

A regular meeting of the Town/Village of Lima Planning Board was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Lima Town Hall 7329 E Main Street, New York 14485

PRESENT: Chairman Wayne Childs, Vice Chairman Andrew Britton, Members: Christine Steerman, Matthew Grant, and John Wadach and Secretary Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC

ABSENT: Members Chris Harvey, Jacob Button and Larry Kramer

VISITORS: Highway Superintendent John Sokolofsky

Chairman Childs, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION – NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Childs welcomed two members as Village Representatives Paul Osborne and Ericka Elliott recently resigned. The new members presented themselves as follows:

Member Matt Grant shared his background stating he has been a resident of Lima for 26 years, worked and retired from Ontario County. He has advocated for children, served as a supervisor and then the Deputy of Social Services before retiring. He has 5 children, 2 still living at home, 2 grandchildren born within the last few months. Mr. Grant is active in the community including organizing the Barbecue Rib Competition at the annual Lima Crossroads Festival.

Member John Wadach shared his background stating he and his wife Bonnie moved to Lima in 1986. They have two children and two grandchildren. His daughter recently moved back to Lima and he is invested in Lima long term. He has served several terms on the Village Board. His term ended in March, but his interest continues including updating the Master Plan. He would like to see the renewable energy produced in Lima used in Lima. He loves to learn and thought our training session with the Livingston County Planning Board Deputy Director Heather Ferraro was informative. Mr. Wadach was impressed with Mrs. Ferraro's passion and knowledge that she demonstrated during the training session. He has signed up for additional training on the 12th of December regarding affordable housing.

All other Board Members in attendance introduced themselves and it was determined we have members that are dedicated and willing to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan as well as fulfilling their duties as planning board members.

It was suggested to have the use of a projector.

DISCUSSION PROCEDURES

There was discussion on how projects are prepared and provided to the Planning Board. Chairman Childs and Secretary Knight continue to move projects forward in a timely manner.

DISCUSSION TRAINING/INFORMAL HEARING SHAWNDR - HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SOKOLOFSKY

Chairman Childs welcomed and introduced Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky to discuss requirements relating to highways for an informal hearing on expansion requirements for business in a Planned Development. Items reviewed included but are not limited to the following:

Safety issues, use of sidewalks, signage, speed limits – 55 unless marked a different speed – process for changing speed limits, dead end streets, stop signs, flashing lights, public versus private streetlights (National Grid), drainage, parking lots, use of berms, and snow plowing. To date there are outstanding questions about if application is necessary to the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals. The applicant is requesting approval to get the driveway installed prior to the ground freezing. The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for the 18th of December.

RESOLUTION #4-2024 APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 16, 2024

On motion of Member Britton, second by Member Steerman the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3 MEMBERS HARVEY, BUTTON AND KRAMER

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of October 16, 2024 as presented.

Vote of the Board: Chris Harvey – Absent, Christine Steerman – Aye, Larry Kramer, Absent, Jake Button – Absent, Vice Chairman Andrew Britton - Aye, Matthew Grant – Aye, John Wadach – Aye, Chairman Wayne Childs – Aye

DISCUSSION – PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS

Chairman Childs stated Board Members are scheduled to receive by Town email application packets two weeks prior to our scheduled Board meetings.

DISCUSSION - INFORMAL HEARING SHAWNDR

There were further identified questions that may be considered such as the use of online SEQR autofill, archeological sensitivity survey, identification of excavation depth, and identified to not be in a flood zone.

DISCUSSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Chairman Childs thanked Vice Chairman Britton for facilitating the last Planning Board meeting and further discussion including but not limited to following

Member Wadach shared his past involvements with writing grants.

The importance of using an outside consultant

Gathering community input.

DISCUSSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE-continued

Need to request funding to cover the matching funds for a grant from the Village Board (budget runs June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026 and the Town budget runs with the calendar years. The Town recently adopted their budget for 2025.

Grant money.

Completing within one to two years.

Zoning laws must be tied to your Comprehensive Master Plan and should be updated after the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting adjourned by the motion of Member Steerman and seconded by Member Wadach at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC, Secretary