

OCTOBER 26, 2020

The twentieth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Monday, October 26, 2020, 6:30 pm, with Mayor Randall G. Holcomb presiding. Trustees present were Ellen E. Barnes, Douglas L. Schutte and R. Richard Fischer. Trustee Edward J. McCague participated through Zoom.us. Also present were Village Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Apryl L. Troutman, Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg and Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso. Absent were Police Chief John R. Bentley, DPW Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 13, 2020.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Schutte, that the claims as audited by the Board of Trustees for the abstracts dated October 26, 2020, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstracts (#23 and #23) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 53,428.31, (Checks #5152 & #5156), General Fund: \$ 57,027.32, (Checks #17249 through #17280).

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

REPORTS

Mayor Randall G. Holcomb wished to congratulate The Post Journal reporter Cameron Hurst on receiving the 2020 Mark Hillinger Award. This award honors the Jandoli School of Communication's top graduates and recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding alumni.

Mayor Holcomb also reported he has had several conversations with Mr. Sean Dixon, co-owner of Beichner Waste Services, Inc., who confirmed glass is no longer considered a recyclable material and is now considered garbage. Mr. Dixon has agreed to make changes to the recycling schedule where the weeks that are presently glass pick-up will be replaced with paper and cardboard.

Mayor Holcomb said going forward, the first and third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month will now be paper and cardboard recycling pick-up.

Mr. Michael Looker, 15 Owana Way, asked Mayor Holcomb if there was discussion on adding an additional week for plastics.

Mayor Holcomb said Mr. Dixon indicated he would like to wait until next year to make that decision.

RESOLUTION #162-2020 – CHANGE TO THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, that the Village of Lakewood change the recycling schedule to have Beichner Waste Services, Inc., discontinue the collection of glass as a recyclable and to replace the third week of recycling with paper and cardboard pick-up.

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

RESOLUTION #163-2020 – MASS MAILING OF NEW RECYCLING CALENDARS

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, that the Village of Lakewood create a new recycling schedule calendar, which will include the months November and December 2020, the entire year 2021 and an explanation on glass now being considered garbage and no longer recyclable. The information will be sent through a mass mailing to all village residents.

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

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REPORTS (continued)

DPW Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling reported the sidewalk repair and replacement project on Ohio Ave. has been completed and the solar panels on the roof of the DPW garage have also been completed and are fully operational.

Supervisor Pilling said the gazebo for the Dog Park has been delivered and will be placed on the cement pad once the weather dries up.

Police Chief John R. Bentley submitted the Lakewood-Busti Police Department's Incident Analysis Report saying the L-BPD responded to two hundred twelve incidents for the period of October 13, 2020 to October 26, 2020.

Fire Chief Kurt Hallberg submitted his report for the Lakewood Fire Department stating there has been six hundred ninety-nine alarms year to date and sixty-four so far in the month of October.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Dept. is still being called to some COVID-19 cases.

Trustee Ellen E. Barnes asked Chief Hallberg if he had attended the meeting about the Certificate of Need for Chautauqua County and if it would affect the Fire Dept. or the Village in any way.

Chief Hallberg said a couple things are happening, one is the county is trying to get a fourth "Fly Car", whether that happens will depend on the budget and the Certificate of Need covers whether the county can operate an ambulance service, which will allow them to bill for calls.

Chief Hallberg said the Lakewood Fire Dept. sent a letter in support of the Certificate of Need, saying an additional "Fly Car" would help the LFD and other area fire districts, especially with the EMS calls.

Trustee McCague asked Chief Hallberg if a "Fly Car" were to be brought to Lakewood, where would they put it.

Chief Hallberg indicated to Trustee McCague, a "Fly Car" could be parked in the LFD's wash bay and could be moved if need be.

Building Inspector Jeff Swanson reported he has removed a number of political signs that were larger than allowed by the Village of Lakewood Zoning code. He also said there are a number of signs residents have placed within the public right-of-ways and asked how the Board of Trustees would like to handle that issue moving forward.

Trustee Ted McCague reported the NY Preservation Technical Assistance Grant application has been submitted and if awarded it will fund a building exterior conditions study of the Village Hall.

Trustee McCague said the grant will be in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 and we should have an announcement from the Preservation League within six weeks of the application date.

Trustee McCague said there were numerous letters of support received and he thanked Clinton Brown Company, Buffalo, NY, for their work in putting the application together.

Trustee McCague also said the Lakewood Community Development Corporation (LCDC) playground improvement project for the children's playground at Richard O Hartley Park has reached about a 95 percent design phase. Mr. McCague indicated that fairly soon someone from the LCDC will provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the final design for their comment.

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RESOLUTION #164-2020 – DETERMINATION OF “PAPER STREET” FLETA AVE.

Motion by Mayor Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Barnes, that the Board of Trustees determine the portion of the “paper street” known as Fleta Ave., according to the attached survey, size 50.96 ft. front, on East Terrace Avenue, depth of 145.29 ft. on the West boundary, depth of 139.47 ft. on the East boundary; AND parcel 386.05-1-66 of the official tax map of the Village of Lakewood & the attached survey, known as Lot #76 on the Squire’s Park Map (dated 1-12-1909) is declared surplus property and of no use to the Village of Lakewood and the Village does not anticipate needing it in the future and therefore opts to abandon said “paper street” and parcel.

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

RESOLUTION #165-2020 – APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF “PAPER STREET” FLETA AVE.

Motion by Mayor Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Fischer, that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the portion of the “Paper Street” known as Fleta Ave., according to the attached survey, size 50.96 ft. front, on East Terrace Avenue, depth of 145.29 ft. on West boundary, depth of 139.47 ft. on the East boundary; AND parcel 386.05-1-66 of the official tax map of the Village of Lakewood, also known as Lot #76 on the Squire’s Park Map (dated 1-12-1909), to Mr. Scott Reeves, of 262 East Terrace Avenue, Lakewood, New York, and all costs associated with the transfer of the property, including the survey, will be incurred by Mr. Reeves.

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

RESOLUTION #166-2020 – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF L-BPD POLICE OFFICER

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Schutte, for the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Alexander Miinte who has taken a Full-Time position with the Salamanca Police Department. Officer Miinte has worked for the L-BPD since March 4, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION #167-2020 – APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 DODGE CHARGER PURSUIT

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Schutte, for the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit police car from Dave Warren Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Jamestown, New York at the total cost of \$ 22,333.00 which is accounted for in the current budget.

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

RESOLUTION #168–2020 – APPROVE THE UNIVERA HEALTHCARE PLAN - GOLD 2

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, for the Board of Trustees to approve the Univera Healthcare Plan – Gold 2, as the healthcare plan for eligible Village of Lakewood employees for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021, contingent on the Village of Lakewood CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Police Union being in agreement with the plan and authorize Mayor Holcomb to execute the application/summary of benefits form.

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

RESOLUTION #169-2020 – AUTHORIZE SIGNING THE NOVA HEALTHCARE RENEWAL FORM

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Fischer, authorizing Mayor Holcomb to execute the revised NOVA Healthcare Reimbursement Account Plan Renewal form, pertaining to Employer Contributions for Employee deductibles for the upcoming calendar year. NOTE: The contributions will increase from \$ 1,800.00 to \$ 2,000.00 for Single Coverage, and \$ 3,600.00 to \$ 4,000.00 for Family Coverage.

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

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RESOLUTION #170–2020 – AUTHORIZE SURVEY WORK

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Fischer, for the Village of Lakewood to hire Mr. Andrew Johnson and EcoStrategies Engineering & Surveying, Falconer, NY, to begin the survey work on the parcel being donated by Mr. Ronald Davidson to the Village of Lakewood as part of the Grandview Watershed Project.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Fischer, McCague, Schutte)

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board of Trustees meeting at 7:07 PM.

Mary B. Currie
Village Clerk