

# Board considering tribute for Sutherland; Lions Club thanked

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Mayor Anne Welch said, "We did talk about doing something for Bruce anyway. However, the street itself, the Simonson family has been there a long, long time. Also the Ashley family across the street. They've had that property for years and years also."

Deal said, "I talked to Lee (Simonson), and he said he's on board to do whatever. He wants it done. He's definitely on board. ... We can do whatever it takes. There's only, I think, five houses on the whole street, and they're all - from what Lee said and from what I've heard - they would all be in favor of it."

Welch replied, "We talked maybe of a bench there, or something with his name on it, instead of the street."

"I did talk to Jackie a bit. She's kind of up in the air about what she's going to do now."

"But we'll talk about it."

Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt said, "We definitely want to do something."

Deal asked, "What would be wrong with naming the street?"

Welch answered, "It's something we have to talk about, think about. We just don't say, 'OK, let's just name the street.'"

Deal said, "I'm asking why."

Welch said, "Because we want to discuss it further."

Deal said he felt the board was "blowing it off. ... I don't know what the issue is. I mean, it seems pretty straightforward."

He offered to start a petition to further prove public support.

"It doesn't seem like it should be, 'Maybe; I'll think about it; we want to do a bench.' Everyone that I talk to is in support of it, and I don't see how you couldn't," Deal said.

Welch said, "I'd like to have a conversation with Jackie also. We will discuss it. We'll talk about it, and we'll take it from there."

She and village counsel Joseph Leone said the state would have to give approval, and a local law would need to be adopted to change the street name.

"There's steps involved; there's postal things that you have to do," Leone said. "The post office sends mail to places. It's not something you can just say, 'Yeah, we're going to go ahead and do it.'"

"It's not to say that it's a bad idea."

Deal said, "My point is it can be done, one way or the other. Whether or not you want to officially name it 'Sutherland Street,' or if you want to take the historic sign down and put 'Sutherland Street' on top of it, or put a sign underneath it. However you'd like to do it, there's many ways."

"For me, I would go full support. Lee wants it full support, that it should be 'Sutherland Street' all together. But like I said, there's many ways that it can be done without having to recreate the wheel. I mean, it's one block of a street."

Welch said, "But we still have to have a public hearing and everything to do it. We can't just say, 'Oh, yeah, we want to do it.' There's more involved to it."



Heavy machinery was spotted along Center Street this week. Department of Public Works Superintendent Larry Wills said his crew teamed with the Town of Lewiston Highway Department to remove snow, allowing for easier parking. About 2 feet of snow fell on Lewiston Jan. 16-17 and, just as residents and businesses were finishing clearing that away, several more inches topped the roadways on Feb. 3. Massive white walls were formed as streets were plowed, making parking a bit of a challenge. (Photos courtesy of the DPW)

ents, Si and Mamie, would often talk about Bruce and what a wonderful man he was, always praising his cheerful demeanor, his constant offers of help, and his positive impact on the neighborhood and community. They were the best of friends.

"Many streets in the village have honored the memory of local citizens who have made a difference - Guard Street, Kerr Street, Rudlen Road, Page Avenue, Baker Drive and others. Parks have been named after outstanding public servants, including Richard Soluri and Marilyn Toohey. Bruce not only served Lewiston well in elected office, but as a volunteer for many organizations. He was the highest-ranking military veteran in Lewiston history, serving his nation with distinction.

"We would be proud to have our address on 'Sutherland Street,' knowing that his inspirational legacy will live on for generations to come. No one is more deserving."

## Lions Praised

Also at Monday's Village Board work session:

•Eydt thanked the Lewiston Community Lions Club for offering to take charge of the village's annual Earth Day cleanup, which was started by former Clerk Amy Salada.

"They want to get more involved. ... I thought it was a great idea," he said. "They also talked about planting trees, and children's programs, and park benches. ... They had a lot of good ideas."

Welch noted, "They also bought a \$10,000 piece of equipment for our (inclusive) playground. They're very involved in the communities. We thank them for that. And they are going to take on the Earth Day cleanup. We'll still be involved somewhat, but they basically are going to run things."

•The board will utilize a new money-managing firm, EFPR Group Certified Public Accountants, as longtime accountant Pat Brown of Brown & Company is retiring.

"He's been with us for many, many years, and he's done a great job and a great service to the village," Welch said. "However, it's time to move on to a new service, a new accountant."

EFPR Group was endorsed by Brown, and submitted a yearly price quote lower than two other interested accounting firms. Trustees voted to approve a three-year contract.

## Former Village of Lewiston Trustee Ken Kenney passes

Kenneth J. "Peanut" Kenney, age 81, of Lewiston, husband of Nancy Skwarzynski Kenney, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Schoellkopf Nursing in Niagara Falls.

Kenneth was born March 27, 1940, in Niagara Falls. He is the son of the late Clossie and the late Louise (Piche) Kenney. "Peanut" graduated from Lewiston-Porter, Class of 1957, and went on to Montana State. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-61. He married Nancy Skwarzynski on July 18, 1986.

He was employed by Quermback Electric and Anderson Electric as an outside salesman for 25 years. "Peanut" served on the Lewiston Village Board for 15 years and also worked for the Town of Lewiston as the building inspector.

"Peanut" was a member of St. Peter's R.C. Church, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Kiwanis



Kenneth J. "Peanut" Kenney

Club of Lewiston, and was associated with Heart, Love & Soul. He refereed basketball and football at Lew-Port and with the Niagara Frontier League for 25 years.

Ken is survived by his wife, Nancy (Skwarzynski) Kenney; by his children: Mary Ellen (Mi-

chael) Swanson, Beth (Derek) Myszka, Sharon (Mark) Velky Placek and Mary Sue Velky; a sister, Ruth Anne (John) Pokrzyk; seven grandchildren: Katie, Megan, Hailey Swanson, Tyler and Brandon Myszka and Elaina and Danielle Velky; and three great-grandchildren: Gino and Maya Zarccone and Joey Destino. "Peanut" is predeceased by his siblings: Allen Kenney, June Jarvis, Joyce Cooper, Dorothy Ingram and John Kenney.

Calling hours will be from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at Hardison Funeral Home, 401 Ridge St. (corner of North Fourth), Lewiston. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at St. Peter's R.C. Church, 600 Center St., Lewiston, with the Rev. Cole Webster officiating. Burial will be in Dickersonville Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Peter's R.C.

Church/School, 140 N. Sixth St., Lewiston, NY 14092. Visit [www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com).

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