

September 28, 2026

Regular Town Board Meeting

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers R. Morreale, W. Burg & S. Weachter; Dep. Sup. W. Conrad; Bldg. Inspector E. Zimmerman; Police Chief M. Salada; Eng. B. Lannon; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Atty. A. Bax; Finance Director J. Agnello; Rec. Director T. Smith; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Hwy Sup. M. Weiss & Deputy Clerk B. Cogland; 38 Residents and 2 Press.

ZOOM: 1 Press

EXCUSED: Councilman J. Myers; Sr. Coordinator M. Olick; Bldg. Inspector T. Masters

Supervisor called the Town Board Meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

NIAGARA MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Executive Director Holly Curcione said when the military base is talked about, we often talk about jobs, economic impacts, and military missions. Here in Lewiston, that connection is also very personal. More than 45 families who work at the base call the Town of Lewiston home. That does not include civilian employees, contractors, suppliers, and others whose livelihoods are connected to the installation. So, when Lewiston supports NIMAC and the base, it's also supporting its own residents and neighbors. For more than 30 years, NIMAC has served as civilian community partner to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Their role is to connect, coordinate, advocate, and educate. They do not speak for the military; their job is to understand the installation and their needs and then bring the appropriate community partners together and help turn those needs into actions that the civilian community can appropriately advance. There is an important reason this entire region has a stake in the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Niagara occupies a very unusual strategic location, being only about three miles from the Canadian border making it the closest US Air Force installation to a foreign nation. The Niagara region includes five international bridges, a high-volume US/Canada trade corridor and major hydropower generation. Lewiston is a border community, and part of the international transportation network and part of the region's energy infrastructure. Curcione said when advocating for the future of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, they aren't simply making a case for what exists inside the fence, they're making a case for the strategic value of the entire Niagara region and for the quality of the communities around the installation. Over the last two years, NIMAC's work has included support for the addition of the boom operator weapon system trainer, continued advocacy for the command operations and alert facility, and runaway taxiway modernization. Those three projects alone bring \$123 million in construction to this community. NIMAC is also looking ahead and updating Niagara's quality of life case as the Air Force considers potential KC46's or additional KC135's, helping to address Niagara Fall's lodging challenges and pursuing opportunities to bring additional federal agencies and federal jobs to the installation. These are collaborative efforts; NIMAC doesn't claim sole credit for these accomplishments. Their role is to "keep the right people at the table, keep the facts organized, maintain continuity, and make sure the community is ready when an opportunity or problem develops." That is where Lewiston's support becomes especially important, as it allows NIMAC to work year-round not simply when a crisis occurs or when major funding or basing decisions announce. It allows NIMAC to bring military leadership, transportation agencies, education, and business partners together early and often. It allows them to translate military needs into understandable community actions and to keep this region coordinated. It also gives Niagara a civilian, nonpartisan organization that can maintain those relationships even as military and elected leadership changes. Ultimately, the future of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station will depend not only on the missions it's performing today, but on how we as a community position

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ourselves for the opportunities that will come tomorrow. That requires an installation that is ready, a region that is strategically competitive in communities where military members and their families want to live and work. This isn't just about aircraft, buildings, and federal investment; it is about people who are already a part of this community. On behalf of NIMAC, Curcione thanked the Lewiston Town Board for their partnership, continued support, and recognition that a strong Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station benefits Lewiston and the entire Niagara region.

Cogland read the legal notice into the record.

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York, on the 28th day of September, 2026 commencing at 6:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, New York, on the adoption of Local Law #5 of 2026 – “A Local Law Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, Approval, Construction, Installation, and Operation of Battery Energy Storage Systems, Including Battery Energy Storage Systems Associated with Commercial Energy Systems and Stand-Alone Battery Energy Storage Facilities.”

Said Law is intended to provide time for the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston to research and adopt new laws to more efficiently regulate applications for such uses within the Town of Lewiston.

The complete text of said Law is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and is available for review by any interested person during business hours. At such Public Hearing, all persons interested, who wish to be heard, will be heard.

Dated: September 17, 2026

No one wished to speak.

