

Village of Leicester

October 18, 2021 Board Meeting

WATER OPERATOR INTERVIEW: Prior to the meeting, the Board met with Thadius Gilbride to interview for the Water Operator position at 6:00 pm. Thad is certified for the following grades: IIA-SW/GUI Filtration Plant, C-Plant or Distribution System, D-Distribution System. He currently works at the Village of Mt Morris Water Plant. Thad noted that he was familiar with the procedures of the job. There was discussion on the already established budget of \$11,000 salary for the position plus mileage that Thad agreed was acceptable.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Barry Briffa

Trustees: Mike Constantino, Tom Frantz, Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Kirstie DeGraff

Fire Chief: Jim Kane

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement: Chuck Cagle

Residents: Maria Briffa, Karen Roffe

Water Operator Candidate: Thadius Gilbride

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 20, 2021 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: Mayor Briffa presented the attached report submitted by Fire Dept. President John Yasso:

- 1) After some discussion, Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to accept the quote from Bob Floyd for \$1340 plus materials [Motion Carried 4-0]
- 2) There is no water leaking in the basement from the exterior repair. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff noted that the total cost for the Village of Mt Morris to complete the exterior repairs were \$3,971.16
- 3) Fire Chief Kane reported that we were denied the FEMA grant. Mayor Briffa noted that the department needs to allow the Village to get them help with grant writing.

Highway Superintendent Report: Mayor Briffa reported on behalf of Superintendent Russ Page on the following:

- 1) Continuing to cover water for Village
- 2) Leaf & Brush Pick-up 10/25, 11/1 & 11/15 – Mayor Briffa noted Howie will be picking up bagged leaves & brush twice weekly to catch up on demand
- 3) Repaired water main break by tracks from last season
- 4) Shoulders on Pleasant St to be finished

Water Report: Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- 1) Interviewing candidates
- 2) Flushing hydrants this week

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Zoning/Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle presented his monthly report (attached)

- 1) It was agreed there is no fee for Fire & Safety Inspections for commercial properties within the village per the fee schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Building: Mayor Briffa noted that ARC is still working on the purchase details.

Semmel Property: Mayor Briffa noted that the Semmels accepted the Village's counteroffer of their purchase price of \$1500 for the property PLUS \$500 for seller's fees totaling \$2000.

Elevator: Mayor Briffa noted that the elevator has been repaired and the emergency call button has been connected.

Jones Bridge Road Drainage: Mayor Briffa noted that he received quotes to remove all tree debris and brush from Cousins Tree for \$24,500 and Terry Tree Services for \$25,637. Mayor Briffa noted that the Town/Village of Caledonia has a company that grinds that he is waiting to hear back from and that the Village of Mt Morris will discuss at their meeting the option to hauling to their site. It was noted that many have looked at and refused the wood as it was either the wrong type of wood for burning or it was cut too short for slab wood.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maple Lane Resolution:

Trustee Mike Constantino moved, 2nd by Trustee Tom Frantz, to adopt the following resolution [Motion Carried 4-0]:

WHEREAS, the Leicester Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the Acquisition Map of Lands for Maple Lane, an existing dead-end street off of Market Street in the Village of Leicester; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the acquisition process, parcel 88.13-1-56 off of Market Street known as the first section of Maple Lane has been conveyed by the Village by Deeds and recorded in the Livingston County Clerk's Office;

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the acquisition process, parcel 88.13-1-41.1 and parcel 88.13-1-41.30 off of Market Street known as the second section of Maple Lane has been conveyed by the Village by Deeds and recorded in the Livingston County Clerk's Office;

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the acquisition process, parcel 88.13-1-41.22 off of Market Street known as the third section of Maple Lane has been conveyed by the Village by Deeds and recorded in the Livingston County Clerk's Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leicester Village Board of Trustees hereby approves and endorses the addition of Maple Lane and accepts full legal and maintenance responsibility of the roadway.

Street Lights: Mayor Briffa noted there is a grant the Village will be applying for to switch over to LED street lights

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gazebo Vandalism: Mayor Briffa noted that the gazebo was after Howie had finished painting with someone throwing coffee all over causing for it to be partially repainted.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

Avangrid Settlement: Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff reported that the attorney's have come to a settlement with Avangrid in the dispute over their policy of excluding "delivery only" revenue from local gross receipt tax payments and the Village's allocation on the settlement will be \$1500.

Chips Reimbursement & Local Highway Inventory: Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff noted that with the Maple Lane Resolution, she can update and add Maple Lane to the Local Highway Inventory and that she is submitting the expenses from the Pleasant Street paving project for reimbursement to recoup \$30,133.06 (\$20,845.96 Chips; \$5,249.65 Pave NY; \$4,037.45 EWR) towards the \$60,310.36 project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Constantino, to accept the bills as audited [Motion Carried 4-0]
General Fund Vouchers 2378-2404 \$10,395.04 Water Fund Vouchers 879-889 \$53,884.81

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Board of Trustees Meeting November 15, 2021 pm at 6:30 pm the Village Hall

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirstie DeGraff
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester