

Reorganizational meeting

# Village of Lewiston sticks with established team

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Monday's Village of Lewiston reorganizational meeting saw no significant changes for the new fiscal year.

Trustees approved the following motions:

- Mayor Anne Welch's reappointment of Clerk Shannon Fundis and Treasurer Stephanie Myers to a four-year term.

- Welch's selection of Victor Eydt to serve a second one-year term as deputy mayor, and Deputy Clerk Donna Vazquez to serve her first full one-year stint.

- The board also approved one-year reappointments for law counsel Joseph Leone, Nussbaumer & Clarke Inc. as engineering firm, Kenneth Candella as building in-

spector/zoning officer, Myers as registrar, Fundis as deputy registrar, Russ Piper as historian and Barry Beebe as fire inspector.

- Additional reappointments include Norm Machelor as chairman to the Planning Commission (two-year term); Joseph Sorce and Diana Lewandowski to the Planning Board (two-year term); Susan Hofert to the Historic Preservation Commission (two-year term); and Michael Hibbard, Maureen Castiglione, Richard Ries and Denham Wilson to the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Board (two-year term).

- Trustee liaisons include:
  - √ Administration – Welch, Eydt
  - √ Personnel – trustees Nick Conde and Dan Gibson
  - √ Niagara River Region Cham-

ber of Commerce – Welch, Trustee Claudia Marasco

- √ Beautification – Welch, Marasco

- √ Artpark – Welch, Conde
- √ Lewiston Council on the Arts – Conde, Gibson

- √ Law enforcement – Marasco, Conde

- √ Fire Company – Eydt, Gibson
- √ Recreation, Parks and Environment – Gibson, Conde

- √ Planning Commission – Welch, Eydt

- √ Zoning Commission – Conde, Eydt

- √ Department of Public Works – Welch, Eydt

- √ Community Sewer Commission – Eydt, Conde

- √ American Legion and VFW – Marasco, Eydt

- √ Lewiston Public Library – Marasco, Gibson

- √ Historic Preservation Commission – Welch, Eydt

- KeyBank will serve as the prime Village of Lewiston depository, while the Lewiston-Porter Sentinel is, once more, the official newspaper.

- Regular monthly board meetings are set for 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month from October through May, except the September 2020 meeting shall be on the first Tuesday; and the third Monday of each month from September through August, save the January and February 2021 meetings, which will be held on the third Tuesday. Meetings take place in the Red Brick Municipal Building (145 N. Fourth St.).

### Public Hearings

Trustees will hold two public hearings at the start of their next monthly board meeting, at 6 p.m. Monday, July 20. The first is to adopt Local Law No. 2-2020 (Section 20-102, water, sewers, sewage disposal) of the village code to add a surcharge of \$10 per billing cycle for capital water/sewer improvements, effective Oct. 1.

The second is to adopt Local Law No. 3-2020 (Section 2-75-1, holidays) to include Juneteenth in the scheduled holidays.

This board meeting will be held at the Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St. It will be the first session physically open to the public since March.

## Lewiston Museum reopens to public

The Historical Association of Lewiston announced plans to reopen the Lewiston Museum, which has been closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

HAL said the Lewiston Museum has been deep cleaned and adjusted to present a safe and educational outing for families and individuals interested in the unique and vast local history of the "Most Historic Square Mile" in the United States.

Volunteers have been arranged and trained in new methods of operations and, "We look forward to opening our doors, although on a limited schedule

for the month of July."

The venue will be open to the public from 1-5 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, beginning this weekend.

New operating parameters include:

- A limit of 10 visitors at a time unless the prearranged group is a family or established trusted circle. Special tours may be arranged by contacting HAL Executive Director Patti Mahoney at 754-4214 most afternoons. If there is no answer, leave a detailed message.

- All visitors will be required to wear masks while on the tour and

maintain social distancing in all aspects during the tour.

- All items available from the store will be available, although the store will be off limits to visitors. Items will be on display in the main hall. The volunteer on duty will supply whatever the visitor wishes to obtain. Credit or debit cards are preferred for both security and cleanliness issues.

- In addition, HAL President Ken Slaughenoupt will resume outdoor historic tours of the original "Lower Landing" within Artpark in July. These tours cover 12,000 years of history and especially focus on the influx of

Europeans into the New World through this "Gateway to the West." The tour occurs outdoors and includes moderate hiking through the woods and hills to see the various important sites. Groups will be limited to 15 and all are asked to have masks and practice social distancing as visitors move through the various sites.

A donation to the Lewiston Museum of \$10 per adult, or \$5 for children and teens ages 10-16, is gratefully requested. In case of inclement weather, the tour will be immediately rescheduled and participants notified.

The first tour will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. Reserve a place in one of these tours by sending an email request directly to Ken at [K\\_Slaughenoupt@Reagan.com](mailto:K_Slaughenoupt@Reagan.com). It is first come, first-served.

HAL stated, "The pandemic has had significant financial impact on this fine cultural facility and we strive to keep our collections and records safe and secure and available to everyone.

"Membership to HAL is open to everyone and details may be learned by calling Patti Mahoney."

The Lewiston Museum is located at 469 Plain St.

## EDITORIAL

# BOCES: 'Public education is, and has been, a place where tolerance and kindness are learned, practiced & valued'

**SUBMITTED BY ORLEANS/NIAGARA BOCES**

The 14 local school superintendents of the districts comprising the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services would like to add to the conversation regarding the protests and reform movements that have occurred across the nation over the last several weeks.

These events can be complex when combined and viewed together. However, they are much simpler when separated and looked at individually. Specifically:

- Police brutality, like that committed by a police officer on Mr. George Floyd, was reprehensible, criminal, and should never happen in our country, or anywhere in the world. People are born with the natural right to be free from racism and injustice.

- Peaceful protest and the right to peacefully assemble is not

only a constitutional right, but also one of the important rights that separate us from totalitarian states. It is a way for the people of a democracy to say we need change. At the core of this particular protest is the belief that all people in this country have the right to equal treatment, which we consider a universal right.

- The violent acts against citizens and law enforcement, the looting of shops and restaurants already struggling from the pandemic, is wrong and criminal and should not be tolerated nor promoted.

We believe public education is, and has been, a place where tolerance and kindness are learned,

practiced and valued. We must continue to make this a part of our regular instruction and look for additional ways to break down barriers that divide us. The challenge is one we accept for all of our students. We look forward to continued engagement with our communities to continually improve the education of the future leaders of society, teach tolerance and mutual respect while seeking equity and equal justice for all, so that the events that led to the protests around the nation never happen again.

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