms. Barbara Gellman.

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

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer and unanimously carried the Board adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Mary B. Currie
Village Clerk