

Village of Lewiston signs LWRP, shares year-end thoughts

Approves increase in sewer rate



The Brickyard Pub & BBQ reopened after a fire damaged both its interior and that of the neighboring Brickyard Brewing Company. • One of the highlights of 2020 in the Village of Lewiston was having Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul keynote the waterfront ribbon-cutting ceremony. (File photos)

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The Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees is hoping Center Street will qualify for future grant monies, now that the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is nearly complete.

A resolution was approved Monday that stated, in part, “the Village of Lewiston initiated preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in cooperation with the New York State Department of State in accordance with the provisions of executive law, Article 42. ... The LWRP has been prepared under the guidance of the village, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group, with consultant planning services provided by GHD Engineering. ... (The LWRP is) complete and ready for public review, and shall be submitted to the New York State Department of State for review by regional, state and federal agencies.”

On the Department of State website, it reads, “An approved LWRP reflects community consensus and provides a clear direction for appropriate future development. It establishes a long-term partnership among local governments, community-based organizations, and the State. Funding to advance LWRPs is available under Title 11 of the New York State Environmental Protection Fund among other sources. ...

“State permitting, funding, and direct actions must be consistent with an approved LWRP. Within the federally defined coastal area, federal agency activities are also

required to be consistent with an approved LWRP. This provision ensures all government levels work together to build a stronger economy and a healthier environment.”

Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt explained, “There was a group of us working on this – we’ve been working on it for seven years. We did most of our work within the first two years, and it’s taken the state the next five years; and going back and forth. We started with about a 22-page file on this draft resolution, and right now I think it’s about 150 pages that the state has added to it. We’ve been going back and forth – I’ve read it more times than I care to read.

“Basically, what this amounts to is extending local waterfront revitalization up Center Street, including Center Street and Academy Park. What this does is allows us to become more favorable with grants and whatnot. But it’s taken a lot of work.”

Mayor Anne Welch said input also came from past and present members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, plus charter captains and fishermen.

She said, “This LWRP was originally done and adopted in 1989-1990. That was the original one that we’ve had for years. Now, the state wanted this complete update of it. That’s what this is all about.

“It’s not like we haven’t had it before; it’s just more in-depth now. We had a committee to work on it. This is the final draft.”

The measure passed by a 4-0 vote. Trustee Dan Gibson was excused from the monthly meeting.

Sewer Rate Increase

Board members voted to adopt local law No. 05 – 2020, increasing the sewer rate 5 cents (to \$4.79 per 100 cubic feet of usage), beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

Welch said, “That’s per the Town (of Lewiston). They raised the rate, so it passes on to us.”

A public hearing was held on this action, but no residents spoke.

The Year in Review

Welch read a prepared statement summarizing the past year.

“Well, 2020 started out to be very promising, but unfortunately the pandemic hit and everyone was effected by it,” she said. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people and families affected by this terrible disease. With the new vaccines, there is now hope and light at the end of the tunnel.

“Our businesses were severely impacted, but they are resilient – and with the support of our local

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