

Official Minutes

An official meeting of the Town Board 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 5th day of March 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present: Supervisor, Michael Falk
Councilperson, Bill Carey
Councilperson, Mark Petroski
Councilperson, Ron Blodgett
Councilperson, Steve Werner
Deputy Town Clerk, Laurie Arner
Town Attorney, Jim Campbell

Excused: Town Clerk, Jennifer Heim
CEO/BI, Charlie Floeser
Highway Superintendent, John Sokolofsky

Guest(s): Jason Molino, Eric Weis, Augie Lindsay, Scott Caccamise, Cathy Gardner, Marty Gardner, Christine Steerman, Barb Finucane, Dwight Knox, Deborah Knox, Jacek Zypadlo, Eric Baker, Ginny Baker, Chris Harvey, Brian Smith, Adam Lewis, Andrew Torpey, Jeff Tanner, Ray Hill, Brian Bean, Lori Pownall, Joel McMenugle

Supervisor Falk called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Town Board Meeting Protocols

Supervisor Falk read new 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 5 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.”

Supervisor’s Report

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

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

February 6th Minutes

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

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Approval of Abstracts

The Town Board discussed the Highway Garage’s bottled water agreement with Culligan. It was suggested we stop the agreement and pay the current invoice due. On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to stop purchasing bottled water and pay invoices due to Culligan seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Councilperson Werner suggested researching water filtration options for the highway garage.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept this alternative, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Funds:	No. 49 through 85	\$48,023.19
Highway Funds:	No. 23 through 41	\$14,891.81

On a motion by Councilperson Carey to accept the abstracts, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Water District #5

Jason Molino (WSA) and Eric Wies (CPL) presented a memo detailing the six possible water project scenarios. A Cost Summary Sheet detailing the budget estimate of costs was discussed in detail for each of the six possible scenarios. A map showing the current proposed properties and roads included in the Cost Summary Sheet was distributed. By the April meeting, J. Molino and E. Wies will devise a detailed communication plan for distributing the information to all town residents. Jim Campbell proposed a deadline to accomplish all public meeting input by June 30, 2024.

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to move forward with said plan, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED: Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Report

BI/CEO Charlie Floeser emailed his report for board review and discussed the same.

Fire Marshall Fees have been sent to the Village for review and concurrence with the intent of starting new fees in 2025.

Councilperson Petroski asked that 2244 Poplar Hill be added under the Complaints section of the report until the matter is resolved.

Highway Department Monthly Report

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky was absent, so Councilperson Blodgett discussed the Highway report.

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky employees are currently maintaining equipment and bush hogging the roadsides.

Councilperson Petroski asked for clarification on the CHP road funding. Supervisor Falk stated 2023 CHP funding was received in November 2023.

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky has four applications for the MEO position to replace K. East.

Highway Garage Security Cameras

Outside cameras are in place at the Highway Garage. Supervisor Falk has requested funding to install interior cameras in the equipment and tool bays to protect the Town's assets. There are currently no issues. Supervisor Falk is requesting a no-cost estimate for the purchase and installation of cameras. On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett,
	Nays: 1	Werner

Salt Shed drainage was tabled for next month - FSA.

Siemens Energy Services

The Town is still waiting on grant funding. Supervisor Falk stated the cost to replace the boiler / radiator system in the Town Hall will be \$850,000.

We cannot afford to replace the boiler system, so we went with the Energy Performance Contract with Siemens Corp. The Boiler will be eliminated in favor of heat pumps (for which there is grant funding available). There is no grant funding available for Natural Gas fired boilers.

Paid Family Leave

Supervisor Falk and Councilperson Petroski had trouble accessing the NYS sponsored seminar on PFL. Councilperson Petroski was able to view it and expects to receive a recorded version of the seminar and will forward to all Town Board members.

Budget Transfers

Transfer the bottled water machine at the Highway garage from Machinery Repairs to General Support account as it does not service the building.

The five-year agreement between the Town and Village for the balance of the water expansion. We make \$15k in income and we owe \$17K on invoice. This will finish off the payment for 2024. Transfer from Unexpended Balance to Trans/Distribution Contract account.

For the Fire contract, move funds from Unexpended Balance to Fire Protection Contract account to cover the agreed contract amount with the Village.

On a motion by Councilperson Carey to accept, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

TOWN OF LIMA

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
AT YOUR NEXT MEETING:

HIGHWAY FUND-TOWNWIDE

<i>Transfer From:</i>	DA5130.4	Machinery Repairs	\$ 5,000.00
			<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	DA1989.4	Gen Gov't Support Cont	\$ 5,000.00
			<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #2

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SWUB2	Unexpended Balance	\$ 2,305.35
			<u>\$ 2,305.35</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW2-8340.4	Trans/Dist. Contr.	\$ 2,305.35
			<u>\$ 2,305.35</u>

FIRE

<i>Transfer From:</i> SF915/SFUB	Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,130.00
		<u>\$ 1,130.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i> SF3410.4	Fire Protection, Contr Expend	\$ 1,130.00
		<u>\$ 1,130.00</u>

Procurement Policy

Supervisor Falk noted the policy has been amended to include processes for lower dollar-level expenditures that do not require competitive bidding. Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve amended policy and adopt said Procurement Policy, seconded by Councilperson Carey.

the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Adopted March 5, 2024.

Future Opportunities

Councilperson Petroski submitted a list of projects to consider for future grant opportunities. Supervisor Falk explained the current grant package situation. The current project to be finished is the sidewalk from Gale Rd to the County line.

USDA Invasive Insect Survey

United States Department of Agriculture is requesting permission to trap for an invasive pest, the Box Tree Moth and/or the European Cherry Fruit Fly. On a motion by Councilperson Blodgett to accept, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Downtown Partnership Contract

Supervisor Falk has not received any further information. This discussion will be tabled for the April 2024 meeting.

Lima School Resource Update

All in attendance agreed the Resource Officer Position is an important part of the community. Councilperson Petroski expressed concern for the payment of the Officers salary out of the Town of Lima’s budget and suggested either no contributions from the Town of Lima or a prorated share based on the Town Budget divided by the sum of all budgets. Councilpersons Blodgett and Werner agreed. Supervisor Falk stated the HFL School Board was discussing possible funding.

2024 Lima Golden Agers Club Agreement

Upon motion by Councilperson Carey to approve the 2024 budget for the Lima Golden Agers Club, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Pro Housing Community

The Town of Lima qualified to sign a 3-year agreement to Governor Hochul’s Pro Housing Community Agreement. The Town qualifies due to the number of new dwelling units constructed over the prior three years. -If the Town does not sign up, we will not qualify for outside / downtown grant monies available.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Carey, Petroski, Blodgett
 Nays: 1 Werner

Updated Sexual Harassment Discrimination Prevention Policy

The policy now includes updated definitions and procedures. Councilperson Petroski asked that the plan address who would start the investigation if the Town Supervisor were to be involved in an incident. Supervisor Falk directed the Town Attorney to review the document for consideration at the April meeting.

Move into Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to move into executive session at 8:52pm, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote was unanimous.

Move out of Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to move out executive session at 9:25pm, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote was unanimous.

The Board agreed to hire Webster Szanyi to launch an investigation into misconduct of Councilperson Carey.

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laurie Arner
Deputy Town Clerk