

A Town Board meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on April 25, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the at the Lewisboro Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Tony Gonçalves
Council Members	Andrea Rendo, Mary Shah, Richard Sklarin, Daniel Welsh
Deputy Town Clerk	Jennifer Caviola
Absent	None

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Gregory Folchetti, Deputy Supervisor/Comptroller Leo Masterson, Facilities Maintenance Director Joel Smith, Maintenance Assistant Shawn Johannessen, and Confidential Secretary/Benefits Coordinator Mary Hafter.

Approximately 11 residents/observers attended the live meeting and approximately 15 participated via Zoom.

Supervisor Gonçalves called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Supervisor Gonçalves noted the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

A total of two residents spoke during the public comment period.

CLIMATE CRISIS

A resident spoke about the climate crisis and carbon dioxide.

SALT DOME

A resident asked about the status on the site line between the salt dome and the old portion of the cemetery where there has been a lot of activity. She asked for updates on Hickory Homes removing the mulch pile from the salt dome site and asked about updates on the RFPs for removal of the wood pile at the salt dome.

COMMUNICATIONSNEW CANAAN WETLANDS DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that the town received a letter from the New Canaan Wetlands department regarding work that will be done to minimize erosion and prevent run off. This property is within 500' of the Town of Lewisboro and by state statute needs to be sent to surrounding towns. This was sent to our Planning Board, and they had no comment.

CONSENT AGENDAMINUTES & REPORTS - Approved

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilwoman Rendo, the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Town Board meeting and the monthly March Building Report were approved.

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – Approve Consulting Firm
(7:38 – 7:49 p.m.)

The Board discussed the CPSC's recommendation for a consulting firm. Comptroller Leo Masterson stated that \$150,000 of the sale from the Goldens Bridge Community House was set aside for the cost of the consulting firm. Even though the consulting firm's bid was \$163,000 it could come in at less.

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does accept the proposal of Nelson Pope & Vorhees for professional services to be rendered in preparation and adoption of a comprehensive plan for the Town of Lewisboro at a cost not to exceed \$163,000.

POOL CONCESSION BID – Discuss Lease Terms (7:50 – 7:55 p.m.)

Westchester Food Service's proposal for the pool concession stand was approved by the Town Board at the March 28th, 2022, Town Board meeting. No agreement has been signed to date. Supervisor Gonçalves stated that due to rising costs, Westchester Food Service wants a modification to the agreement. They would like to amend it to a 1-year agreement from a 3-year

agreement and lower the lease payment to \$5,000 from \$8,500. After some discussion, the Board agreed to the modification and authorized the supervisor to sign the agreement.

On motion by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Supervisor to sign the one-year lease agreement with Westchester Food Service for the pool concession stand for a fee to the town of not less than \$5,000.

COMMUNITY & TOWN EVENTS – Juneteenth Discussion (7:55 – 8:33 p.m.)

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that Juneteenth is a national holiday, and it will be recognized as a town event that is town sponsored. This means the fees will be waived for the town park and the town will provide insurance.

Councilwoman Shah stated that a budget was presented to the Board by the Juneteenth organizers for \$5,000, however she spoke with the group and told them that due to budgetary reasons, the town could not pay that full amount. Councilwoman Shah would like to give some money to each group and to also help them with fundraising the remainder of the money.

Councilwoman Rendo is not against any of these events, but she feels that guidelines need to be in place that the Board follows. Councilwoman Shah said that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council recommended that starting next year the town would have an open application period where groups could apply for money.

Councilman Welsh feels that these two events are very special and should be sponsored by the town and \$1,000 equates to about \$.25 per household.

Councilman Sklarin asked about if any money was dedicated to the Veteran's and the answer was no, but banners are hung for them by the maintenance department. A flagpole was also offered to be moved from the Community House to the Town House, but it proved to be cheaper for the Veteran's Committee to just order their own.

The Board continued their discussion and made an additional resolution for the Juneteenth budget.

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(4)
	No	- Rendo	(1)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does recognize the Juneteenth event as a town sponsored event and be it further

RESOLVED that this being a town sponsored event, the town will provide a board liaison and the event will go under the town's insurance.

JUNETEENTH – Budget

The Board discussed the budget for the Juneteenth event. Councilman Sklarin would prefer to donate to the event personally. He feels that the Board is making value judgements by picking one over the other. Councilwoman Rendo feels that we are going down a slippery slope and that the town is setting precedent.

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Shah, Welsh	(3)
	No	- Rendo, Sklarin	(2)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does approve a budget of \$1,000 for the Juneteenth event.

PRIDE IN THE PARK – Discussion (7:55 – 8:33 p.m.)

The Board introduced two members of the Lewisboro LGTBQ+ Pride Taskforce, Rachel Simon and Michel Pignatiello. They went over some highlights from last year's event which included over 300 people in attendance and pride lawn signs being handed out on the front lawn of the Town House. They thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Pignatiello went over the resolution that was passed last year – see below:

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to foster a spirit and atmosphere within the Lewisboro community that embraces the LGBTQIA+ community's celebration of diversity and acceptance of all gender identities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that is vital that Lewisboro's LGBTQIA+ residents feel that their rights are equal and protected in their hometown community; and

WHEREAS, organized LGBTQIA+ PRIDE events are a proactive step the Town can take to assist in the creation and improvement of such diversity and acceptance among its residents and within the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro hereby designates the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the formation of a Task Force for the purposes of coordinating community events in Lewisboro in honor, recognition and celebration of the LGBTQIA+ Community, as well as advising the Town Board as to the scheduling and conducting of such events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of the sum of up to \$1,000 for all purposes in furtherance of the LGBTQIA Task Force declaration and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilwoman Jane Crimmins is hereby designated as liaison to the referenced Task Force.

The Task Force is planning 2 events with the main event being Pride in the Park on June 26th at Onatru Park and Pride Dance on June 11 at Onatru. They are looking for a liaison to be named, \$1,000 for supplies and tables, the town hang the banners at the shopping centers and the town fly the pride flag from the Town House for the month of June.

The Board discussed the requests and the fact that this group has a task force in place. The stage and restrooms will be in place as the fireworks will be the day before and these items will already be there.

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does recognize the Pride in the Park events as town sponsored events and be it further

RESOLVED that these being town sponsored events, the town will provide a board liaison, the events will go under the town's insurance, all fees will be waived and the maintenance department will hang the pride banners in the shopping plazas and hang the pride flag at the Town House for the month of June.

PRIDE IN THE PARK – Budget

The Board discussed the budget for the Pride in the Park events. The Board had similar opinions to the Juneteenth discussion. The Task Force did state that there are options to donate to their events. Councilman Sklarin suggested these options be sent out via the town's emails blasts. Councilman Sklarin and Councilwoman Rendo both stated they were voting against the \$1,000 but would contribute to the events personally.

On motion by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Shah, Welsh	(3)
	No	- Rendo, Sklarin	(2)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does approve a budget of \$1,000 for the Pride in the Park events.

REFUSE – Approval of License

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a Residential refuse license to AMG Waste Services for a period of one year ending April 25, 2023.

REZONING - Bacio Trattoria Parking

On motion by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does defer the Bacio Trattoria's request for rezoning to the Planning Board and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing for Bacio Trattoria's rezoning request on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, NY.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCED – Rezoning for Bacio Trattoria Parking

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilwoman Rendo, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro will hold a public hearing on May 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., or soon thereafter as time permits, at the Lewisboro Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York, 10590, for the purpose of hearing the public

with regard to the Petition for Zoning Map Amendment submitted by ANACAPRI, LLC, which proposes an amendment of the Town of Lewisboro Zoning Map and re-zoning of the parcel known and designated as Sheet 20 Block 10800 Lot 1 (19 Mark Mead Road) from Zone R-1/2A (One Family Residence District) to RB (Retail/Business District).

At said hearing all interested persons are invited to attend and will be heard. The Town of Lewisboro is committed to equal access for all. Anyone needing accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting is encouraged to call the Town Clerk's office at 914-763-3511 in advance.

DOWNSTATE JUNIORS' VOLLEYBALL CLUB – Supervisor to Sign Agreement

Downstate Juniors Volleyball Club wants to enter into another agreement with the town to use the volleyball courts at the Town Park starting May 9, 2022, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday's from 6 – 9 p.m. and will pay the town \$2,800.

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilwoman Rendo, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Supervisor to sign the cooperative use agreement with Downstate Juniors Volleyball Club, Inc. for three years, 2022 – 2024.

