

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE VILLAGE OF LIMA**

February 24, 2015

In attendance were: Mayor Carl Luft, Trustees Jean Lacey, Jerry Warsaw, John Correll and Joe Schwing, Village Attorney Stephen Kruk and Superintendent of Public Works Ben Luft

Village Clerk Linda Banfield was excused from attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Jerry Warsaw, seconded by Joe Schwing to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the jobs recently completed by the Village Crew, and took note of compliments directed to Superintendent Ben Luft and his crew for the excellent snow removal efforts during this snowy February. In particular, Tecla Benson and Jenny Tubbs expressed their appreciation.

The Board unanimously approved payment of the annual dues of \$1307.00 for membership in the New York Conference of Mayors for 2015-2016.

Mayor Luft discussed with the Board a proposal made by Livingston County to adopt a plan to work collaboratively to establish compliance with Governor Cuomo's directive to reduce the property tax across all municipal governments and School districts. The NYS initiative is designed to encourage all municipalities to cap tax increases at a very low level; if each municipality in our area (Livingston County, the Town of Lima, the Village of Lima and the Honeoye Falls-Lima School District) ALL keep their tax levy increase below a certain level, with the ultimate aim of decreasing the total tax levy, all taxpayers will receive a property tax rebate check from the State. If any one of the municipalities fail to meet the tax levy limit, the rebate will be forfeited.

Apparently, if we work collaboratively with the County, we will be able to utilize substantial County cost reductions as part of our Village goal to reduce taxes. Presumably, our efforts to reduce taxes (including the 2012 readjustment of our Code Enforcement officer position to make that job a part time one) will also contribute to the collaborative goal. Mayor Luft reported that most municipalities appeared to favor the County approach to this matter. He noted, however, that at least one Village had exceeded the permissible tax levy, and thus would be unable to join in the group. After much discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Warsaw and seconded by Joe Schwing to join the Livingston County "coalition" to meet the State tax reduction objectives as one unit.

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The Board reviewed the application of Joel C. Belec to join the Lima Fire Department. Mr. Belec's application was unanimously approved upon motion by Jerry Warsaw, seconded by Joe Schwing. Mayor Luft asked the Village Clerk to notify Mr. Belec and the fire chief of the Board action.

A motion was made by Joe Schwing, and second by John Correll to authorize the purchase of 10,000 sludge bags for use at the wastewater treatment plant from the low bidder, United Bags, Inc. Three quotes to provide the bags had been solicited and received; Dayton Distribution (\$8700.), Central Bag Company (\$6600.) and United Bags, Inc. (\$4220.).

Following award of the bid to supply sludge bags, Mayor Luft reported a meeting that had taken place with an engineer from MRB engineering, Plant Superintendent Dan Dumar, and Mayor Luft. Some discussion was held concerning the anticipated new requirements that may be imposed upon reevaluation of the Village SPDES permit. It is expected that in the foreseeable future permitted levels of certain chemicals and heavy metals in our Village wastewater treatment plant sludge/effluent would drastically decrease, making compliance more difficult and expensive.

It was observed that a temporary roof had been erected at the village wastewater treatment plant, and that repair work was progressing following the collapse of a roof area due to excessive snowfall.

The Livingston County Association of Villages dinner will be hosted by the Village of Lima on June 17, 2015 (third Wednesday in June). The Board will secure the Lima Country Club location for the meeting. The members are asked to propose possible speakers for this event.

Village Attorney Stephen Kruk reported that he had received a fax copy of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Lima and the Village of Honeoye Falls concerning shared services and equipment. The form and content of the Agreement had already been approved by action of the Lima Village Board. It was passed by the Village of Honeoye Falls Board of Trustees at its last February meeting. When available, the original signed Agreement will be given to the Village Clerk, and is to be signed by Mayor Luft and returned to the Village of Honeoye Falls.

John Moffett has contacted Village Attorney Kruk to discuss the Honeoye Falls-Lima-Mendon baseball agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.