

Village of Leicester

September 19, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Barry Briffa

Trustees: Dan Christiano, Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk: Sam Bodratti

Fire Chief: James Kane

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement:

Residents: Karen Roffe, Derrick Otis, Kara Kane

EXCUSED: Trustee Tom Frantz was excused on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried 3-0]

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 15, 2022 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo [Motion Carried 3-0]

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING- Law #1-2022 - Amend Outdoor Storage Law: add wording, "discarded machinery or parts". Motion to open Public Hearing on Amending the Local Law #1-2022 by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 3-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: Jim Kane presented the following report (prepared by President John Yasso):

- ordered 2 pair of Turn out Gear; they were replaced last month.
- 3 calls in the last month.
- P134 – Exhaust pipe rusted and falling down. Taken to Diesel Shop for repair on 9/15/2022.
- Permission for Halloween Party to be held at Fire Hall (if Janet Green requests use of the Hall). Motion made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 3-0]
- October 14 or 21st will be Fire Department Annual Fall Dinner.
- Full report attached to these minutes.

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

- Damaged tree removed from Semmel Property near Community Building
- Loose stone removed from corner of Mahoney St.
- Leak Detection Survey on October 31 – Village Water Chris Young is unavailable, Work Order in to request help from Town.
- Oak Manor – still working with Carl Johnson
- Brush Pickups – **Week of Dates:** October 24th, November 7 and 14th. After last leaf pickup leaves must be in brown bags. Weeds must also be put in brown bags and Village will enforce use of brown bags.

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Water: Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- Letter from Town of Leicester regarding terminating some of the purchase of water from the Village. Current contract between Town and Village expires 1/1/2023. Village understands the Town's position regarding water quality. Discussion regarding water source availability and the ability to accommodate additional customers and best tank/infrastructure placements.
- Predmore Lane Hydrant-several small trees have grown up around the hydrant and need to be removed to assess if it is "live". Mayor states property owner agreed to have the Village take over and maintain the hydrant. Motion for Village to take responsibility for and maintain the Predmore Lane Hydrant made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 3-0]
Amended motion made for Village to take over and maintain Predmore hydrant and 4-inch line made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 3-0]

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Law #1-2022 - Amend Outdoor Storage Law

Discussion included the definition of "discarded machines" – (any machinery that you can't operate or use) and the purpose of the need for the amended Law to have an appropriate code in place for the Village to work with residents on outdoor storage issues and a concern for all Village properties. Town and Village face same code enforcement issues and share the same goals of enforcement. Amended Law includes the wording "may" rather than "shall" to indicate willingness to have conversations with Village residents on a case-by-case basis. After no further discussion a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to close the Public Hearing on Law #1-2022 Amend Outdoor Storage Law. [Motion Carried 3-0]

A motion to approve the amended local Law #1-2022 Outdoor Storage Law made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Zoning:

OLD BUSINESS:

Route 36 Project Update: Deputy Clerk Bodratti has been calling various State agencies regarding the funding for the project and was told our Senator was not advocating enough for the Village. Received email correspondence that the requests would be passed on to higher levels to attempt to get funds by end of year as the Senator for this area will change due to redistricting. There are 60 other municipalities in the same situation. Resident Kara Kane will be at a meeting in Albany October 13 & 14, 2022 and volunteered to question our Senator also.

Community Building: Lease agreement signed by Martin Miskell of ARC with an agreement to take over all the utilities and to reimburse the Village for utilities paid since July 1, 2022. ARC will take responsibility for normal maintenance.

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NEW BUSINESS:

New Lights for Village and Maple Lane: Continuing to work to install two new lights for Maple Lane. LED light upgrade for the Village will take a year.

Future grant application for road work on Maple Lane.

Mayor Briffa stated WIIA grant application (for approximately \$470,00) has been submitted for South Parkway and Pleasant Street water line replacements and for new water meter transmitters, meter reading and billing software.

Mayor Briffa presented estimates for Suit Kote road crack fill for Market Street and Eastman Place, to possibly be done in October. Motion made to accept Suit Kote estimates by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo.

[Motion Carried 3-0]

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Fall Newsletter: In preparation to be to printer by October 7 to notify residents of Village Leaf pick up dates.

CLERKS REPORT:

Resolution for Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Governmental Records (LGS-1): Deputy Clerk Bodratti presented the resolution that was accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo.

[Motion Carried 3-0]

Resolution Requesting Collection of Delinquent Taxes by the Livingston County Treasurer as of October 1, 2022 in accordance with section 1442 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York: Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley presented the resolution that was accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 3-0]

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Agenda posting on website prior to meeting always seems to be from the prior months meeting and would like to see it posted on Village website week prior to meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley will have agenda ready to post to Village website week prior to meeting.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Discussion that bills for the Community Building still need to be transferred to the ARC. Village is tracking the amount owed by ARC to the Village for payment of said bills from 7/1/2022 till bill transfer takes place to be reimbursed by ARC.

General Fund Vouchers 2674 -2694 \$7,291.80 Water Fund Vouchers 973 -981 \$5,369.88

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano, to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 3-0]

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Board of Trustees meeting, October 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.
[Motion Carried 3-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester