

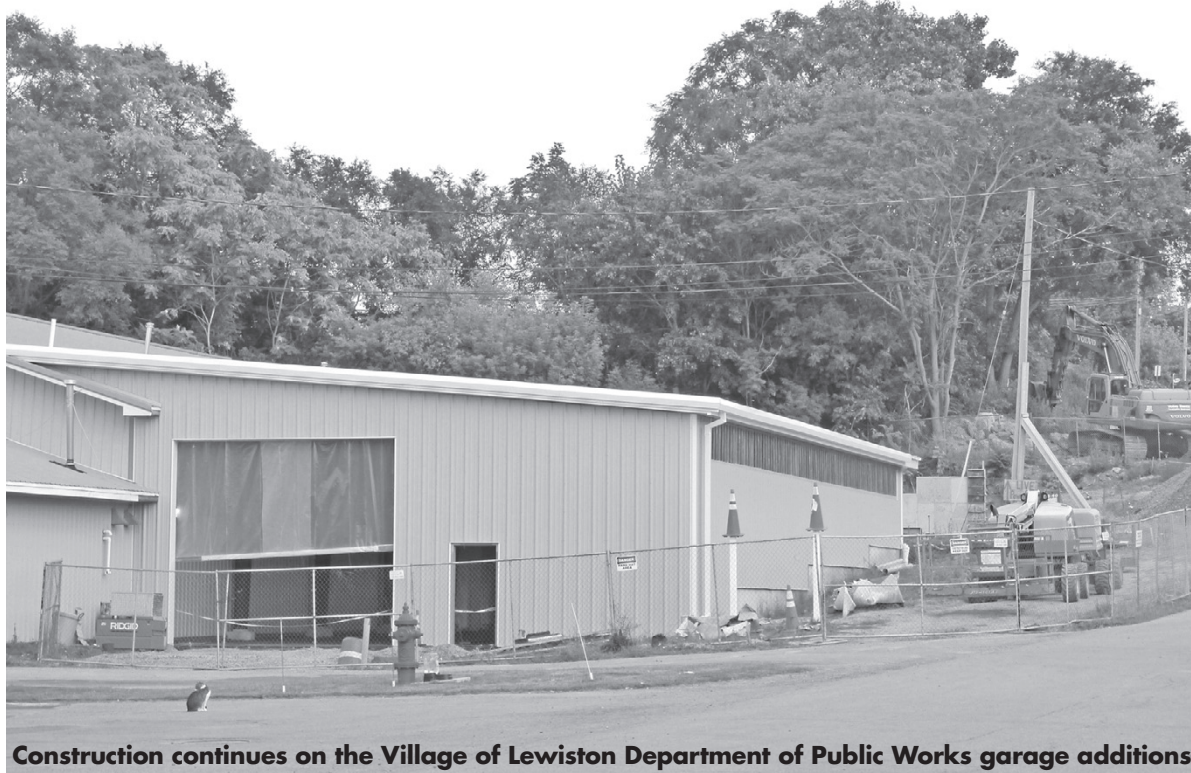
Village of Lewiston to use fund balance to pay for unexpected cost associated with DPW garage addition

Trustees in the Village of Lewiston on Monday voted unanimously to use general fund reserve monies to pay for what was described as “unforeseen conditions” and “contingency costs” occurring with the Department of Public Works garage additions.

The approved motion reads, in part, “the Village Engineer, Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc., has determined that an estimated \$300,000 in additional project funds beyond the bonded funds may be required to mitigate the unforeseen conditions and complete the project.”

This is because, “during the course of routine construction of the project, unforeseen conditions have been encountered, in particular poor soil conditions which require additional contractor effort and funding to mitigate.”

Also included in the motion was a timeline that noted, “On September 20, 2021 the board of the Village of Lewiston adopted a bond resolution which authorized a capital improvement project for the Village Department of Public Works generally consisting of the construction of two additions along the South and East sides of the existing DPW garage building and the construction of a new standalone building for volunteers, including, but not limited to, general construction,



Construction continues on the Village of Lewiston Department of Public Works garage additions.

plumbing, mechanical, and electrical work, as well as other improvements as more fully identified in (or contemplated by) a report prepared by Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. in connection with such project, and including all preliminary work and necessary equipment, materials and related site work, and any preliminary costs and other improvements and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing

thereof, at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,800,000. ...

“The Village publicly advertised the project for construction and subsequently received bids on June 2, 2022 and awarded contracts to the lowest bidders Wargo/Peak Construction (Contract 2022-1G) in the amount of \$1,398,300 and Frey Electric (Contract 2022-1E) in the amount of \$71,000 on June 20, 2022.”

With the amended fees set this

week, the project’s total maximum cost is set at \$2,100,000.

As for the \$300,000, a preliminary review of the municipality’s general fund lists the balance on May 31 as \$2,893,427.

A public hearing on this matter yielded no comments, and the Village Board didn’t offer any additional details.

Following the meeting, Mayor Anne Welch said, “The additional cost is because of the soil content

for the volunteer building. They had to excavate deeper to find stable ground, and the additional soil had to be trucked away. The soil was also filled with old debris from the ‘spoils pile’ during the construction of the Power Project. Hopefully, the construction will be completed by Nov. 1.”

Village of Lewiston Engineer Mike Marino explained, “Most of the original project contingency from the original bond was used up due the post-pandemic construction cost inflation. Unfortunately, the unforeseen soils issue required additional funding to resolve. So, the approved additional funds are to mitigate that, but also has some contingency built in in case any other unforeseen issues come, so all of that funding may not be spent.”

He noted the south and east additions should be completed first, followed by the volunteer building.

The garage is expanding to provide additional space to store expensive equipment and vehicles and shelter them from harsh weather. In addition, space is being allocated for volunteers who, among other things, work on beautification and holiday decoration projects around the village.

•GM/Managing Editor Joshua Maloni contributed to this report and took the photo.

IN THE NEWS

HAL Victorian tea

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Lewiston Historical Association. To commemorate this anniversary, several events are taking place “in celebration of Lewiston’s rich history.”

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, the Lewiston Museum, Lewiston Service Guild and Lewiston Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Victorian tea. The event will include lunch, pastries, a basket raffle and, of course, tea.

Individual tickets are available for \$40 per person or a table of eight for \$300. They can be purchased by calling the Lewiston Museum at 716-754-4214.

A press release stated, “Your generosity to these organizations is greatly appreciated and will help continue each in their efforts to support our Lewiston community.”

“Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you.”

Empower meat raffle

Empower, a nonprofit human services agency, is set to hold its first meat raffle to raise funds for a variety of programs supporting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

“Empower is in the process of opening a new facility and expanding our job training, workforce development, and day habilitation programming. To help support this new chapter in our mission to provide the best support services available to members of our community living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we will be holding our first annual meat raffle! In addition, pro-

ceeds will benefit other Empower programs such as our children’s academy and community housing,” Empower Executive Director Diane Baehre said. “We hope to see everyone out in November to support this important cause, and help make this event a major success and the first of many years to come!”

Empower will hold its meat raffle on Nov. 3 at Shawnee Volunteer Fire Co., 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the raffle will begin at 6 p.m. Pop, beer and wine will be free. Additionally, there will be basket raffles, 50/50, and big-ticket door prize raffles available to participants.

All proceeds from the event will go toward Empower’s programming, assisting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-annual-empower-meat-raffle-tickets-680384096147?aff=oddtcreator>.

A press release noted, “Empower was founded in 1954 and has served Western New York, specifically Niagara County, proudly for over 65 years ensuring that individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their loved ones, have access

to the highest-quality support and services. Empower employs over 300 individuals and provides community programming, job and workforce development, and educational services.”

For more information, visit www.empower-wny.org.

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 - a. If a job will be performed physically, at least in part, in New York State
 - b. If the job, no matter where it is performed, reports to a supervisor or other site in New York State
- Disclose the job description if one already exists when advertising a job, promotion, or transfer opportunity
- Potential civil penalties for violations are \$1,000 for a first violation; \$2,000 for a second violation; \$3,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

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