

Official Minutes

An official meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lima, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7329 East Main Street, Lima, New York, on the 1st day of August 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present: Supervisor Michael Falk, Councilperson Bill Carey, Councilperson Leta Button, Councilperson Mark Petroski, Councilperson Andy Torpey, Town Clerk Jennifer Heim, Highway Superintendent John Sokolofsky, CEO/Building Inspector Charlie Floeser

Excused: Town Attorney Jim Campbell

Guests: Paul Luft, Mike Neenan, Barb Finucane, Mike Finucane, Adam Lewis, Ken Lewis, Ron Blodgett, Marty Gardner, Blake Benson, Steve Werner, Lee DeKramer

Supervisor Falk called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Board Meeting Protocols

Supervisor Falk read Town Board meeting protocols as follows:

“The Town of Lima follows NYS Open Meetings Law procedures. All meetings of the Town Board are duly noticed and open and accessible to the public. The public is there to witness the proceedings only. In the event of a Public Hearing, people may sign in and speak to the board and those assembled regarding the hearing topic for a maximum of 5 minutes once per board meeting. Speaking time belongs only to the speaker and may not be re-assigned to someone else. Privileges of the floor may be granted to anyone who wishes to address the board on any topic at all. In order for the public to be properly noticed the Privileges of the Floor must be applied for and approved by five calendar days prior to the Board meeting date. Privileges of the floor are not to exceed 20 min. Approval authority for privileges of the floor is held by the Supervisor or the Deputy Supervisor if the Supervisor is unavailable. At the beginning of each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any posted agenda topic. Questions can be answered during the agenda discussion or logged for answer after research. At the very end of

each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any topic at all. Questions can be answered or researched and answered later.”

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Falk asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote was unanimous.

Genesee Valley Health Partnership – Be Well in Lima

Lisa Kenney distributed a packet to board members and explained how to improve the health of the Lima community. She went on to say implementation of population – based strategies are tailored to individual community needs and resources, across various settings to create greater access to healthier environments. Remember to “Eat Better, Move More, Stress Less.”

Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Falk mentioned receipt of said report. On a motion by Councilperson Button to accept the Supervisor’s report, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey
 Nays: 0

Supervisors Communication to the Board

Supervisor Falk received letters from the following: Todd Lyons, Highway MEO, stating he is retiring, Emily T. railroad lobbyist opposing heavy trucks on roads, new Toshiba copier contract and Andy Torpey of Log and Timber Construction regarding a new pavilion at the dog park.

July 5th Minutes

Minutes were approved upon motion made by Councilperson Petroski, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey
 Nays: 0

July 6th Special Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved upon motion made by Councilperson Button, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey

Nays: 0

Audit of Claims/Abstracts

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Funds:	No. 227 through 255	\$31,675.29
Highway Funds:	No. 96 through 108	\$76,035.96

Upon a motion by Councilperson Button approving said abstracts, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey
 Nays: 0

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Report

BI/CEO Charlie Floeser emailed his report for board review.

Highway Department Monthly Report

Highway Superintendent John Sokolofsky emailed his report for board review.

Todd Lyons is retiring in September. After discussion and upon motion by Councilperson Petroski, it was agreed to advertise to hire for a MEO. \$19/hour without CDL and \$20-\$25/hour with CDL, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote was unanimous.

Discussion to extend new MEO, Micah McGuire’s probation period for an additional 3 months to obtain his CDL permit and license. Upon motion by Councilperson Torpey, seconded by Councilperson Button, probation will be extended for an additional 3 months. With the extension an Agreement titled “Employee Training and Reimbursement Agreement” prepared by Town Attorney Campbell was presented to the board. Said Agreement allows McGuire to get the training he needs to obtain his CDL but commits to remaining a Town employee for 3 years. Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to approve and sign the agreement, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Siemens Energy Services

Supervisor Falk stated he met with Chris, representative from Siemens who has submitted for the CFAA. October 1st the Town will know if funding is available.

Water District #5

Supervisor Falk stated water sampling is done in South Lima. When lab processing is complete in Syracuse, the results will be published. The Town will schedule a final day for residents in favor of the proposed water district to sign the petitions at Town Hall. Results will follow shortly after.

Funds Transfers

Upon motion by Councilperson Button to approve the below funds transfers, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey
 Nays: 0



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Partial Exemption from Real Property Tax for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers

After discussion the board agreed to hold a public hearing at the September 5th meeting to discuss potential Local Law #3 of 2023 providing a partial exemption from real property taxes to certain eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. Motion made by Councilperson Carey, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Button, Carey, Petroski, Torpey
 Nays: 0

Fire Protection Agreements

Supervisor Falk asked that this be tabled until the tentative budget is complete due to the 5% increase in the new agreements and going over the 2% CAP. Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to table discussion, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote was unanimous.

Ambulance Protection Agreements

Supervisor Falk asked that this be tabled until the tentative budget is complete due to the 5% increase in the new agreements and going over the 2% CAP. Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to table discussion, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote was unanimous.

NYCLASS

Supervisor Falk told the board after 15 days of putting \$100K into NYCLASS the Town made \$261.71. He requested to maintain \$200K in the Five Star account and leave CDs until they mature but the remainder be moved over to NYCLASS to earn interest. Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to move forward with request, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Troy and Banks

Discussion was had to allow Troy and Banks to conduct an audit of gas, electric and telecommunication utilities for any overages at no cost to the Town if there are no findings and 40% to Troy and Banks of any findings. Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to move forward, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Copier Agreement

Discussion was held regarding a new copier agreement for 2024. After discussion and upon motion by Councilperson Carey to accept the new copier and agreement, seconded by Councilperson Button, the vote was unanimous.

Pavilion at Mark Tubbs Park

Discussion was held to put a pavilion in front of the dog park. Board member Torpey owns Log and Timber Structures and prepared and provided a build out spec and pricing to estimate the cost and hopefully be used to secure a grant. A grant for the pavilion has a timeline to be completed by the end of this year. Councilperson Torpey is looking for guidance to get this done. Supervisor Falk said to try to find a contractor. Councilperson Torpey asked if the Parks Commission could go out to bid. Supervisor Falk said to advertise in the Sentinel and have a bid opening date and discuss at the next meeting. Supervisor Falk will sit with the gentleman in charge of the program at the county to get more information.

Tax Cap

A budget meeting will be held in August with Baldwin Business Services. Depending on tentative budget numbers and what fuel and salt prices are, the Town may need to go over the tax cap. Discussion will be held at the September 5th meeting.

Move Into Executive Session – Particular Employee

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to move into executive session at 8:16PM, seconded by Councilperson Carey the vote was unanimous.

Move out of Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to move out of executive session at 8:45PM seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote was unanimous.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Councilperson Button to adjourn at 8:45PM seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Heim, CMC/RMC
Town Clerk

All documents mentioned in the Town Board Minutes are available upon request.