Waechter MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0. 6:09 P.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Broderick – Library Emergency Repairs; Lower River Road Traffic Engineering – Table Perry Court Drainage Study; Morgan Farms RFP

Burg MOVED to approve the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Waechter and carried 4-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Mongiew – wakeupny.net

Mongiew is from wakeupny.net and has helped over a hundred people run for public offices. Mongiew expressed his disturbance with there being a metal detector for residents to pass through when entering the meeting and public hearing. He said he had never before seen a metal detector at a Town Board Meeting, and has been to eight different Towns. Public Hearings are not life-threatening events, he said it's understandable to have them for court, but for Town Board Meetings it is unacceptable. Mongiew said the public has a right to know who they're voting for, and doesn't understand why Supervisor Broderick “refuses to debate Ed Lilly.” There has been a debate between the two in the past, and it is on the internet Broderick said the Town Board Meetings are not a place to discuss politics. Mongiew then asked how a million-dollar gazebo could be justified. Broderick informed him that is not correct, the Riverfront Park Project in its entirety cost \$950,000

and includes a 120-foot waterfront dock, a kayak launch, a pavilion, and an ADA accessible path. Mongiew asked if this was where the sewage disposal dumps out at? Broderick said clean water from the Waste Water Treatment Plant goes out there, Mongiew said that water is treated with chemicals and is not actually clean water. He said for that amount of money, the Town could have built a 12,000-foot soccer complex for kids instead of spending a large amount of money for a project such as this one. Mongiew said he filed a FOIL request a year ago about solar laws and found out the same law firm, Seaman and Norris, is writing the same laws across all of Niagara County. There is a clause in the law that the Towns support solar green energy. This is something that should be exposed because it is “fake green energy.” The Niagara Falls Power Project generates some of the cleanest energy in the nation, yet Niagara County residents do not receive cheap power. “Somewhere down the line we were sold out by politicians.” So much money is being made from the Niagara Falls Power Project that the Power Authority has taken 800 million dollars out of it. Mongiew interviewed a County Legislator, Tony Manning, four years ago and Manning explained to him that when that plant was licensed, we were supposed to get the cheapest power in the nation, but instead we are paying the highest rates. For example, Arcade’s electric bills are 75% cheaper than Lewiston’s. On the National Grid bills, the delivery fees are the majority of the entire cost. That is something worth looking into.

Andrew Davis – Townline Road

Davis thanked the Board for allowing him to readdress the situation he has spoken on many times before surrounding his home in the rural residential area on Townline Road in Sanborn. Davis rhetorically asked when the neighboring property was re-zoned to allow for commercial operation as they are operating three LLC businesses on the rural residential property effecting the once quiet and peaceful neighborhood disguised as farming and agricultural marketing. Davis said he is here to require the Town Board represent law-abiding citizens who obey the Town Code and zoning laws and want to keep a quiet neighborhood. He said he understands there is to be enforcement for violations, such as court appearances, fines, and such, and he doesn’t feel like these individuals are being held accountable to the same standard as everyone else. Davis said when someone applies for approval for actions wished to be performed on their land, there is a set process per the Town Code that must be gone through and he doesn’t feel the neighboring business has done its due diligence according to that.

Hannah Davis – Townline Road

For the last five years, Davis has come before the Town Board asking them to help stop the Niagara Pumpkin Farm from operating in their rural residential area. The pumpkin farm has grown over the years, and now has concession stands, snack bars, a pancake stand, coffee/latte trailer, a retail boutique which sells the products made in the owner’s home, and now four carnival games, which could even be expanding in real time. Davis asked the Board to visit the Niagara Pumpkin Farms website to watch the videos of the walk-throughs and see just how big and commercialized this operation has become. She said this is no longer a farm, it’s a carnival in the making. Davis said her parents were victimized from the very first day they met the owners of this neighboring property. Her father, a decorated World War II veteran who has now passed, was sworn at and called foul names for twenty minutes while a Lewiston Town Police Officer stood and watched without ever interfering or stopping this from happening. Davis and her parents used to enjoy beautiful sunsets this time of year, and breakfast on the porch, and coffee with her dad, listening to stories about his rodeo days. Davis said her parents and self were victims of extreme harassment by the Kings for years including some disturbing examples. She misses seeing the deer and turkeys in her back hayfield that used to be seen before being replaced with the sounds of blow horns,

chainsaws, and screaming from the neighboring attraction. She asked the Board to help restore the life her and her family lived and loved.

Roger Cicinio – Meyers Hill Road

Cicinio came to discuss the steep rise in school tax rates. Not by a hundred or even a few hundred dollars, but quite a lot. At his current age of 60, if he lives to be 80, he would have paid over \$200,000 in school taxes, which is an outrageous amount to him. That amounts to a big chunk of his retirement just to stay on his own property, which doesn't feel right. His home is not waterfront property, nor two story nor does he have a cement driveway, just a basic home which makes it hard to justify staying in with tax rates as high as they are. Broderick told Cicinio that the Town property tax is only 1% of the tax total, lowering every year for the last 6 years and in 2024 lowered by 34.5%, and that the Town does not have any control over School or County Taxes. There is a vote on the school tax every year, and there are school board meetings every month open to all residents. That would be the time and place and people to bring concerns regarding school taxes to be heard. School taxes are not at all based on property taxes. Waechter said to look for the school budget to be released in the spring, and make sure to vote.

Linda Scalzo – Creek Road

Scalzo was heavily affected by the rainstorms and flooding the area experienced in the recent months. She came to the meeting to ask the Board what is being done about the sewer infrastructure, and issues at her home. Scalzo said no Town employees have come to her home to look at the drain issues she is having. The Town intends to use the ditch cleaning crew as a starting point for remediation, but this doesn't solve the problems for residents on Creek Road which is a State road. Broderick said Highway Supt. Weiss is available daily for residents to reach out to, as the Highway Department is who handles all drainage issues. Scalzo said she has sent many emails with no response. When the sewage backed up into Scalzo's basement she reached out the state DOT who told her they would reach out to the Town to report that the manhole was taking in water that it shouldn't, but at such time all manholes were taking in water. Water will always rise to "seek its own level" creating backups through low level drains such as showers or sinks in basement areas of homes and businesses. Every home that is sold is required to pour concrete into these drains to prevent these situations for arising during such weather events.

Rob Hoover II – Buffalo Street

Hoover is Fire Chief at the Sanborn Fire Company and began by thanking the Town of Lewiston Highway Department for their help with the fire on Lower Mountain Road. Some of the larger fires they come across, they can not solve with just their manpower due to the size of some structures. This is in terms of demolition, equipment for overhaul to pull things apart in a safe manner. Sometimes the fire companies need sand, or other materials and when the Highway Departments of the various Towns help with that it makes the firefighters' job a lot easier, safer, and more effective. Hoover came to the meeting to address NFPA 291 and NFPA 25 that have to do with the water, hydrants, and infrastructure. Every five years the entire system is supposed to be inspected and a flow test should be conducted. The Town gets its water from the County who supplies the water at normally 105 pounds then gets taken down on the municipal side. The Fire Company has run into a few problems, and residents have also mentioned having water issues so the Fire Company started looking into areas like Townline Road and Bridgeman Road. There was a fire on the reservation, and the Fire Company was filling tankers on Upper Mountain Road and were at 30-35 pounds, Bridgeman Road was at 38-40 pounds. The Reservation has mentioned putting in water lines to move water to their residents with federal monies, and also the proposed

apartment complex that is planned to be built on Buffalo St and Route 31 are two things that would put more of a tax on the infrastructure. That has been put aside for a few months due to sewer constraints, but the Town should also look into and address the water issues and how these things would further impact that. A good plan should be made for the whole Town to see where each area currently stands in regards to fire hydrant water pressure and what can be expected in the future. Hoover also thanked the Water Department for always helping when needed, he enjoys working with the different Town Departments. Broderick suggested Zahno be invited to the next Fire Bureau meeting. Hoover said it would be great to get a baseline, that hasn't been done in a number of years and it would be great to have something up to date so when things arise everyone can know how to handle them, especially when talking about adding miles of water lines through the reservation so the fire companies can know how that will affect them. Waechter asked if this is something that has gradually arose, or if there was a sudden notice of change. Hoover said there are probably things that they haven't caught and if there is a fire, he can call the county and they will increase the pressure by 45 pounds to help. He said he's not sure if there's a valve somewhere that's just not working right, or if there is an issue elsewhere. Sanborn Fire Company uses the hydrant on Townline Road as backup if they have to head to Cambria to the college, or to relay water and it's not much of a help as it is now. The Town of Cambria has had water problems on the opposite side of things. Where he lives, he can get 70 pounds of water pressure. Wheatfield is supposed to be feeding Lewiston; there is a manual valve inside a pit on Ward Road and the hydrant there is only at around 35 pounds. Hoover has also talked with Wheatfield Water Department and Niagara County Water Department and understands "these kinds of problems kind of creep up on you" but it's something to seriously be mindful of when discussing developing more in areas and be proactive in planning.

Janelle Tower – Lower River Road

Tower presented the Board with a petition letter that over 40 residents of Lower River Road have signed formally requesting a pedestrian and traffic safety review and design along River Road and speaks for the whole. Tower attended the meeting because of a severe accident the previous Wednesday near Joseph Davis that serves as a warning. She said it was a terrifying reminder of the daily patterns on River Road, but it was also an opportunity. Tower said there is a chance right now to fix these issues and possibly prevent a life loss but it can't be done without the Town Board's help. She knows the administrative reality of the route 18F, and that the Town maintains the road, but the County actually owns it and split jurisdiction makes things complicated, and she did not come to fight the Town, but rather to ask for leadership. The residents of River Road need the Town Board to stand with them and their advocates to help get the county to make life saving changes for the road. Right now, the physical layout of the road leaves no room for driver error. The blind curves near Stella Niagara, Pletcher Road and Joseph Davis Park combined with the lack of trail buffers put local drivers and pedestrians in a highly vulnerable position. Lewiston Police speed survey just this summer showed that over 50% of vehicles are speeding with hundreds traveling well over 50mph. The reported average volume on River Road is 3,930 vehicles per day. With over 50% speeding that averages 1,965 vehicles speeding every single day down that road.

History in Western New York shows the devastating human costs of waiting until the worst-case scenario occurs to force infrastructure changes. By sharing and submitting their resident led technical audit two weeks ago for the Town and the County, River Road residents have provided the data needed to justify these upgrades. They would like to see the community fix the hazards before the unthinkable happens. They asked the Board to partner with them by committing to three steps: First, they are asking for a formal Town Board resolution joining the residents in petitioning the Niagara County and New York State DOT for a unified full corridor safety study from Village to Village and for the public release of full corridor accident data since 2016. The residents need the political weight of the Town Board behind the request so the County will listen. Second, while

residents work with the Town to push the County for structural changes, they need the Town's help managing the immediate dangers. They ask for high visibility speed enforcement patrols from Town Police in known hazard zones in the dangerous curves and a lot of the residential areas. Third, they requested priority maintenance from the Town Highway Department to clear the overgrowth brush blocking sight lines around the bike path, driveways, and make the pedestrian crosswalks more visible for drivers and pedestrians. Bad drivers can not be controlled, but the roads can be updated to NYS DOT standards and guidelines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morreale MOVED to approve the minutes from the 09/14/2026 Work Session. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

ABSTRACT

Morreale MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 26-02689 thru 26-02847 and recommended payment in the amount of \$203,384.12 plus a post-audit in the amount of \$32,244.51. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS

Sr Citizens Coordinator M. Olick

Olick requested the cabinets and some other items from the Senior Center that were previously approved to be listed on Auctions International be approved to throw away, as the condition of them is unsalvageable for resale. Due to structural wear and overall bad condition, attempting to dismantle and transport them intact is not feasible. Olick requested to adjust the scope of work to include the complete removal and proper disposal of the existing cabinetry rather than trying to salvage them.

Waechter MOVED to revoke the previous motion to salvage the cabinetry at the Senior Center due to ineligible value. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Broderick read a Resolution 10-2026 "Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP)"

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has established the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to provide funding to assist Town and Village Courts with operational improvements, security enhancements, technology, and records management; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston recognizes the need to enhance the efficiency of the Lewiston Town Court by providing a mobile TV stand and commercial monitor for the court office for the use of non-jury and jury trials.

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Town justice, the Honorable Hugh Gee, has identified the opportunity to apply for JCAP funding in the 2026-2027 grant cycle in the amount of one thousand and two hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$1,299.00) to provide a mobile TV stand and commercial monitor for the court officer for non-jury and jury trials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of the Town of Lewiston authorizes the Lewiston Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle in an amount up to \$1,299.00

Resolution
10-2026
JCAP Grant

Morreale MOVED to approve Resolution 10-2026 Seconded by Burg. Roll Call: Councilman Burg, Yes; Councilman Morreale, Yes; Councilwoman Waechter, Yes; Supervisor Broderick, Yes. Carried 4-0.

