PRESENT: Supervisor Broderick; Deputy Supervisor Conrad; Councilmembers Bax; Geiben; Jacoby and Morreale; Attorney Parisi; Village Mayor Welch; Trustees Conde, Eydt, Gibson, Marasco; Village Attorney Leone (5:25 pm); 2 Press; 4 Residents and Clerk Garfinkel

Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

NYS WORKERS COMPENSATION FIREFIGHTERS CANCER INSURANCE

Welch read a letter from Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 received June 1, 2018.

> New York State recently passed legislation requiring all fire companies, departments and districts to carry cancer insurance for all volunteer firefighters that are certified interior qualified beginning January 1, 2019. It is estimated that the cost of this coverage will be no more than $300.00 per firefighter and we presently have 32 interior qualified members.
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> Under paragraph 8 of our contract, the Village has agreed to cover these unanticipated governmental mandated costs. We have asked our insurance provider to provide us with information as soon as it is available.

Eydt said this is almost $9,000. Where this falls between the Town and Village contract it is not sure. This needs to be discussed. Eydt said there is not a budget line for this in the Village budget.

Bax asked if this will be an expense for other Fire Companies. Parisi said this will come up with negotiations with other Fire Companies in the future as a new cost, that under the State law, the district itself has to bear. They will no doubt try and push the cost back to the municipalities. Parisi is surprised other companies have not approached the Town yet. The way the State Law is drafted is it is the fire companies responsibly to provide that insurance.

The Contract between the Town and the Village says the Town pays x-amount and the Village is responsible for paying insurance. It was contemplated in the agreement that it was liability insurance. Parisi will continue to look into this.

Broderick said this contact, Lewiston #1, is a different set-up than the other three companies. The Town pays the Village and the Village has a contract with Lewiston #1. They are in negotiations with them.

In the FAQ from NYS Gap Coverage Cancer Legislation it reads: *Who pays for this disability coverage and how much will it cost? The bill would require that any fire district, department or company to provide and maintain an enhanced cancer disability benefit insurance program for each eligible volunteer firefighter.*

Parisi says it is definitely on the district to make sure it is provided, whether they have an agreement in place or someone ends up paying for it, but it is still on the company.

It was questioned who is covered. In the FAQ from NYS Gap Coverage Cancer Legislation it reads: *Is the bill retroactive? No, the bill is not retroactive. Since the protections are backed by disability insurance coverage, it will only cover those events that have yet to occur.*

Jacoby asked if this identifies any specific type of cancer. Paris believes it says the cancer has to be linked to fire service.

In the FAQ from NYS Gap Coverage Cancer Legislation the question is: *Do I have to prove that I got cancer from firefighting? Therefore, a volunteer who meets the eligibility requirements only needs to provide proof of diagnosis by a board-certified physician in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer diagnosed that the volunteer has a designated form of cancer.*

Welch also pointed out there is a death benefit of $50,000.

Les Myers approached the Town and Jonathan Schultz, the Fire Coordinator. Broderick believes in this unique relationship between the Village and Town for Lewiston #1, Parisi and Leone should get together and discuss what the contract reads. Break it down, do more research and get back to the Boards.

Broderick and Welch meet regarding the recent storm going through mainly the Village. Highway Superintendent Trane had questions regarding the dropping off of the debris to the Town. The Town is working with Modern in taking the mulch. This will be discussed further with Trane at a later date.

POLICE CONTRACT

The Town and Village are looking at revamping the Police Agreement. Broderick and Welch have agreed to sit with the two attorneys to move forward on the Agreement. There are more festivals and activities in the Village, than there were when the original agreement was made.

Parisi feels it makes sense for both sides to sit down. Get some general terms, basic frame work and try to get it on paper. Once on paper it will be easier to get the details nailed down.

Bax would like to continue talks with Artpark. The Village should include police protection in the permit process.

Eydt said the Village has it on their agenda to revamp the application process, possibly including Police patrol. Now that the event season is over, the Village will sit with the individuals.

Broderick said there are some festivals that pay for police protection. Officers at the Peach Festival are paid for by Kiwanis. Jacoby was unaware of this, and feels it would be beneficial to let the residents know that.

Welch said it costs thousands of dollars to be at these festivals. Marasco said there is a lot of prep work, closing the streets, concrete blocks, barriers, and to have one evacuation plan for all to use. The Garden Club developed one, which Previte likes. Bathrooms are a large concern.

NIAGARA PARKWAY TRAIL

The Town will be working on the 9th Street path, with Village Engineer Marino and the Mayor, in hopes of getting this underway in early 2019 to match the DOT project. Discussion need to be had on minor aspects of the trail.

Gibson said Senator Ortt's office has monies available for police protection. Does anyone know how it is determined how much one gets? The Town seems to have gotten the short end of the straw compared to what others received. It is not known. In prior years, Senator Ortt's office has been more than generous with Lewiston's Police Dept.

Village Attorney Leone entered the meeting. Broderick reviewed the meeting. The Supervisor and the Mayor will sit with the two attorneys and discuss the Firemen's Cancer Insurance and the Police Contract.

Geiben asked Leone if he has a copy of the original Police Agreement and the adjustments made by Board resolutions. Leone has a copy of the original from 1995. In regards to resolutions, Leone has researched and found Town and Village and/or joined. Leone used them all for the creation of the agreement in front of the Board.

Geiben feels, before the Town finalizes its budget, it is important the Village knows what the impact is on their budget. They will then have 6-months. One of the issues all along is the two budgets are not in-sync.

Broderick MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Geiben and Carried Unan. (5:30 pm)

Transcribed and respectfully submitted by: Donna R. Garfinkel, Town Clerk