

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting September 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Lacona Village Board was held September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Office. Those present included Lyndon Glazier (Mayor), Roger Lallier (Trustee, Deputy Mayor), Steve Haskins (Trustee), James Horth (Clerk/Treasurer), Sandy Besaw (Deputy Clerk), Mike LaRock (Fire Chief), John Howland (Code Enforcement Officer), and Mike Yerdon (County Legislator). Mayor Glazier called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. 3 members of the public were also present.

Todd Bristol of Sugar Shack's Water approached the Board to explain his delay in signing the water agreement and requested that it be reinstated. The COVID pandemic had delayed his recertification from New York State (his certification is a requirement of the agreement); he received his recertification the end of August and is now certified through May 2022. The Board agreed to reinstate his contract under the provision that he communicate more openly with the Village in the future.

Colleen Stanley approached the Board to file a complaint about garbage and tires at the residence on the corner of Park Avenue and Demott Street, and unregistered vehicle at a residence on Harwood Drive, and the tents/screenhouses at an apartment building on Harwood Drive. The Mayor acknowledged her complaint, directed the it to the Code Enforcement Officer, and thanked her for reporting it.

The monthly bills were audited and approved for payment upon a motion from the Mayor and seconded by Tr. Haskins, carried. Abstract 6 (voucher #57) in the amount of \$57.52, Abstract 7 (vouchers #59-62) in the amount of \$2,398.96, and Abstract 8 (62-81) in the amount of \$15,789.53.

The financial report ending August 31, 2021 was not available for the meeting due to an error in the system.

Fund Balances August 31, 2021

A- General Fund \$270,741.92
A- Fire Apparatus Reserve \$97,139.12
F - Water Fund \$51,331.43
J - Joint Youth Recreation Program \$0.00
TA - Trust and Agency \$119.34

Bank Account Balances August 31, 2021:

Checking \$3,200.83
Payroll Checking \$0.00
Money Market \$416,130.98
Music at the Market \$0.43

LACONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief LaRock presented his report for the Lacona Fire Department. He cited that there were more calls than usual due to the mutual aid agreement with the Sandy Creek Fire Department. Chief LaRock presented Meagan Oakes as a new member candidate and on a motion from Tr. Haskins, seconded by Tr. Lallier, the Board approved the membership. The new security equipment will be installed the week of September 20. The Fire Department would like to purchase a new (2021) Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicle for the Fire Chief's official use, at the cost of \$32,478.00. The Department is piggy-backing off another purchase by the Albany Fire Department to get the low purchase price. On a motion from Tr. Lallier and approved by Tr. Haskins, the Board voted to approve the purchase up to \$32,478.00 from the Fire Department Reserves.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Howland confirmed that he will check on Mrs. Stanley's complaints. There are a couple of properties that need mowing. The unregistered car on Harwood Drive was a demolition derby car that will be removed. He has contacted the Board of Health about the garbage there and the landlord has plans to remove the pile of dirt in front of the property. A property on Salina Street with tall grass was also brought to his attention. The administrative hearing for the camper and junk vehicle violations on the Maple Avenue property could not be held because the lawyer is

out sick; the Board has rescheduled it for October 13, 2021 at 6:45 PM in the Village Office. It was pointed out that a recent “For Sale” sign at 11 Salina Street stated the building had four apartments but the owner is only charged for three EDUs on their water bill. The Mayor asked Clerk/Treasurer Horth to send a letter to the owner that the EDU quantity would be changed on the next billing.

HISTORIAN

Report submitted.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Legislator Yerdon shared the vaccination clinic in Sandy Creek was a success and the one in Williamstown was good, too. The County Legislature has begun work on next year’s budget. There is a proposed plan for a National Lake Ontario Marine Sanctuary which the Legislature is in support of. It will be about 1786 square miles designed to protect the shipwrecks from Monroe County to St. Lawrence County (an alternate plan of 1724 sq. mi. has the sanctuary extending only as far as Cape Vincent), of which there are 64 known and 20 potential, as well as 1 known aircraft with 3 potential. It will include a National Park at a location just south of Cape Vincent. This will also make Port Ontario a federal park. Public hearings will be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

The storm drain cleanout has been completed.

The new fire hydrant to replace the non-functioning one on Maple Avenue should arrive by Thursday (Sept. 16).

No applications were received for the part-time handyman position. Mike LaRock submitted a letter of interest from Gage MacDuffie; the Mayor will contact him to discuss.

The Village Attorney has recommended the Board “opt-out” of permitting local cannabis purchase/consumption businesses prior to the December 31, 2021 deadline, which would allow the Board more time to gather voters’ feelings and draft licensing requirements. On a motion from Tr. Haskins, seconded by Tr. Lallier, carried, the Board will hold a public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2021, a local law opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Lacona. The Public Hearing will be Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Office.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lacona Fire Department will hold their “Trunk-n-Treat” again this year and hand out hot dogs, on Halloween (October 31, 2021).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 following the Public Hearing at the Village Office.

There being no further business, Tr. Haskins made a motion to adjourn, Tr. Lallier seconded, carried, at 8:30 PM.

James Horth

Village Clerk/Treasurer