

Village of Leicester

March 21, 2022 Board 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: Mike Constantino, Tom Frantz, Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Kirstie DeGraff

Fire Chief: Jim Kane

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator: Chris Young

Zoning/Code Enforcement:

Residents: Maria Briffa, Dan Christiano, Karen Roffe

Mayor Briffa thanked Trustee Constantino for 12 years of service and welcomed Dan Christiano as incoming Trustee.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board Meeting were accepted as corrected on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: Fire Chief Jim Kane presented the following:

- 1) Airpack service quote for existing packs \$626.45 was approved on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried], quote for new packs from auction \$1,003.95 was approved as a prepaid expense for 2022-2023 budget by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried]
- 2) Jaws were serviced and Ram obtained through service trade
- 3) Turnout gear est \$2000 per set – need to budget 2 sets per year

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

- 1) Clean out Jones Bridge ditch after Cousins Tree Service completion
- 2) Cover water for Chris 4/8-4/17

Water Report: Mayor Briffa reported on behalf of Water Operator Chris Young on the following:

- 1) Upper Mt Morris Rd leak needs to be addressed

Zoning/Code Enforcement Report: Mayor Briffa noted that he intends to have the Codes and Zoning Laws updated. It was also noted that the oil drums at 7-11 need to be addressed asap. Mayor Briffa will have the Code Enforcement Officer look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Building: Mayor Briffa noted that ARC has arranged for the appraisal at their expense which has been completed and we are waiting on results. The new lease agreement has been given to ARC with increased rental amount but no info back from them. Village is stressing that they want a purchase offer. Daycare center is now interested and has toured the building. They will take the 3rd floor if that's all they can get for now.

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NEW BUSINESS:

2022-2023 Budget: Mayor Briffa noted that proposed budget is included in the agenda packet and asked everyone to review and get back asap with any changes. Public Budget Hearing is April 18th.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

SAM Grant: Mayor Briffa noted that he met with Laurie Fox of MRB Group to discuss the situation with the grant and it was agreed to resubmit the grant in the amount of \$154,917.35.

Grants: Mayor Briffa indicated he will be taking advantage of any additional grants available for funding the fire hall and water lines.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Unpaid Water Levy: Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to levy any unpaid village water bills onto the Village taxes [Motion Carried]

Calling for Increase in AIM Funding Resolution

Whereas, AIM funding plays a pivotal role in funding essential municipal services such as water, sewer, public works, police, fire and ambulance for cities and villages across New York State and,

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 13 years and,

Whereas, inflation has eroded AIM funding by roughly 29% over that time period and,

Whereas, the New York State Conference of Mayors and nearly 400 of its members have signed onto a letter to the Governor requesting an inflationary increase of \$210 million in AIM funding and,

Whereas, the Governors Executive Budget proposed keeping AIM funding flat and,

Whereas, the New York State Senate and Assembly have included increases of \$210 million of \$150 million, respectively, to AIM funding in their one-house budgets and,

Whereas, and increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved on a motion by Trustee Constantino, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo, that the Village of Leicester urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2022-2023 adopted State Budget.

Williamson Law Books Water: Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs, to renew the water software contract [Motion Carried]

PUBLIC COMMENTS: It was noted that the tree in front of Dawn Lubanski's house needs to be removed.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to enter into Executive Session at 7:09pm to discuss legal matters [Motion Carried 4-0]

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to exit into Executive Session at 7:44 pm [Motion Carried 4-0]

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

A1620.4	\$ 6,798.52	A3410.41	\$74.00	F8310.4	\$1,287.58
A3410.4	- \$ 6,798.52	A3410.4	-\$74.00	F8320.4	-\$1,287.58
A1620.42	\$11,478.80	F1910.4	\$25.00	F8320.42	\$2,413.46
A1620.41	-\$11,478.80	F1950.4	-\$25.00	F8320.1	-\$2,413.46

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AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs, to accept the bills as audited [Motion Carried 4-0]
General Fund Vouchers 2505-2529 \$10,893.89 Water Fund Vouchers 923-930 \$2,514.67

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting – Organizational Meeting April 4, 2022 pm at 6:30 pm the Village Hall.
Board of Trustees Meeting – Budget Hearing April 18, 2022 pm at 6:30 pm the Village Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirstie DeGraff
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester