

## Official Minutes

A joint meeting of the Town and Village Boards 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 16th day of June 2021 at 7:00 PM. Notice was published in the Sentinel.

PRESENT: Supervisor, Michael Falk  
Deputy Supervisor, Leta Button  
Councilperson, Bill Carey  
Councilperson, Bruce Mayer  
Councilperson, Jon Belec  
John Sokolofsky, Highway Superintendent  
Deputy Clerk, Pamela Wronka  
Mayor, John Skiptunas  
Deputy Mayor, John Wadwach  
Village Deputy Clerk, Jane Radomski  
Village Trustee, Brian Smith  
Village Trustee, Carolyn Fleming  
Village Trustee, Josh Petraitis  
Village Attorney, Matthew Lenahan

Guest(s): Ian Coyle, County Administrator & Jason Stryker, Planning Board Secretary

Supervisor Falk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Councilperson Mayer, the Minutes from the last meeting were approved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wadach, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED           Ayes: 5       Falk, Mayer, Carey, Button, Belec  
                      Nays: 0

### **Conversations with Ian Coyle**

Mr. Coyle spoke about the following: Water & sewer renovations, taxes went up, expense from nursing homes due to Covid, tourism, community development & downtown partnership.

Also discussed were grants for festivals, Rotary & Lion's Club and new spend ideas. The Federal Government has \$12.2 million to help stimulate counties which should be received in August/September 2021. Mayor Skiptunas suggested that both the Village & Town Boards research to come up with ideas how the money should be spent.

Lima is above State average for Covid vaccines.

Mr. Coyle will take questions, concerns & complaints back to the County.

### **Light Up Livingston**

Livingston County recognizes the vital importance of broadband and seeks to encourage the development of high-speed internet access to enrich the quality of life for residents and ensure economic development opportunities for agriculture and businesses. Empire Access will be awarded the grant if it comes through. Empire Access will own and operate the infrastructure to complete over 400 miles of fiber optic network bringing fiber into the County's most rural areas. The total project cost is estimated at \$15 million dollars. Livingston County will provide the local match requirement and Empire Access will reimburse the County, which will result in a net-zero financial investment by the County. There is a \$15 million grant to support the fiber optic project.

### **Mark Tubbs Park**

Liaison to Parks Commission Leta Button mentioned Tubbs Park is private property. The hope is that a section will be available for a swing set/playground area and a serenity garden. There have been recent issues with dogs off their leashes and biting people. Receptacles for dog waste will be installed at an estimated cost of \$1000 to be shared by both the Town & Village. A small pavilion and wash area in the park is also wanted. Estimated cost is \$5000 to be split by both the Town & Village. The Boy Scouts would like to do a Fun Run & plant a vegetable garden in the park.

On a motion by Mayor Skiptunas regarding the shared cost of dog waste receptacles, pavilion & wash area, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED            Ayes: 5            Falk, Mayer, Carey, Button, Belec  
                             Nays: 0

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration**

Firework insurance is approximately \$2000. Town is to carry the insurance and village is to pay half. There will be no parking at Tubbs or Ziglers. The Civil War folks are aware and plan to do fundraising.

There will be busing from the Baptist Church. Supervisor Falk will speak with the school to see if they will provide a bus. Bushhogging will need to be done and Fire Trucks will light up the path-ways.

On a motion by Councilperson Mayer regarding the shared cost of firework insurance, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED            Ayes: 5            Falk, Mayer, Carey, Button, Belec  
                         Nays: 0

#### **Ambulance Service – Lima/HFL/LCEMS**

Megan Rose is the new Rescue Chief. To date response has been very positive and EMT trainees are staying. Supervisor Falk said there are certificates needed for each ambulance corps., they are priority ordered; Lima Ambulance is CON1, HF-L is #2 and Livingston County EMS is #3. Lima residents pay for two ambulance services through taxes – Lima and Livingston County.

Supervisor Falk informed HF-L Ambulance Lima will not be paying for a third service. Supervisor Falk is in touch with the Director of Livingston County EMS, Karen Dewar discussing different strategies. Supervisor Falk mentioned there is very little a municipality can do to change the order, stating if Lima wanted to bring Livingston County in as second prior to it. The washer & dryer have been installed as well as two bunks and a fly car.

#### **Village-Wide Wi-Fi Project**

John Wadach said this project has been voted out.

#### **Crossroads Festival**

Supervisor Falk informed the board Crossroads Festival dates have been set for July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>. The town-wide parade will be on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> starting on Garden Street at 5:30pm and set off at 6:00pm. The parade will run for 2 hours. Bring “Candy”!

The festival cost is estimated to be \$30K of which we already have \$28K. The music festivities are from 8:00pm to 10:00pm after the Bed Race. Church service will be at 9:00am on Sunday. There will also be a Photo Chair, Petting Zoo and BBQ judging. The festival will close between 7:00pm & 8:00pm.

Deputy Mayor Wadach mentioned to Supervisor Falk the Village, like last year, the Village would like liability insurance protection, noting they support the “blues fest part of it but not the drink fest so much”. Deputy Mayor Wadach went on to say the Village has been recommended not to waive their open container law and he would like to see drinking contained to the venues and not have people drunk and drinking all through the Village. Deputy Mayor Wadach said most importantly there be adequate insurance to protect the Village’s exposure. Deputy Mayor Wadach went on to say the Blues Fest needs to address that issue very carefully and soon because without insurance protection there will be no drinking on any Village property. Mayor Skiptunas asked if most of the sponsors from last year carried on their sponsors to this year. Supervisor Falk said several wanted the money donated back to the same charities as last year, one or two sponsors wanted their money back and the remaining sponsors wanted their money to stay for the 2021 festival. Blue Heron will be the primary sponsor again this year.

### **Town-Wide Water Project**

WASA estimated the cost to be between \$.46 & \$.92 per thousand. Section 5 to be picked up by Lima. There will be USDA funding for a survey which will take an estimated 36 months. Mayor Skiptunas & Supervisor Falk to discuss the project on 15A on a later date.

### **Town of Lima Water District #2 Agreement**

An updated Agreement has been submitted. Supervisor Falk went on to say there are two customers where the Town has no idea where their service comes from. This is one of the Town’s tasks this summer to find.

### **LivCo Wayfinding**

A meeting is to be scheduled regarding Mural Festival 2022. Mayor Skiptunas shared that the artist is well respected in the community. A mural will be on the edge of the bakery.

### **Cannabis Dispensaries & On-Site Consumption Places**

The Town may opt out by September 2021. Need to learn about “SAM”. There will be a “Conference of Mayors” in August. Mayor Skiptunas has been invited to present.

**TB Harvest Host**

Insurance companies have been reached out to regarding the cost. There will be the RV visits, Tourism, stay in town for one night.

On a motion by Mayor Skiptunas, seconded by Councilperson Mayer, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED            Ayes: 5            Falk, Mayer, Carey, Button, Belec  
                         Nays: 0

Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to adjourn at 9:00PM, seconded by Councilperson Mayer, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Pamela Wronka, Deputy Town Clerk