

Village of Leicester

November 21, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Barry Briffa
Trustees: Don Jacobs, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano, Ken Rizzo
Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley
Deputy Clerk: Sam Bodratti
Fire Chief: James Kane, President John Yasso
Highway Superintendent:
Water Operator:
Zoning/Code Enforcement:
Residents: Brandon Fleishour and Haley

EXCUSED:

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 17, 2022, Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz [Motion Carried 4-0]

Reminder to Board-Please pick up meeting packets early if possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: President John Yasso presented the following report:

- 10 calls in the last month.
- Applied again for the NYS Forestry grant (50/50 split)
- P135 – Still waiting for parts. Called another service facility who also is having problems getting parts. Will be covered under warranty.
- P134 – Floyd put a new battery charging system in on 10/22/2022. No further problems.
- P133 – Needs service at some point, pending scheduling.
- Pump tests completed on 10/24/2022.
- Fire Hall Roof leaking in the back of building. Has a couple quotes for roof replacement and gutters and downspouts. Village looking for more quotes for possible Spring replacement.
- Downstairs furnace needs replacement after service appointment. Unit is approximately 25+ years old. Village has one estimate and will be looking for another prior to Board approval.
- Fire District grant pending – nothing new has been received.
- President Yasso to establish a Steering Committee and schedule a meeting in December/January time frame.
- Will need discussion with President Yasso and Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley regarding Fire Department finances for the budget.
- Full report attached to these minutes.

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

- Oak Manor – Superintendent Page has one job pending at Oak Manor

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Water: Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- Working with Village Attorney and the homeowner on the easement agreement for Predmore Lane property.
- County Water Authority received 5 million of the grant money they requested. Board discussion and agreement that the AKZO Settlement monies held by the County should be used to assist the areas originally affected by the mine collapse as originally intended and not made part of the proposed LCWSA project.
- Leak Detection Survey results pending.

Zoning: Report received from Zoning Officer.

- North St. residence - Permit does not cover variance to allow a secondary residence on property.
- Depot on S. Parkway - Request to change zoning code from commercial to residential would require a use variance. Trustee Christiano will contact the owners to explain the process. Must prove hardship to pass a use variance.
- No outstanding permits.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Building: Inspection was done on septic. All passed and copy of inspection report shared with Mark Strain of ARC. Copies of all bills and invoice for total due for utilities has been sent to ARC for payment. Agreement signed for the sale of the building. It was noted that the Addendum stated incorrectly that the building was residential. Village to check with Attorney. ARC has continued to pay rent each month.

NYSCOPBA: Rent agreement was approved for the next 4 years. They replaced the thermostat. They will be obtaining quotes to replace the carpeting upstairs or refinish the flooring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget 2022-2023

Clarification as to line item that Mark Bonadonna is paid under. He is paid entirely under Street Cleaning/Maintenance.

Village received one quote thus far for repair of front Village Building steps and railing on side steps in the amount of \$5,117.77. It was discussed the front steps are most in need of being addressed. Motion made to not exceed \$5,000 for cost of repair of Village Office front steps made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0].

Village plans to invite Claudia Tenny to the Village to meet to discuss the hold up in receiving the SAM Grant funding.

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Dog Control

Mayor Briffa and Trustee Jacobs met with the Director of Dog Control regarding problems with a few unrestrained and/or unlicensed dogs in the Village. It was recommended that the Village of Leicester adopt the law used by the Village of Livonia. This law includes language regarding service animals and is more updated and comprehensive. The Board will review the law and a Public Hearing will be held in January 2023.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Village was denied funds from the WIIA Grant submission. Engineer to review the reason for the denial.

CLERKS REPORT:

NYSLRS REPORTING: Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley attended a training in October regarding reporting of hours/standard workday for employees to the New York State Local Retirement System. The Village has already completed the required Record of Activities reports by the Mayor and each Trustee. A Resolution now needs to be done and posted for a minimum of 30 days prior to submission of the Resolution to NYSLRS. Paperwork is mostly completed and will be ready for passage of the Resolution at the December Board Meeting.

Business Directory Signage: Deputy Clerk Bodratti will be working to update the Business Directory signage. Changes on sign can be made when weather conditions are warmer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Trustee Frantz, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to enter Executive Session regarding Water issues at 7:14 pm with Mr. Brandon Fleishour present. [Motion Carried]

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to exit Executive Session at 7:59 pm. [Motion Carried]

TOWN OF LEICESTER SEWER PROPOSAL: Discussion of where/ if waste disposal facilities would be located.

WATER CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF LEICESTER: New contract will be submitted to the Town for their December Board meeting for their consideration.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT AT 44 PLEASANT ST: Discussion regarding homeowner being billed for replacement meter as has been replaced several times due to freezing.

SENECA WATER AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Motion by Trustee Christiano to submit the Seneca Foods water contract at the existing rate, 2nd by Trustee Frantz. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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AUDIT OF BILLS:

General Fund Vouchers 2718 - 2741 \$17,258.16 Water Fund Vouchers 993-1000 \$3,584.87
Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Board of Trustees meeting, December 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester