

Village of Leicester

May 20, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:31 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:

Mayor Briffa extends his thanks to Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo and Mark Bonadonna for all their hard work in fixing the light by the flag, the handrail on the back stairs and putting up the flags and banners.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting and April 22, 2024 Public Hearing were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- 5 Calls in the past month
- Training – Low level drafting.
- Trucks are currently all good.
- Painting is almost complete and looks good.
- Would like to order two sets of turnout gear.
- Grants are all submitted and pending an answer.
- Discussion on cost of turnout gear approximately \$6000. Motion by Trustee Jacobs to approve the Purchase of two sets of turnout gear, 2nd by Trustee Frantz. [Motion Carried 4-0]
- Chief Kane reported that the Air Pack was serviced the week of May 12th, and the bill is pending. Current masks are considered outdated. Should consider looking at replacements – cost per mask is around \$350 each.
- Deputy Clerk Bodratti got confirmation from Chief Kane that the old pads for the defibrillator are outdated and can be disposed.
- Discussion regarding most recent Public Hearing on May 14th and there seems to be a lot of negativity rather than talk about the positive benefits. Trustee Christiano noted that attendance at most of the meetings include individuals in the fire departments or those related to those fire department members and there appears to be a mindset of us and them between the two departments. Mayor Briffa states Village Board and Town Board will be meeting jointly to discuss and decide what options are best. Cannot support/sustain two fire Companies. Village taxes decreased 45% under a previous mayor and taxes will need to be increased to sustain services.

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Highway Department Report: Mayor Briffa reported the following:

- Superintendent Page provided quotes from Suite Kote for Market Street and Eastman Place. Question if covered under CHIPs reimbursement. \$23,900 for Market and \$12,057 for Eastman. Decision tabled.
- Quote is being worked on for Maple Lane improvements. Can be reimbursed by CHIPs funds. This work remains the priority over Market and Eastman.
- Signs installed/repaired throughout the Village.
- Tree on Main Street dedicated to Honorable Henry Smith. Dedication plaque has been installed.
- Requested Town to mow around the Village.
- Welcome sign on Route 36 to be re-installed. Knocked down during mowing.

Water Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Telemetry System – Has been ordered.
- WIIA2 Grant – Application for 1.2 million.

Motion to approve Resolution Determining the Environmental Non-Significance Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) of the Proposed Water System Improvements in the Village of Leicester by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Motion to approve Resolution Authorizing an Application for NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Project (WIIA) and committing Available Funds of the Village to Finance the Non-WIIA Grant Financed Share of the Village's Project by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Frantz. [Motion Carried 4-0]

- Need new water break protocol now that Mr. Hauslauer has retired. LCWSA per contract will handle water breaks up to \$5000. Second contact will be the Town of Leicester once a new Water Operator is designated. Village of Mt. Morris third contact.

Zoning Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Monthly report requested from CEO.
- CEO's job to handle codes, to drive around Village and observe and execute appropriate notices.
- Trustee Christiano requested that a printed Village Code Book be given to the CEO and request his signature upon receipt.
- Reported ducks on North Street.
- Updates to CEO report shared with CEO regarding 36 and 40 South Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Contract with LCWSA: Copies provided to all Trustees. Re-opened the Starr Park meter to provide water to Cuylerville water customers.

Parade On Memorial Day: Scheduled as usual.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Flower Garden at Village Office: Restructuring of bricks around garden to be taken care of by Genesee Valley Landscape. Flag light has been replaced.

Fire Hall Painting: Work completed.

Assessments: Reassessments to be addressed on a few properties will show up on next year's tax roll.

Meeting with Supervisor White and Highway Superintendent Page regarding Intermunicipal Agreement: Agreement expired December 31, 2023. New contract presented to Town of Leicester Board. Multiple bills outstanding since January 2024 needed for payment prior to Village year end close. All work orders are going directly to Superintendent Page.

Crosswalk: Change Order. Need additional sidewalk areas added involving triangle of land at Harry's Gas Station. Harry's approved sidewalk addition. Two representatives from the ARC reviewed the plan and approved. Original request of adding the sidewalk from front of ARC building straight across to South Parkway was denied as too close to the 20A/39/36 intersection. Funding reimbursement deadline to use left over funds from Mainstreet Grant from LivCo was extended. Motion by Trustee Rizzo to approve change order in the amount of \$2598, 2nd by Trustee Frantz. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Village of Mt. Morris Water Contract: Mayor Mike to present to his Board a new proposed five-year water contract to continue supplying water to the Village of Leicester effective 2026.

CLERKS REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Noted that road markings at intersection crosswalks have been repainted.

Livingston County Sheriff's Department has actively been monitoring and ticketing speeders in the Village limits.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to exit Executive Session at 8:44 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Discussion on Fire Hall Painting bill. Trustee Rizzo questioned the \$600 in additional costs presented. Trustee Christiano agrees with that concern. The Board would like to see proof of the additional costs noted. Trustee Christiano motioned to approve payment of the original \$5,488 amount quoted, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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

General Fund Vouchers 3093 - 3117 \$17,003.74 Water Fund Vouchers 1149 - 1154 \$1,824.39

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NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester

Submitted May 20, 2024

1. Activities

Number of calls in the past month (April 23 – May 20) _5 calls.

- 1) 4/25/24 Lift assist @35 York Road
- 2) 5/08/24 Grass Fire – 2520 New Road
- 3) 5/13/24 MVC – Rt 36 near New Road
- 4) 5/15/24 MVC – 2090 Rt 20A / Pine Tavern corners
- 5) 5/17/24 Prom Drill at YCS

May monthly training – Low Level Drafting from creek

2. TRUCKS:

2017 Pumper Truck 135 – OK

2006 Pumper Truck 134 - OK

2006 Mini Pumper 133 – OK

3. Fire Hall:

1. Scouts to use firehall for pancake breakfast – May 27, 2024
 2. Scouts to use firehall for pop can drive – July 13, 2024
 3. Exterior painting is almost completed.
 4. Village submitted NYS V-FIRE grant for renovations
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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) Application submitted for NYS V-FIRE grant – Fire company is submitting grant request for 20 sets of turn-out gear and washer and dryer. Cost \$108,431.00
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5. Other items

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

*** Town clerk and J. Yasso are submitting grant reimbursement voucher to NY state*

*** Two Public hearings. Village scheduled Monday April 22 at Firehall. Town scheduled one in May 14th – Good turn out for both*

*** Town Board and Village board to meet together and vote on Joint Fire District – joint meeting in June?*

*** Committee to meet and submit recommendations of commissioners for Joint Fire District to the Town and Village Board*

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