

Village of Lewiston adopts budget

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No Village of Lewiston residents spoke Monday at a public hearing on the proposed budget, making the trustees' decision to unanimously approve the measure that much easier.

Notable numbers in the 2024-25 budget include:

- A tax rate of \$8.164858 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

- Appropriations are expected to be \$5,444,091, with revenues projected at \$4,655,322.

If those numbers hold, the municipality will use \$788,769 in appropriated fund balance to make up the difference (\$754,675 in general fund balance plus \$853 in sewer fund balance and \$33,241 in water fund balance).

• **Expenses**

- √ The general fund is \$4,356,871
- √ The water fund is \$559,793
- √ The sewer fund is \$527,427

• **Revenues**

- √ The total revenue stream is \$4,655,322, with \$558,940 in water fees and \$494,186 in sewer fees
- √ Real property taxes are expected to bring in \$1,312,345

The new fiscal year begins June 1.

Mayor Anne Welch said, "Thank you very much to Stephanie (Longwell), our treasurer, she did a great job with our budget – as she does every year. She really put it together nicely."

Trustee Dan Gibson said, "Stephanie, great job on the bud-



A new sidewalk was recently installed behind the Ellicott Development plaza's building No. 3 on Onondaga Street in Lewiston.

get. It was self-explanatory."

Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt was excused from the meeting.

Academy Park pavilion

Trustees awarded the Academy Park community pavilion bid to Jason Lombardi and the Ransomville-based Tech Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$307,912, contingent upon review by Law Counselor Joseph Leone, Building In-

spector Ken Candella and Town of Lewiston Building Inspector Tim Masters.

The 80-foot-by-40-foot pavilion will be constructed next to the Alphonso I. DiMino Memorial Band Shell. Design features include a cupola, scissor trusses with soffit along the pavilion ceiling, and 10-foot pillars.

To date, the Village of Lewis-

ton has been granted \$190,000 in Greenway funding, courtesy of the Town of Lewiston, and has two private commitments totaling \$120,000.

Other news

The Village Board also:

- Approved two facilities use requests: One made by the Lewiston Garden Club to host a perennial sale from Thursday through

Saturday, May 16-18, in and/or in front of the Red Brick Municipal Building gym; and a second from Bianca Falsetti to use Academy Park and the bandshell for a local vendor and fundraising event set for 4:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.

- Granted Catching Dreams Charters/Punt Pediatric Cancer Collaborative use of Lewiston Landing Park to host a fishing tournament fundraiser from 7-11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2.

- Allowed Inter-Community Services Inc. to collect both monetary and food donations at the South Fourth Street and Portage Road Artpark entrances on the following event dates: June 18 and 21, July 6, 19 and 24, and Aug. 10, 11, 13, 16, 20, 27 and 29.

- Set Paul Naus as chairman, and Richard Gworek, Doreen Albee and Ashlee Chmiel as inspectors, for the election to be held Tuesday, June 18. Bruce Gonka was named voting machine custodian.

- Appointed the following Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 line officers:

- √ Chief – Spencer Lilly
- √ 1st Assistant Chief – William McEvoy
- √ 2nd Assistant Chief – Chris Copland
- √ 3rd Assistant EMS Chief – Matthew Grainge

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IN THE NEWS

Village of Lewiston Republicans to caucus

The Republican Party of the Village of Lewiston will caucus to nominate candidates for two open trustee positions (four-year term) for the Village of Lewiston will take place beginning at 6 p.m. April 24 at the Red Brick Municipal Building at 145 N. Fourth St. Use the side gymnasium entrance.

Candidates must reside in the Village of Lewiston and be registered as a Republican. Those wishing to nominate or vote at the caucus are asked to bring photo identification.

Please contact Chairman Karl Frankovitch (716-998-0376 or kff@niagaralaw.com) if you require any special accommodation or need assistance attending. Every effort will be made to assist every eligible voter to attend and exercise their right to choose their governmental leadership in a fair and transparent manner.

Giannetti to present at Lewiston Library

International award-winning poet Robert Giannetti will present a program on "The Madness of the World" at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, inside the Lewiston Public Library, 305 S. Eighth St.

The author said, "Fresh from groundbreaking performances at Artpark and the Lewiston Jazz Festival last summer, Giannetti will present a new and engaging program of poetic writings on madness, drawing on his own work and that of others included in a 2023 worldwide poetry anthology on that theme."

DEC: Lake Erie fisheries outreach meeting

Biologists to provide update on status of Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River fisheries

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is inviting the public to learn

more about the status of Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River fisheries at a public meeting from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Woodlawn Beach State Park's lodge in Blasdell.

The meeting will begin with an informal discussion followed by presentations on Lake Erie and Niagara River fisheries management, including updates on assessment activities and research for prominent recreational and restoration species such as walleye, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, steelhead, lake whitefish, lake trout, cisco and prey fish. All are welcome to attend this free event. Registration is not required.

This annual meeting is sponsored by DEC's Lake Erie Fisheries Research Unit and Region 9

Fisheries offices.

A press release stated, "Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River rank among New York state's top fishing destinations, especially for walleye, smallmouth bass and steelhead, with more than 900,000 angler days spent on these waters, and an estimated value of more than \$17 million to the local New York economy.

Anglers, new and experienced, can check out DEC's "Tackle Box" feature in the HuntFishNY app, which provides anglers one-stop shopping for waterbody-specific information on fishing regulations, stocking, and fishing/boating access sites. For more information about fishing Lake Erie and Western New York, visit DEC's website.

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To help cope with pollen, many people choose to limit their exposure by closing their windows, using air conditioning and showering after outdoor activities to remove pollen from skin and hair.

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