

Official Minutes

An official meeting of the Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lima, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7329 East Main Street, Lima, New York, on the 5th day of November 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present: Supervisor, Michael Falk
Councilperson, Mark Petroski
Councilperson, Ron Blodgett
Councilperson, Steve Werner
Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Floeser
Deputy Town Clerk, Laurie Arner
Town Attorney, Jim Campbell

Absent: Councilperson, Bill Carey

Guest(s): Cathy Gardner, Marty Gardner, Scott Caccamise, Barb Finucane, Augie Lindsay, Andrew Kingsley

Supervisor Falk called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous.

Town Board Meeting Protocols

Supervisor Falk read new Town Board meeting protocols as follows:

“The Town of Lima follows NYS Open Meetings Law procedures. All meetings of the Town Board are duly noticed and open and accessible to the public. The public is there to witness the proceedings only. In the event of a Public Hearing, people may sign in and speak to the board and those assembled regarding the hearing topic for a maximum of 5 minutes once per board meeting. Speaking time belongs only to the speaker and may not be re-assigned to someone else. Privileges of the floor may be granted to anyone who wishes to address the board on any topic at all. In order for the public to be properly noticed the Privileges of the Floor must be applied for and approved by 5 calendar days prior to the Board meeting date. Privileges of the

floor are not to exceed 20 min. Approval authority for privileges of the floor is held by the Supervisor or the Deputy Supervisor if the Supervisor is unavailable. At the beginning of each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any posted agenda topic. Questions can be answered during the agenda discussion or logged for answer after research. At the very end of each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any topic at all. Questions can be answered or researched and answered later.”

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Public Comments

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Report

BI/CEO Charlie Floeser presented his monthly report and answered Board questions on specific properties. Village is considering the Fire Marshall fees versus building permit fees. C. Floeser will send list of inspections (134 annually) to Mayor Skiptunas. C. Floeser suggested a letter be sent to all facilities that require a Fire inspection.

Public Hearing – Introduction to Local Law to Override Tax Cap

Supervisor Falk asked for public comments. Cathy Gardner requested clarification as to the reasons for a 10% increase. Supervisor Falk stated the increase in retirement, social security, health insurance, attorney fees and the school resource officer salary. A discussion concerning the school paying for the resource officer’s salary ensued. Scott Caccamise requested the numbers be looked at and worked out. Augie Lindsay asked if there were big ticket items, non-essential items or projects that could be deleted from the budget. Supervisor Falk and Councilperson Werner responded. Attorney Campbell explained the tax cap process, laws and timelines involved. Councilperson Petroski explained the current research to lower the costs of Information Technology and Bookkeeping services. The Town relies on property taxes for income.

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky requested clarification and discussion on the highway road work and general repairs budget.

Cathy Gardner requested transparency and communication so the public can understand facts and not speculate.

The Town of Lima experienced a Comptroller audit to verify the process on Monday, November 4, 2024.

The Board was able to cut down the cost of the budget increase to 5% by discussing each line item and adjusting.

Supervisor Falk stated the Public Hearing is still open.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Falk asked if everyone reviewed said report.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept the Supervisor's report, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Supervisor: Communications to the Board

Received:

*A letter from Mr. McIntyre requesting the cemeteries not be mowed with a zero turn mower as it has damaged some stones.

*Notification from Kirkwood's for the fuel bid

*An agreement from Livingston County Highway Department for snow plowing

*A letter from the Teamsters Union concerning the Highway Department

*A letter from Dave Payne requesting Farmland Protection for the following farms: Blodgett, Tri-Acre, and Mroczek.

October 1st Town Board Minutes

Minutes were approved upon motion by Councilperson Petroski, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Councilperson Petroski requested the Town Board minutes be paginated.

Upon Motion by Councilperson Petroski to amend the October 1st Minutes to include: the Highway CHPs deadline should be December 18, 2024 not October 18, 2024 seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Approval of Abstracts

Councilperson Werner asked for clarification on various invoices. Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Funds:	No. 327 through 361	\$26,279.21
Highway Funds:	No. 129 through 141	\$32,034.52

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Water District #5

No information to report as of this date. The Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority will be updating the town at the December Board Meeting.

Highway Department Monthly Report

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky submitted and discussed the Highway Report.

- a) 15A Crosswalk – Still working on receiving easements
- b) Inventory and Equipment Planning – Inventory of tools submitted.
- c) Cemeteries / Mowing – Currently advertising for the 2025 Season.
- d) Salt Shed – Information has been submitted. Jan 2025 grant information to be announced.
- e) React Blade Quotes – Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky explained the new style of sectional blades available for the snow plow and requested 2 blades at \$3300 each (\$6600 total).

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to purchase two React Blades seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

2560 Pond Road

A discussion concerning the road repair and effect on the driveway at 2560 Pond Road evolved and the driveway looks as if it has been fixed so no need to pursue.

Fuel Bid(s) Received

An ad was placed in the paper for fuel and delivery to the Highway Garage. One fuel bid was received from Kirkwood's. The bid received was \$.17 / gal of gas/fuel over cost.

On a motion by Councilperson Blodgett to accept Kirkwood's fuel bid, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Corby Road Cemetery

The Town is now going through the process of determining ownership of the Cemetery located on Angle Rd.

Pond Road Geotechnical Evaluation / Road Survey

No progress at this time. Councilperson Petroski will meet Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky at the site to discuss further.

Information Technology Services

Councilperson Petroski stated two proposals for IT Services were received. Councilperson Petroski stated Skyport IT, will continue to provide our IT services. A proposed 3-year agreement with Skyport will be discussed and voted on in the December Town Board meeting. Discussed the current trainings available along with social media policies. A multi-factor authentication system is now being implemented.

Siemens Energy Services

Supervisor Falk has had several meetings concerning the electric and equipment needed for the Town Hall renovation. Significant progress is being made. The Court House, Town Hall and Highway Garage will receive updates

from this grant. Multi-grants are involved in the renovation. Work is to be completed by April / May 2025.

Budget Transfers

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

TOWN OF LIMA

**PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
 AT YOUR NEXT MEETING:**

GENERAL FUND-TOWNWIDE

<i>Transfer From:</i> A1620.1	Buildings, Pers Serv	\$ 1,848.59
		TOTAL: <u>\$ 1,848.59</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i> A1420.4	Law, Contr Expend	\$ 584.77
A1620.4	Buildings, Contr Expend	\$ 1,263.82
		TOTAL: <u>\$ 1,848.59</u>

HIGHWAY FUND-OUTSIDE VILLAGE

<i>Transfer From:</i> DB5142.4	Snow Removal Contra	\$ 196.36
		<u>\$ 196.36</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i> DB9060.8	Hospital & Medical Ins	\$ 196.36
		<u>\$ 196.36</u>

GT Park Reserve Fund – Establish an account in the A Fund

Supervisor Falk requested the establishment of a reserve fund to be used to develop a Community Center at the Mark Tubbs Park.

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to establish a reserve fund, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Board of Assessment Review Member

Brett Siewert resigned from the Assessment Board. The Assessor has interviewed and has asked to appoint Jim Carroll to the Board of Assessment.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to appoint Jim Carroll to the Board of Assessment, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Farmland Protection Grant – 3 Lima Farms

Supervisor Falk presented three letters of application to receive paid rights and to protect farmland from future development on the Mroczek Farm, Blodgett Farm and the Tri-Acre Farm. Attorney Campbell stated due to the member attendance at the Board Meeting, this cannot be voted on at this time because there is not a majority present. Will be discussed again as part of the December Board meeting agenda. Councilperson Blodgett was excused from this part of the meeting.

Resolution #5 of 2024 – Recognizing Unit

Supervisor Falk read the Resolution of the Town of Lima to hereby recognize Teamsters Local Union No. 264 as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining. A discussion with Board Members and the Public ensued. Attorney Campbell discussed the process. Role call was called for the Vote of the Board.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to Town of Lima to hereby recognize Teamsters Local Union No. 264 as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

2025-2027 Contract for Snow and Ice Removal on County Roads

Supervisor Falk explained the proposed 2025-2027 agreement with the Livingston County Highway Department.

On a motion by Councilperson Blodgett to Town of Lima to accept the proposed 2025-2027 Liv Co. Highway Department agreement, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Close Public Hearing

Supervisor Falk asked for further comments. C. Gardner and A. Lindsay agreed that stipends received by Board members should be continued and not forfeited. Supervisor Falk then closed the Public Hearing.

Budget Vote

The Board requests a 5% increase in the budget, which equates to a \$.10/\$1000 increase.

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to move the preliminary budget to the Final Budget, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 4 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner
 Nays: 0

Public Comments

No Comments

Enter in to Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining include board members and town attorney, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote was unanimous.

Exit out of Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to adjourn at 9:45pm, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote was unanimous.

No Action Taken.

Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to adjourn at 9:50pm, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote was unanimous.

Attachments:

Resolution To Recognize Teamsters Local Union No. 264

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laurie Arner
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF LIMA
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the
Town of Lima, Livingston County, State of New York,
held at the Lima Town Offices on November 5, 2024

WHEREAS, employees within the Town of Lima Highway Department have sought to unionize with the Teamsters Local Union No. 264 pursuant to the New York Public Employees' Fair Employment Act (Taylor Law); and +

WHEREAS, the Town of Lima, through its legal counsel, have reviewed the supporting documentation confirming such interest, as provided by Teamsters Local Union No. 264 and deems such documentation to be adequate; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to recognize Teamsters Local Union No. 264 as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining pursuant to the New York Public Employees' Fair Employment Act (Taylor Law).

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion by Mark Petroski, seconded by Steve Werner, it is hereby

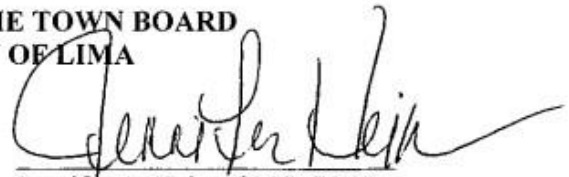
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lima hereby recognizes Teamsters Local Union No. 264 as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining pursuant to the New York Public Employees' Fair Employment Act (Taylor Law) for certain Highway Department employees based on the showing of interest presented to the Town.

Dated: November 5, 2024

Vote of the Board:

Michael J. Falk	<u>yah</u>
Mark Petroski	<u>yah</u>
Steve Werner	<u>yah</u>
Bill Carey	<u>absent</u>
Ron Blodgett	<u>yah</u>

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF LIMA**



Jennifer A. Heim, CMC, RMC,
Town Clerk