SALT DOME WOOD PILE – Bid Update

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that the town received two bids for the removal of the timber from the Salt Dome area however the two bids were deemed defective and in turn rejected as one did not attend the pre-bid meeting and the other did not comply with the insurance requirements. Town Attorney Gregory Folchetti suggested that the Board reject the two bids as a result and seek new ones.

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro hereby rejects all bids previously received for waste wood processing services for the Town of Lewisboro for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

On motion by Councilwoman Rendo, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that Town Superintendent of Highways Peter Ripperger is hereby authorized to advertise for waste wood processing services for the Town of Lewisboro for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

A total of six residents spoke during the public comment period.

DRUG ABUSE & PREVENTION COUNCIL

Tammy Jacob Schulman is Lewisboro's representative for the Drug Abuse & Prevention Council. She shared the last 3 years of programming that the Council has done for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Most of the programming has been done as webinars. The Town of Lewisboro used to give approximately \$13,000 about 10 years ago and that was reduced to \$6,500 due to hard times that Lewisboro fell on. Bedford pays \$29,000 and Pound Ridge pays \$13,000 and all towns share the programs. She also stated that in 2019 they lost their student assistant counselor in the John Jay High School. The DAPC is currently restructuring.

Sally Corbochuko stated we have had a pandemic within a pandemic. Mental health professionals are completely overwhelmed. She went over topics that are covered and she hopes that a few town officials attend their meetings. She would also like a table at Pride Day.

TOWN EVENTS

A resident feels that the Board is taking a stand on certain serious and important issues, and he is pleased with that. He feels it is more than money – because in his mind \$1,000 is not a lot of money.

Another resident believes the events talked about this evening are important but now we do not have a structured clear policy, and this will be a problem in the months to come. She stated that the Veterans asked for money for the flagpole however they were turned down and had to raise the money. She feels without the Veterans none of these events would be able to take place. During the polling of the board, Supervisor Gonçalves stated the Veterans asked for a flagpole and they were offered the flagpole from the Goldens Bridge Community House, but it was determined that it would be cheaper to get a new one and donations had already been given. The town does support the Veterans and will continue to do so.

Another resident thanked the board for their support for the Juneteenth celebration.

SALT DOME

A resident asked about the status on the site line between the salt dome and the old portion of the cemetery where there has been a lot of activity. She also asked for updates on Hickory Homes removing the mulch pile from the salt dome site. During the polling of the board, Supervisor Gonçalves stated he did not have a mulch pile update but hopes to have one soon and the pile is getting smaller in size. The cemetery site line is also on his list and he has had preliminary discussions about this subject.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$260,852.58.

POLLING OF BOARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEWISBORO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

LBA opening day will be on Saturday, April 30 at the Town Park starting at 11:00 a.m. The Board thanked all the volunteers and the Vouté Family for their very generous donation to make upgrades to the baseball area.

COMPOSTING

The composting of food scraps has begun, and the composting bins are located in the parking lot of the Town House. Composting starter kits are available at the Town House for \$25.00. Thank you to the Sustainability Committee.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP

The Board thanked the Lions Club and all the volunteers that took part in the roadside cleanup around town.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Board announced that April 28th is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. If anyone would like a sign or a ribbon in support, they can reach out to Councilwoman Shah.

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Autism Awareness patches are still available for purchase in the Town Clerk's office for \$20.00 cash and that money will be donated to support autism locally. The Board also thanked the Police Department for holding an Autism Awareness event at their office at 79 Bouton Road.

TOWN PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Bricks are still available for purchase until May 1st. The monies will go to support the Town Park Playground Project.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION

The GBHO was thanked for their work on cleaning up the Fairmount pocket park on Earth Day.

BLOOD DRIVE

The South Salem Fire Department & Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 2-8 p.m. at the South Salem Fire Department. To sign up call 800-933-2566 or go to nybc.org/donate. Every donor will be entered into a raffle to win one of the following: Bacio Trattoria donated \$100 GC, LVAC donated \$100 GC to Bacio, Horse & Hound Restaurant donated \$100 GC, SSFD donated \$100 GC to the Horse & Hound Restaurant and the Lewisboro Lions Club donated \$100 GC to the Horse & Hound Restaurant.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

An upcoming meeting of the Town Board will include a meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Appointments

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 9:34 p.m. to discuss appointments.

On motion by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Appointment of Member

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro appoints Meir Alkon to the Sustainability Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 10:32 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk