

Unofficial Minutes

An unofficial joint Village and Town Board Meeting of the Village and Town Boards 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 3rd day of June 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present: Supervisor, Michael Falk
Councilperson, Mark Petroski
Councilperson, Steve Werner
Councilperson, Bill Carey
Town Attorney, Jim Campbell
Deputy Town Clerk, Laurie Arner
Village Mayor, John Skiptunas
Village Deputy Mayor, Brian Smith
Village Trustee, Ben Dodzweit
Village Trustee, Johnathan Stills
Village DPW Superintendent, Ben Luft
Village Attorney, Matthew Lenahan
Absent: Councilperson, Ron Blodgett

Guest(s): Sara Warren, Barb Finucane, Mary Decker, Joe Decker, Augie Lindsay, Randy Zea, Nancy Zea, Scott Caccamise, Tom Simpson, Jon Cates, Braedon Junot, Cassandra Junot, David Sansone, Brian Pedicone

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

Appoint Josh Petraitis to Village Board

Trustee Melinda Fleming has resigned her position with the Board. Mayor Skiptunas administered the Oath of Office to Josh Petraitis for the office of Village Trustee. This will be a 1-year position.

Approval of the Agenda

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

CARRIED Ayes: 8 Falk, Petroski, Werner, Carey, Skiptunas, Smith, Stills,
 Dodzweit
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 Blodgett

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

Privilege of the Floor – Brian Pedicone Eagle Scout Project

Brian Pedicone, HF Troop 4029, presented his Eagle Scout project. Brian would like to build five bike racks placed around the Village to encourage health, convenience, safety and downtown destinations. They would be made

of Trex composite, lockable and adjustable. Superintendent Luft stated they may need to be removed during snow season.

All in Favor.

CARRIED Ayes: 8 Falk, Petroski, Werner, Carey, Skiptunas, Smith, Stills,
 Dodzweit

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Blodgett

Privilege of the Floor – Braedon Junot Eagle Scout Project

Braedon Junot, HF Troop 4029, presented his Eagle Scout project. Braedon would like to create an obstacle course made of recycled tires for the Dog Park. The Village does have tires for the project. Tires would need to be placed strategically for the mowers. Trustee Dodzweit suggested all the same tires so as to create a uniform look. Councilperson Werner was concerned with water retention and pests.

Councilperson Werner suggested another project available is the Mark Tubb Park's Pond dock, which is need of replacement. There is funding available.

All in Favor.

CARRIED Ayes: 8 Falk, Petroski, Werner, Carey, Skiptunas, Smith, Stills,
 Dodzweit

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Blodgett

Fireworks

In following with the procurement policy, Councilperson Petroski suggested the fireworks display should be sent out for bids. The Village and Town agreed but would like to table until the 2027 season as the 250th Birthday Celebration is next year. No one wants to compromise the current show. Councilperson Petroski and Mayor Skiptunas will continue to research.

Salt Shed

The salt shed at the Town Highway Garage was discussed in length. The grant is now open. The current salt shed will retain the two large compartments, and the two small ones will be dismantled. Jim Campbell stated CPL can inform us of the size we need. Councilperson Petroski acknowledged Superintendent Luft's willingness to work with the Town. Councilperson Werner to acquire info from company in Wayne County.

Water District #5

The Public vote will be on July 15. The Town will have an answer to the referendum on July 16, 2025. Attorney Jim Campbell explained the definition of an EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Units) and the voting rights. Notices and the FAQs are being sent to the proposed district (2x), posted in the HFL Sentinel (2x), posted on the website, posted in the Town Hall. Councilperson Petroski requested the FAQs state how much a resident will pay if they do not connect.

Shared / Borrowed Equipment

Councilperson Petroski requested clarification of the equipment currently shared between the Town and Village. Superintendent Luft explained the list of equipment.

GoGov Progress

Mayor Skiptunas elaborated on the usefulness of the My Lima App. The Village is sending notifications concerning weather/storm damage, elections, events, brush pick up, etc. The users must opt in to sign up for text, email, or telephone calls. The Town is working on the implementation of the app but would like the mutual accuracy of information on one app with the Village.

Comprehensive Plan Grant Application

Mayor Skiptunas suggested the Village and Town agree to revisit/redesign the current Comprehensive Plan, which is now 15 years old. The cost is \$70K and a \$10K grant is available and Richard Sutherland would assist in writing. S. Caccamise requested clarification as to the gain of such a plan. Mayor Skiptunas explained it would increase business, slow traffic down, etc. Genesee Valley Finger Lakes Council will be the guide through this process.

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve \$5k from the Village and \$5K from the Town to apply for the grant, seconded by Village Deputy Mayor Smith, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED Ayes: 8 Falk, Petroski, Werner, Carey, Skiptunas, Smith, Stills,
 Dodzweit
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 Blodgett

Lima Volunteer Ambulance

No discussion.

Public Comments

*D. Sansone spoke of his previous request to please offer an online version of all Town Meetings. Councilperson Werner stated the Board did address his request in the April meeting. Supervisor Falk has an appointment with a sound proofing company in July to assess the building's needs.

*S. Caccamise thanked the Boards for their joint meeting and requested it be twice a year. He also reiterated his position on the upcoming water district vote. Village Mayor Skiptunas stated the next Joint Village and Board meeting will be in September 2025. It is a goal to have quarterly meetings.

Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to adjourn at 8:14pm, seconded by Councilperson Petroski, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laurie Arner
Deputy Town Clerk