

Village of Leicester

July 15, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

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: Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk:

Fire Chief: James Kane, President Yasso

Highway Superintendent: Russ Page

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement: Chuck Cagle

Residents: Don Kane

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: President Yasso reports the following:

- 7 calls (see attached report).
- Driver Training was the July monthly training.
- Participated in the Character Carnival at York Central and in the Warsaw parade.
- Damaged compartment door on P135 should be done this week.
- P133 had the battery charger fixed.
- Cost for 2 sets of new turnout gear is estimated at \$7,437, waiting on second quote.
- No word on any of the grants.
- Active members will need physicals. Estimate of approximately \$4000 for 15-20 members.
- Looking at obtaining CPR training for members.
- Received almost \$2000 from insurance for damage to truck door.

Highway Department Report: Highway Superintendent Page reported the following:

- No outstanding work orders.
- Mowing has been done around the Village.
- South Parkway – tree has been removed.
- Keg at the Water Tower has been repaired. Covered for Chris Young while he attended Highway school in Ithaca.
- Town has filled the vacant highway position.
- Quote for the buildup of Maple Lane is approximately \$16,864. Looks like August for scheduling.
- Cost for slurry seal micro paving of Eastman Place is \$12,057.30 and Market is \$23,983.54. Discussion on better cost option included oil/stone, nova chip or hot asphalt.
- Motion made by Trustee Frantz to tar (oil) and stone Market St and Eastman Place and to approve the buildup of Maple Lane, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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Water Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Telemetry paperwork submitted to Livingston County Department of Health.
- Keg welded and reinstalled at Water Tower.

Zoning Report: Chuck Cagle reports the following:

- 3 permits issued.
- Would like all complaints in writing for presentation at court.
- North St. chickens were removed, but now back.
- Excess tire complaint on Main St. is potential fire hazard. Machinery/tractors still an issue.
- Trustee Christiano asked what would make the job easier. Mr. Cagle stated receiving written complaints is what he needs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Contract with Village of Mt. Morris is still pending.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Leicester – Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to accept the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Leicester for the period of 7/15/2024 – 12/31/2026. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Crosswalk – Hulme completed the sidewalk work. Potential monies from ARC of \$3,000 plus remainder of Grant monies from Downtown Partnership of approx. \$8300 to help offset cost. CHIPS eligible for reimbursement for sidewalk. Considering that, new Motion made by Trustee Christiano to revise previous motion for tar (oil) and stone to just Eastman Place, not Market St. and to approve the buildup of Maple Lane, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid for Painting Village Office – one individual refused as the cost is too high to remove boards on outside to replace with siding (unable to place siding over the curved boards as it would not look right). Second quote received from Precision Paint for \$15,850. Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to approve bid from Precision Paint to paint Village Building at a cost of \$15,850. [Motion Carried 4-0]

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Meeting with Supervisor White – Minutes distributed to Board Members.

Upcoming meeting with Bob Stryker, to investigate any available programs/funding to study drainage on Jones Bridge Rd. Village already spent \$50,000 to clear ditch and remove trees to alleviate flooding concerns. Superintendent Page stated that it was previously left that there was funding available, the Village would be the lead agent, but the Village, Town and property owner would be involved. Trustee Jacobs also said it was stated that a study would be needed to determine impact. Meeting has been scheduled with DEC.

The Town of Leicester Board has approved having a Joint Fire District Meeting on July 24, 2024 at 6 pm at the Town Hall. Resolution needed to hold joint meeting.

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The following Resolution passed by the Village Board and signed by all members and Mayor Briffa and states:

***WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Leicester, having duly convened this date for the purpose of considering the formation of a joint fire district pursuant to the provisions of section 189-a of the Town Law and section 22-2210 of the Village Law, and*

***WHEREAS**, such joint fire district would include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Leicester and all parcels of land in the Town of Leicester;*

***WHEREAS**, at least the majority of the members of the Village Board of the Village of Leicester deems it in the public interest to hold a joint meeting with the Town of Leicester Town Board to consider the question of the formation of a joint fire district encompassing all of the Town of Leicester including all of the Village of Leicester, each in the County of Livingston;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Leicester will meet with the Town Board of the Town of Leicester, and will hold a joint meeting on the 24th day of July 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 132 Main St, Leicester, NY 14481, to consider the formation of said joint fire district, and for such other and further action on the part of said Boards with relation thereto as may be authorized and prescribed by law.*

The Village Clerk for the Village of Leicester shall provide a single notice to the media for this meeting and each municipality shall place the notices on their sign board and websites, if any.

Discussion regarding the value of a Fire District versus a Fire Protection company. Still many unanswered questions. Training and working together and safety are some of the most important aspects of any agreement.

Water Billing – Mayor Briffa states it takes a full day to complete and get bills out. Will be reviewing available options for new software and meter reading for better systems to make it easier. The transfer of information between the reading software and billing software is the greatest problem.

CLERKS REPORT:

Request from York/Leicester Kiwanis to use the Fire Hall for a Drive-Thru BBQ on September 28th. Motion made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to approve use of the Fire Hall for York/Leicester Kiwanis for BBQ on September 28, 2024. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Met with Toshiba regarding the Copier lease, which expires October 2024. New quotes will be coming with three options including purchasing the current copier, extending the lease for two more years as is, or entering into a new lease for a new copier which may be cheaper due to the newness of the machine and potential for reduced maintenance costs.

Trustee Christiano mentioned that the NYS Unified Solar Permit needs to be reviewed and approved. This will prevent code enforcement from going to the ZBA to get solar panel approval. There is a generic resolution that is also needed. There is currently no code. Chief Kane mentioned that something should be added

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regarding battery storage in the home. Notifications are needed as to who is storing and where. The permit states there is a cap of 25 kilowatt of dc capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]

General Fund Vouchers 3142 - 3166 \$10,243.82 Water Fund Vouchers 1163 - 1170 \$35,200.59

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Frantz motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester