

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The seventeenth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Monday, September 14, 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 and Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg participated through Zoom.us. Also present were Village Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson. Absent were Police Chief John R. Bentley and DPW Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling.

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 24, 2020.

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

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 1, 2020.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated September 14, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts (#15 and #17) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 52,878.73, (Checks #5113 through #5117), Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 47,702.42, (Checks #5125 and # 5126), General Fund: \$ 165,364.00, (Checks #17123 through #17179), voided check #17154 for M&T Bank ACH.

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

REPORTS

Mayor Randall Holcomb began his report by thanking all who assisted with the completion of the Joe Johnson legacy garden in front of the Village Hall. He said Marlinski Landscaping did a terrific job with the landscaping and thanked DPW Supervisor Thomas Pilling and his crew for clearing out the five foot hedgerow to prepare for the new plantings.

Mayor Holcomb thanked the Highway Department for all the hard work they do every day in the Village of Lakewood.

Mayor Holcomb reported with the recent completion of the road paving on East Terrace Ave., also known as County Highway #110, he has been able to obtain pavement markers to identify a new crosswalk at the Community Park, between the parking lot/dog park and the boat launch/pavilion area. Mayor Holcomb thanked Chautauqua County for their assistance in obtaining the markers.

Mayor Holcomb said longtime resident Mrs. Josie Caprino and widow of the late Mayor Anthony C. Caprino, has sold her house and moved to Ohio to live with her daughter. He added she will be dearly missed.

Mayor Holcomb was sad to announce the passing of long time village resident Tillie Solomonson, at the age of 92. For decades Tillie served on many committees in the Village of Lakewood and was very proud to be the daughter of former Village of Lakewood Mayor Nels Carlson.

Police Chief John R. Bentley submitted the Lakewood-Busti Police Department's Incident Analysis Report saying they had four hundred fifty eight incidents for the period of August 24, 2020 to September 14, 2020.

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Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg submitted his report for the Lakewood Fire Department stating there has been six hundred alarms year to date with seventy-seven in the month of August and thirty so far in the month of September.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Fire Department has one member that has successfully completed the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (AEMT-P) course. Chief Hallberg noted the LFD now has four Paramedics and proceeded to congratulate LFD member Brandon Fardink on becoming its latest AEMT-P course graduate.

Chief Hallberg also said the Fire Department currently has five members enrolled in the Basic Exterior Fireground Operations (BEFO) course which is the first course that has to be taken before a member becomes an “Interior Firefighter”.

Chief Hallberg said he is very pleased to see that several youthful and enthusiastic individuals have recently joined the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department.

Building Inspector Jeffrey Swanson reported he has been very busy lately. He recently charged someone for building without a permit and explained the fee schedule for building without a permit is one hundred dollars plus thirty dollars per square foot.

Mr. Swanson also indicated he is continuing to review the drawings and plans for the large single-family residence currently under construction on the corner of W. Summit St. and Sunset Ave.

Trustee Barnes reported she and Trustee Fischer have met with the Department Heads and begun discussing updates to the Village of Lakewood Policy’s & Procedures Agreement for non-union employees.

Trustee Barnes also indicated there is a moral problem with Police Officers right now because of everything that is going on. Ms. Barnes said the Village of Lakewood supports our local officers and asks if anyone sees a Police Officer to please tell them how much they are appreciated.

Mayor Holcomb said he has received an Appraisal Analysis from Mr. Thomas Turner of Century 21 Turner Brokers, on the paper streets, Gorden and Midcrest, which he read.

Dear Mayor Holcomb,

As requested, I went out to see the vacant paper streets on Summit/Gorden and Maplecrest/Midcrest. These paper streets are of no use to anyone but the adjoining neighbors and really there is no market value beyond what neighbors would be willing to pay to create a description and deed for transfer. The village actually has a long history of dividing the streets amongst adjoining landowners. They did it for me years ago down on Olive Ave. Should you have any question, please feel free to call.

Warm Regards,
Thomas Turner
Century 21 Turner Brokers.

RESOLUTION #135-2020 – APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF MIDCREST AVE.

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, for the Board of Trustees to approve the transfer of a 50 ft. x 185 ft. portion of Midcrest Ave., between Maplecrest and Hillcrest Aves., to Ms. Elizabeth A. Snow, 300 Maplecrest Ave. That portion of Midcrest Ave. has been determined to be of no use to the Village of Lakewood and all costs associated with the transfer of the property, including the survey, will be incurred by Ms. Snow.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

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RESOLUTION #136-2020 – APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF GORDEN AVE.

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, for the Board of Trustees to approve the transfer of a portion of the paper street known as Gorden Ave., to Mr. Bruce Moran, Mr. Michael Moran and Mr. James Bogdan, as indicated on the survey submitted to the village with the request to purchase. The portion of Gorden Ave., to be transferred, has been determined to be of no use to the Village of Lakewood and all costs associated with the transfer of the property, including the survey, will be incurred by the aforementioned purchasers.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #137-2020 AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to transfer, \$ 152.54 from Trust & Agency Account T-1093.15 {Farmer’s Market Fund} to General Fund A-8510.40 {Community Beautification – Contractual} to reimburse Ms. Denise Doane and Ms. Bernadette van der Vliet for Farmers Market expenditures.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #138-2020 AUTHORIZE MID-YEAR BUDGET TRANSFER

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to make the following mid-year budget transfers for budget shortfalls, \$ 21,798.36 from A-5110.40 {Street Maintenance–Contractual} to A-5110.43 {Street Maintenance–Vehicle Maintenance} and \$ 8,025.00 from A-5110.40 {Street Maintenance–Contractual} to A-5110.46 {Street Maintenance–Tree Service}.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #139-2020 – AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A NEW REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to authorize Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman to create new revenue accounts, A102770.10, “Other-Utility Incentive” and A102705.00 “Gifts and Donations”.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #140-2020 – APPROVE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, for the Board of Trustees to approve Independent Electrical Contractors New York Chapter, Inc., 5350 Main St., Williamsville, New York 14221, to perform electrical inspections within the Village of Lakewood.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #141-2020 - AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to authorize the renewal of the Property & Casualty Insurance Program with Great Lakes Insurance Services Group, effective September 25, 2020–September 25, 2021.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

RESOLUTION #142-2020 AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF UN-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, for the Board of Trustees to authorize the hiring of Attorney Joseph M. Calimeri, Wright, Wright & Hampton, Jamestown, NY, to represent the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Blasius Fence case at the next regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, October 8, 2020.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

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RESOLUTION #143-2020 – APPOINT NEW FIRE CODE INSPECTOR

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to appoint Mr. David Wilfong, Jamestown, New York as the new Fire Code Inspector as part of the Shared Fire Code Inspector Agreement between the Village of Lakewood and the Town of Busti.

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

RESOLUTION #144-2020 – RESCHEDULE UPCOMING REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, that due to the upcoming Columbus Day Holiday, (Monday, October 12th), the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be rescheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Anthony C. Caprino Municipal Building, 20 West Summit St., Lakewood, N.Y., preceded by a 6:15 PM work session.

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

ANYONE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Michael Looker, 15 Owana Way, asked if there are any updates on the 5G Cellular program and if there has been any information on the health effects of it.

Building Inspector Swanson indicated he has not heard of any updates on the 5G program or if any of the laws may have changed.

Mayor Holcomb said the village has not heard anything on the health effects of the 5G Cellular.

Trustee Schutte said he has been wondering if Jamestown has begun preparing for 5G telecommunications to be installed on their telephone poles. He said he has noticed equipment starting to be placed on the poles that could be in preparation for the 5G program.

Mr. Looker also asked if there has been any word on the grant money for the Green Street Retro Fit Project and if it will be held up because of the Federal & State huge deficit.

Trustee Schutte said the village has been told the money for the Green Street Retrofit project has already been secured.

Trustee McCague indicated all grants within New York State have been allocated and budgeted, therefore there should not be any held up.

RECESS

Motion by Mayor Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:12 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 Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive session and reopen the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:31 PM.

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RESOLUTION #145-2020 – APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICE UNION LABOR AGREEMENT

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, for the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed amendments to the collective bargaining agreement for one (1) year between the Village of Lakewood and CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Village of Lakewood Police Unit #6320, Local #807 and authorize Mayor Holcomb to execute the same.

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

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Schutte and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board of Trustees meeting at 7:33 PM.

Mary B. Currie
Village Clerk