

Lewiston Town Board approves funding requests, appointments

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Meeting on an off night – and with two members absent – the Town of Lewiston work session last Thursday was both brief and productive. Funding authorizations were made for pending projects, and appointments were approved, with board actions also taken on a number of procedural areas.

Leading off, the board moved to close the September public hearing on plans to change the structure of the Lewiston Environmental Commission. No residents spoke, and no further action was taken.

Supervisor Steve Broderick said that, with council members Sarah Waechter and John Jacoby absent, the town was not at a point that evening to move forward on its restructuring plans to merge the group into the Town Planning Board. “We’re not going to be making any decisions on the Environmental Commission tonight as far as the new local law. We’re still working on it.”

Other board actions included:

- Emergency funding to address a major water break at Gate of Heaven Cemetery that resulted in a large water bill. Broderick said the town has been working with Niagara County to determine the damage incurred at the non-profit entity operated by the Cath-

olic Diocese of Buffalo.

“We came up with a figure to settle the water bill of \$4,000,” Broderick said as a motion for board approval was presented.

Following the vote, he added, “Towns are allowed to assist cemeteries because, if anything happened ... or if a cemetery financially went bankrupt, the town, by law, is required to take over that cemetery, which we do not want to get into a multi-cemetery business.”

“We’re assisting them as much as we can; it was done at no cost to the Town of Lewiston,” he said.

- The town approved a four-year snow and ice agreement with New York state. Attorney Al Bax said the new pact provides Lewiston with winter maintenance assistance on town roads, but also county and state highways.

Broderick said, “We get paid on a per-mile basis, and state roads, as well. We’ll take care of (Route) 104 all the way to 425.”

- The board moved to finalize the appointment of new Clerk Amy Smith, with some additional titles and responsibilities added.

“Now be it resolved that Amy Smith is hereby appointed to the positions of registrar, records access officer, records management officer, tax collector and dog control officer for the Town of Lewiston, effective immediately,” Broderick said.

- The board approved two proposals from town engineers GHD Engineering, Architecture and Construction Services. Included was funding for an investigation study in the Morgan Farms neighborhood, which experienced major flooding episodes this year following heavy precipitation events.

“It’s a field investigation phase for borings and a topographical study ... for the possibility of running a sewer line down Vrooman Road from Morgan (Drive) to Dutton (Drive),” Broderick said. The cost of the study, \$16,700, was approved with funding to come from the town’s H-97 account.

The second item involved a water storage tank accessory building improvement project in the town Water Department.

The GHD proposal “provides a scope of work on repairs for the building that is in need of repairs, some of them bordering on emergency repairs,” Broderick said. “It is to design a hazardous materials assessment and put (the job) out to bidding. ... The building is in need of repair.”

Its cost, \$28,700, was likewise approved with funding also to come from the H-97 account.

- Board members also approved the reappointment of Andrew Nichols to the Board of Assessment Review.

‘Holiday Happenings’ emphasizes community, creativity



The bake sale, which included a variety of homemade baked goods.

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The 2024 edition of “Holiday Happenings,” held Oct. 19 at the Golden Age Center at the Nike Base, featured crafts, lunch, a basket raffle and a bake sale.

Jen Menter, recreation supervisor for the Golden Age Center, said, “We have a really nice turnout here today for this holiday event to support the Golden Age Club and senior services. We’re really lucky to have the support of our seniors and our members here in our community. We have a great turnout of 16 members, who have made wonderful crafts and items here to kick off our holiday season and to get everyone in the spirit of the holidays. We have a great bake sale, a great lunch sale, a 50/50 raffle, a great basket raffle of 138 baskets, gift cards and gift certificates from wonderful people who have supported us in our cause. We have a great 50/50 raffle, Christmas tree lottery raffle, as well. I think everybody is having a really fantastic time here. And you can’t beat the weather.”

Menter said the event is about building community. “It’s a chance for all of us to get together and see one another, to catch up. We do these events to keep our costs low, to be able to do the great activities and events that people look forward to, and for everyone to get the

chance to participate. We listen to the feedback and suggestions of what people want to see, what people want to participate in and, so, we can have these great events, such as entertainment, different programs and different events that people want to see. So, this is how we’re able to do all these great things.”

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Free breakfast for Town of Wheatfield seniors

The Town of Wheatfield Lions Club invites to all seniors to its club house at 6535 Ward Road (next to the American Legion Post 1451) for a free pancakes and sausage breakfast (including coffee, orange juice and milk). This event will run from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Oct. 27.

Organizers said, “Come and enjoy a meal here and time to sit, relax and be served! This is just our way to honor and recognize our senior citizens of Wheatfield and of the area with appreciation for all that you do and have done for our community!”

Basket raffle & craft show hosted by Associates of Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 77

Associates of Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 77 will hold a

basket raffle and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Gratwick Fire House, 110 Ward Road, North Tonawanda. Proceeds support veteran patients in the nursing homes connected to the Batavia and Buffalo VA, as well as children of veterans during the December holidays.

A press release noted, “AVVA Chapter 77 is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting veterans and their families and the families of active military. It actively supports the Paul Rudnicki Food Pantry located at 23 Main St., in the City of Tonawanda. The pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday and is a lifeline for over 1,000 veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families annually.”

Mt. St. Mary’s Hospital board to host annual pancake breakfast

The board of associates of Mount St. Mary’s Hospital is sponsoring its annual Tony Guth-

rie pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Lewiston No. 1 Firehall on North Sixth Street in the Village of Lewiston. Menu includes all the pancakes you can eat, plus sausage, orange juice and coffee

Organizers said, “Special thanks to Anthony DiMino of DiMino Lewiston Tops and Bob Burns of Tim Hortons CRB Holdings Inc. for their generous support.”

Ticket prices are \$7 per person and \$20 for a family up to six members. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 716-870-7997.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be dedicated to the organization’s Hewitt Awards Scholar/Athlete program.

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