

Village of Leicester

March 18, 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: Sam Bodratti

Fire Chief: James Kane, President John Yasso

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement:

Residents: Martin DeMarte, Glenda VanRy, President of York-Leicester Kiwanis, Shirley Matthews

EXCUSED:

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

PRESENTATION: Glenda VanRy, President of the York-Leicester Kiwanis thanked the Village for their \$1500 donation in 2023 and presented information on how those monies were spent. Donations from both the Village and Town stay local to offset water cost and liability Fire Insurance for Starr Park operations. York-Leicester Kiwanis also supports the Boy Scouts, York Central School Senior scholarship, YCS Backpack Program, local Hospice programs, Golisano Children's Program, funding for Mental Health at school, local food banks and holiday sharing. They are also looking at contracting to repair the driveway at Starr Park and rust removal on the BBQ pit this year. York-Leicester is appreciative of the Village's assistance and again asks for the Village's support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: President Yasso submitted the attached report and reported the following:

- 3 Calls in the past month – 2 were mutual aid calls.
- Training – Power Tools (saws, rescue tools, etc).
- Trucks are currently all good.
- Fire Hall to be used for Kiwanis chicken BBQ on April 6, 2024.
- 2023 application submitted for Firefighters Assistance Grant for \$194,000. Application for V-Fire grant is being worked on.
- Fire / EMS Study- Meeting held last week to discuss moving forward; roundtable talk; now need recognition of steering committee. Town has already done this. Motion by Trustee Frantz to approve Trustee Christiano and Mayor Briffa for Village representation on the steering committee, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]
- Next Steering Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Town Hall. A lawyer that specializes in Fire Department consolidations will do a video conference at 7 pm.
- Fire Contract is signed through the end of 2024.
- County has requested all Fire Halls be manned on April 8th from noon to 6 pm for the eclipse. The Leicester Fire Department will conduct a boot drive during this time.

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- Mayor Briffa reviewed the three options presented, 1- status quo; 2- support a single fire company; 3- new joint Fire District. Village/Town Board to decide option.

Highway Department Report: Mayor Briffa presented the following:

- Down the road, plans to work on Maple Lane.

Water Report:

- Telemetry System – PlantIQ has ordered necessary materials.
- Meeting with Chris Young, Jeremy DeLyser, Engineer and Mayor Briffa prior to installation.
- WIIA2 Grant for water infrastructure to be submitted by Jeremy DeLyser, Engineer to include replacing existing water mains along Pleasant St, South Parkway, and Maple Lane; replacing all water meters with remote-read water meters; and new water billing and meter reading system.
- Motion to approve \$1500 cost for Engineer DeLyser to prepare WIIA2 grant application by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Zoning Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Mayor Briffa spoke with Mr. Cagle and the permit for Eastman Place should be returned soon.
- Trustee Christiano advised that 36 South Street property still needs garage addressed. Garage is falling down.

OLD BUSINESS:

V-Fire Grant – Deputy Clerk Bodratti has begun working on the grant application for a one-million dollar grant for upgrades/additions to the current Fire Hall building. President Yasso has begun enrolling the Fire Department into the grant process to apply for an additional grant for equipment. Grant will gain extra points for consolidation plans and is based on a rural community index. Martin DeMarte suggested reaching out to the Livingston County Grant Writer. Mayor Briffa stated the Village has done so, but he has a big job for the County and the Village has not found that avenue to be as helpful as it could be.

SAM Grant – No news.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crosswalks – Village found documents approving a crosswalk in the business district dated 2019. Verbal prices for installation were prohibitive. The State also approved painting the word “STOP” on the pavement on Route 36, which has not been kept up. Also, the crosswalk at corner of Route 36 and 63 near Presbyterian Church pavement painting has not been kept up. Signs cannot be put up because of the caution light at the same corner. Approval for crosswalk on Route 36 from ARC building to South Parkway/Market St. is on the way. Grant money of approx. \$8,300 will go to the project. Potential assistance from ARC for the costs of this crosswalk. State paints lines and installs signs, Village to install handicap accessible areas at curbs.

Motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to approve installation of handicap accessible curbs for crosswalk at ARC building on Route 36 in the amount of \$20,734 by Edward Hulme, Inc. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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Fire Contract – Contract with Town of Leicester was signed and payment is due April 1 2024.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Honorable Henry Smith – Mayor Briffa has approved \$530 for a 5 x 10" plaque to be placed in the new planter on Main Street along with a new tree to commemorate Honorable Henry Smith, "A friend and neighbor", and his contribution to the community.

CLERKS REPORT:

Fire Hall - Motion to approve use of Fire Hall on May 27, 2024 for Pancake Breakfast and July 13, 2024 for Pop can Drive made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Gazebo – Motion to approve use of Gazebo by Lisa Semmel for December 22, 2024 made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0] Mayor Briffa further exempts Ms. Semmel from having to pay a security deposit on Gazebo for this purpose.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Yasso stated he overlooked mentioning on his report there is one final payment left for CGR for the study and he is working with Town Clerk Amy Neumann on closing out the grant for partial reimbursement for the Town and Village toward the study costs. Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley stated the final payment is reflected on the current months' abstract and will collect bills and canceled checks for completion of the grant.

Trustee Jacobs questioned if ads had been placed for painting of the Fire Hall and work on Village Office building. Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley advised that ads appeared in that week's pennysavers and a few individuals have inquired about the ads.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to enter Executive Session at 7:20 pm regarding water contract. [Motion Carried 4-0]

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to exit Executive Session at 8:02 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to approve water rates for water contract with LCWSA for Town of Leicester customers as follows: Usage of one million gallons at a rate of \$6 per thousand gallons; Usage of two million gallons at a rate of \$5.75 per thousand gallons; three million gallons at a rate of \$5.50 per thousand gallons if a multi-year contract is adopted. [Motion Carried 4-0]

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]
General Fund Vouchers 3057 - 3073 \$8,654.56 Water Fund Vouchers 1133 - 1137 \$823.25

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NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Budget Hearing and Adoption, and Organizational Meeting April 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester

Submitted March 18, 2024

1. Activities

Number of calls in the past month (Feb 26 – March 18) 3 calls.

- 1) 2/27/24 Fill in at Perry Center Fire Hall
- 2) 3/14/24 Electrical Issue – transformer arching near Old Leicester School
- 3) 3/15/24 Structure Fire – mutual aid to Perry at 2823 Rt 39

March monthly training – Power tools

2. TRUCKS:

2017 Pumper Truck 135 – OK

2006 Pumper Truck 134 - OK

2006 Mini Pumper 133 – OK

3. Fire Hall:

1. Kiwanis to use Fire Hall for Chicken BBQ – April 6, 2024
 2. Backup Generator??
 3. Notice for Bids are out for exterior painting.
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4. Equipment

- A) Need to order 2 more sets of gear for next budget year 2023-24. 7-9 months delivery time – Estm. \$6000.00
 - B) Submitted Application for 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – 16 air packs and extra bottles – at a cost of \$194,000.00
 - C) Working on application for NYS V-FIRE grant – due April 30th
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5. Other items

A) **Local Government Efficiency Grant** – Fire and EMS Services Study

*** 2/29/24 final presentation of study given by CGR to everyone.*

*** 3/6/24 Steering committee meeting – discussed options to move forward – town and village boards to officially recognize the committee for suggestions*

***3/20/24 Next Steering committee meeting – Brad Pinsky / Pinsky law to meet with the committee to clarify some of the options and suggest the next steps for Joint Fire District*

B) **FD Contract with the Town** for Fire Protection is approved. Contract for FD services Jan. 01, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024

C) **County requested all firehalls to be manned** on April 8 from Noon till 6 PM for Solar Eclipse

D) **Fund Raiser / Boot drive** – April 8, 2024 on Main Street. 10am to 6 pm