Morreale MOVED to approve the Supervisor, all Town Board members, and the Town Clerk to sign Resolution 10-2026. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Town Clerk's Office – B. Cogland

Deputy Town Clerk Linda Kreps submitted a letter of resignation, "I am writing to announce my decision to retire from my position as Deputy Clerk at the Town of Lewiston on March 31, 2027. I am grateful for the opportunity and experiences during my years here. It has been a privilege to work alongside all of you. I am more than willing to help in any way I can to make the process as smooth as possible."

L. Kreps
Deputy
Town Clerk to
Reitre

Waechter MOVED to accept the resignation of Linda Kreps effective March 31, 2027. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

The Town Clerk's Office would like to post the vacancy immediately to allow time to hire and train the next employee properly.

Post Vacany for
Deputy Town
Clerk

Waechter MOVED to approve the Town Clerk's Office to post the vacancy for Deputy Town Clerk. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Highway Supt. – M. Weiss

The Highway Department is continuing work on ditch clearing and have found a few issues in the Bronson Drive area with collapsed pipes and sizeable holes that need replacement. The Highway Department has obtained the permit from the Mayor of Lewiston Village for the ditch on the west side of the Parkway. Weiss asked for approval to put that out to bid. Broderick said the permit gives the Town of Lewiston permission to clean the west side of the bike path from Mohawk Street to Pletcher Road, approximately two and quarter miles.

Ditch Clearing
out to bid

Morreale MOVED to approve the Highway Department to put the ditch cleaning from Mohawk Street to Pletcher Road out to bid. Seconded by Waechter and carried 4-0.

Water Foreman – D. Zahno

The Water Department is beginning to winterize fire hydrants and working on clean up from previous water breaks.

Chief Operator – WPCC – J. Ritter

The WPCC had their annual DEC inspection last Tuesday. The WPCC is starting their lining project next month and working on manholes.

Recreation Director – T. Smith

The Town of Lewiston Trunk or Treat and haunted house will be at the Lewiston Senior Center on Saturday October 24th from 1-3pm. The Recreation Department is collaborating once again with Niagara University for ice skating dates will be announced soon.

OLD/PENDING BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Modern Corporation's permit renewal application calls for a 30 -day comment period, Burg requested approval for Attorney Bax to request a 90-0day extension to the comment period for proper further review by the Town.

90-day Comment
Period Extension
for Modern Permit
renewal

Burg MOVED to approve Attorney Bax to request a 90-day extension on the comment period for Modern Corporation's permit renewal application. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

SUPERVISOR BRODERICK

Adopt Local Law
5-2026

Burg MOVED to declare the adoption of Local Law 5-2026 a type 2 action in regards to SEQRA. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Burg MOVED to approve Local Law 5-2026 A Local Law Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, Approval, Construction, Installation, and Operation of Battery Energy Storage Systems, Including Battery Energy Storage Systems Associated with Commercial Energy Systems and Stand-Alone Battery Energy Storage Facilities.” Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Last year, the Lewiston Public Library experienced terrible issues with roof leakage and ice damage. The HVAC vents are positioned up against the roof and are not insulated which is causing snow to melt and then freeze at the edge during the winter causing ice damage. There were 6-7 leaks in the roof total. The Town of Lewiston will be licensing the project, so the agreement presented is between the Lewiston Public Library, Mussachio Architects, P.C., and the Town of Lewiston. The agreement is designed to provide a scope of work to correct the issues. Waechter asked if the 10% included the contract administration fees and also any reimbursable costs because line 4 on page 9 mentions these fees. It will. Morreale sat in a meeting with the Supervisor, Mussachio Architects, and the Building Inspector who asked a lot of questions that the contractor answered well. The funds for this will be paid from the H98 energy account which is designed for projects such as this so this will not be paid for out of any fund balances or infrastructure money but rather will come from the money earned by the Town for selling megawatts on the open market.

Mussachio
Architect / Lew
Public Library
repair contract

Waechter MOVED to approve the presented agreement between Lewiston Public Library, Mussachio Architects, P.C., and the Town of Lewiston in the amount not to exceed \$45,000 plus 10%, pending attorney approval of language to be paid from H98. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

In the children's area of the Lewiston Public Library, the HVAC unit has gone out which is an emergency situation. The Town received a scope of work from Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc. who installed the HVAC system. No other companies were able to come in and look at the system. The children's area of the library needs to have a working heating system. Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc has provided a quote in the amount of \$27,227.

Lew. Public
Library Emergency

Waechter MOVED to declare the HVAC repairs in the children's area in Lewiston Public Library an emergency. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Lewiston Public
Library HVAC
Repair

Burg MOVED to approve Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc to replace the Lennox RTU unit in the children's area of Lewiston Public Library in the amount of \$27,227 to be paid by H98. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

Broderick said he has spoken with Janelle Tower a lot regarding the Lower River Road traffic situation. It is tricky to make decisions on this because that is not a Town Road. Even if it were a Town Road, the Town is not authorized to lower the speed limit. River Road is County Road, even though it is a State Road as well. Broderick suggested the Town send a request to Niagara County for a traffic safety study from the Village line to the Town line at Joseph Davis. Tower has a counterpart working in the Town of Porter who can hopefully help extend that span. There's nothing anyone can do to control reckless drivers, but this study would be a good start on seeing what can be done to better protect the area from harm that would arise from speeding and reckless driving.

Traffic Study -
Lower River Rd

Waechter MOVED to request Niagara County do a traffic safety study on Lower River Road. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Lannon has submitted a proposal from GHD for the design and preparation of contracts, planning, specifications, and drawings in addition to the bidding of the Morgan Farms Stormwater Project project for public bid. Morgan Drive is the area of focus for this project from the west intersection of Greenfield Road to West Park. This covers approximately 2,500 linear feet. Greenfield Road is about 1,300 linear feet, Sandlewood Drive is around 1,100 linear feet, and West Park Drive is about 1,000 linear feet. This totals just under 6,000 linear feet of the Town's stormwater infrastructure to be essentially designed and constructed. GHD is proposing to model a 50-year storm to determine what size pipe there needs to be. He anticipates it will be between 18-24" but they will run the model and meet with the Town, confirm the appropriate sizing, and then proceed with the design. The quoted cost of this is \$75,700, a lump sum cost of \$69,500 for the design phase, and then \$6,200 for a bid phase. GHD will take this project through the whole process, bidding, putting the job out to bid and everything else necessary. Waechter said in the past months the storms have been 100 year storms and asked what determined the study would use 50 year storm data for modeling as opposed to 100 year storm data, and if the latter would change the determined size of the pipeline. Lannon said it very likely would, that they have some model runs that do land in that area and pipe sizes required were 24-36" with a small section even calling for 48" diameter pipe which is quite robust. The issue with running such large diameter pipes is there is only a fixed grade to work with, and also would interrupt water services, existing gas lines and anything else that may be in the way of doing so. GHD will do their best to find the right size pipes to use for each area while disrupting other services as little as possible. In some areas because of these factors, there may be no choice but to use a smaller than suggested pipe. Much of this area's stormwater flows to the west out to the Niagara River and doesn't utilize the existing ditch very much, so if more water can be routed to the ditches already available and underutilized, a big difference can be made in managing that water by splitting it to have water run east into the ditch that is going out to bid to be cleared. Weiss said there is a drainage ditch on the north side of Morgan Drive that runs out to the Parkway and the goal is to get a lot of water to flow into that ditch because it is grossly underutilized. As we speak, Morgan Farms area is designed with undersized piping, lack of piping, and all of those pipelines head west towards the river. The Highway and Engineering Departments are not looking to pipe that ditch, but pipe a way to the ditch and leave it as an open ditch with a possible exception of the last 150-200 feet where it goes under the Parkway that may need a 48" pipe. The remainder of the ditch however, from Hickory Road on eastward would remain an open ditch, which Weiss said is the best policy.

GHD Proposal
Morgan Farms
Stormwater
Infrastructure

Burg MOVED to approve GHD’s proposal for Morgan Farms Stormwater Infrastructure Design & Bidding in the amount of \$75,700 to be paid from H97. Seconded by Waechter and carried 4-0.

Morreale MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from GHD for testing, design, and bidding of the drainage ditching for the north side of Morgan Farms. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

FINANCE

The Finance Director asked for approval to process the following 2026 budget revisions:

1. A request to move \$2,341 to Engineering Firm-Other - B00-1440-0400-0000 from Fund Balance - B00-1000-0599-0000, to cover Comprehensive Plan expenses.
2. A request to move \$259 to Highway Insurance - DB0-1910-0400-0000 from Highway General Repairs Contractual - DB0-5110-0400-0000, to cover insurance expenses.

Budget
Revisions

Morreale MOVED to approve the budget revisions as presented. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Agnello submitted the 2027 Tentative Budget, distributed by Cogland

2027 Tentative
Budget

Morreale MOVED to approve the 2027 Tentative Budget as submitted. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Deputy Clerk Cogland read Appendix D 2027 Schedule of Salaries of Elected Town Officials: Highway Superintendent - \$85,474; Town Clerk - \$74,480; Supervisor - \$35,000; Town Justices (2) - \$32,397; Council Members (4) - \$16,383

The Town Clerk submitted an email from the Town’s personnel specialist Soffritti regarding the posted justice court clerk vacancy. This position will be a Court Clerk title and is intended for training purposes only. The goal is to have the new employee hired and trained while our current Justice Clerk, Mary Gee, is still employed and available to provide hands-on training and support during the transition. This position has already been approved by the Board in the last meeting, but was not properly stated as this is a “temporary” position intended for training and does not immediately replace the current clerk. The Town Board notes this as an amendment to the previous motion approving the hire of a justice court clerk.

COUNCILMAN BURG – nothing further to report

COUNCILMAN MORREALE

The Planning Board met in regular session on September 17, 2026 and reviewed a one lot split request from Vienna Bowen 2831 Lower Mountain Road, Ransomville, NY 14131 SBL 90.00-3-45.1. The Board classified this as a “minor subdivision” as defined under subsection 306-2 of the Town of Lewiston Code and determined that it should be treated as such. The Planning Board, after considering all relevant information, hereby recommended that the Town Board adopt a negative declaration with regard to SEQRA and approve the one lot split as presented. With the note that the owners are going to try their best to keep as much of the wooded area as possible, to keep the character of the neighborhood intact as best they can.

Neg Dec
One lot Split

Morreale MOVED to approve the negative declaration with regard to SEQRA. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

Approve One
Lot Split
2831 Lower
Mountain Road

Morreale MOVED to approve the one lot split at 2831 Lower Mountain Road are presented. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

A pool forgiveness credit in the amount of \$209.01 was submitted by Scott Fraser of 5144 Dana Drive for pool refill after repairs.

Pool Forgiveness
5144 Dana Dr

Morreale MOVED to approve a sewer credit in the amount of \$209.01 for the refilling of a pool after repairs at 5144 Dana Drive. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0.

COUNCILWOMAN WAECHTER

The Lewiston Senior Center requested approval to hire a part-time care van driver. This would be up to 20 hours per week; applicants must be compatible with the elderly for consideration. Applications for this position can be found at Town Hall and also at the Senior Center.

Sr Center
P/T Van Driver
Job Posted

Waechter MOVED to approve the Senior Center to hire a part-time Care Van Driver. Seconded by Morreale and carried 4-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Paulette Glasgow – The Circle Drive

Glasgow asked if the Comprehensive Plan has been completed, to which Broderick explained this would take over a year to complete, but there is a public forum coming up, but the date is conflicting, so a sure date has not yet been set for it, but it will either be towards the end of October, or the first week in November. When the date is set it will be publicly advertised. Glasgow “got a kick” out of the resident who earlier spoke on the increase in school taxes in the Lew-Port district because she herself has often said she has never had a child in the school district, but used to have a cat, Barney. She wants to support the school district, but also found herself so frustrated with the constant rising of the cost, she said she was going to register Barney as a student. Glasgow thanked Weiss and his workers for the work they have done on The Circle Drive. Now hopefully, she will no longer have a “swimming pool” in the front yard after it rains, that even extended into the neighbor’s yard. She no longer has her neighbor’s driveway in her front lawn. Weiss said he hopes what was done solved the issue for good. Glasgow asked that her, her husband, and their neighbors’ thanks be extended through the Highway Department employees.

Glasgow wanted to mention ten days prior to the meeting there was an incident at the Senior Center. A group came back from a trip, and one of the seniors stepped off the bus and fell over one of the larger stones in the front of the Senior Center building by the front door. The lady fell on her back and hit her head. The others were able to get her upright, but she hurt her shoulder and the back of her head in the fall. There is another senior citizen who also fell over the same rocks, both ladies were very sore, but will hopefully be okay. There was an incident report filed since this happened on Town property and is required to be reported. Broderick asked Weiss to go check out the stones there, Weiss said he will work with Zahno and have the larger stones removed. No one wants to see or hear of any harm coming to any residents.

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The Senior Center will be closed October 12-16th for renovations. The van will still be available for doctor's appointments and grocery shopping but meals will not be available during construction.

Morreale MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Burg and carried 4-0. 7:21 P.M.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

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