

# *Village of Leicester*

## **October 17, 2022 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, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano (arrived late)

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Deborah Beardsley

**Deputy Clerk:** Sam Bodratti

**Fire Chief:** James Kane, President John Yasso

**Highway Superintendent:**

**Water Operator:**

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:**

**Residents:** Karen Roffe

**EXCUSED:** Trustee Rizzo was excused on a motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz [Motion Carried 2-0]

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 19, 2022, Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Frantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs [Motion Carried 2-0]

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- 2 calls in the last month.
- Training – Drafting from pond.
- October 26 at York Central School for Annual Fire Prevention Program.
- P135 – Still waiting for parts. Cummins will fix under warranty.
- P134 – Battery charging system still not working. Installed new battery charger under warranty and still not working. Sent back for replacement. Should be back in the next week.
- Pump tests still pending on all three trucks.
- Roof leaking in the back of Fire Hall building needs repair. Will get estimates.
- Downstairs furnace needs regular service scheduled. Both furnaces will be checked and serviced.
- Turnout gear ordered. Previously approved in June.
- Fire District grant pending.
- FEMA Grant pending. Waiting for approval or denial.
- Full report attached to these minutes.

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

- Fall Newsletters are out with leaf pick-up dates.
- Oak Manor – Superintendent Page working with Carl Johnson
- Town covered three days in October for Village Water Operator Chris Young.

**Water:** Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- Orlando Property – property sold “as-is” at auction. Contractor is pending closing to start work. Water bill outstanding on the property.

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**Zoning:** State approved new local law.  
-2 permits pending.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Community Building:** Addendum to sale contract is pending signatures. Needs Board approval. Copies of original contract distributed for comparison. Final bill from Cole Real Estate will be for 5% of total sale of building (\$23,750) with no charges for the lease arrangements. Plan for proceeds of sale to be invested to use interest payments as revenue. Pending rate information from various area banks. Final bills for NYSEG and RGE received. Pending final bills for Frontier. Utility bills paid by Village from 7/1/2022 to transfer date to be billed to ARC for payment.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Lease Agreement with NYSCOPBA:** Lease expires end of this year. Propose new lease renewal at an increase from \$850 to \$940 monthly. Motion to increase rent amount to NYSCOPBA to \$940 per month by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz. [Motion carried 3-0]

**Budget 2022-2023:** Board to consider revenue streams versus expenditures for 2022-2023 budget. New Senator 1/1/2023 due to redistricting. Plans to invite new Senator to Village office to explain Village needs. Discussion of traffic fines received that occurred within the Village and where that fine money is applied. Discuss feasibility of Village traffic court as revenue stream (Number of Village speed limit tickets issued/fines levied versus costs associated with managing a traffic court).

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

**Gator:** Has mechanical problems and needs to be serviced prior to winter.

**Mower:** Possible future replacement.

**Christmas Trees in the Park:** Lisa Semmel will do the Christmas Trees in the Park again this year. No "Make a Difference Day" this year to try to limit exposures to COVID.

**Hometown Heroes Banners:** Currently a waiting list for new banners. Possible use side streets in addition to Main Streets. Discussion regarding Town/Village collaboration to place banners/flags and make sure all are consistently placed evenly on poles throughout the Village as a benefit to all Veteran's, Village and Town residents, as well as removal following Veteran's Day.

**NYSEG LED Proposal:** NYSEG is asking for \$4700 for upgrade proposal. Several various systems/light wattages throughout village currently. Upgrade would provide uniformity and a cost savings on electricity usage. Decision on payment for upgrade shelved for future consideration. Maple lane needs 2 lights installed.

### CLERKS REPORT:

**CHIPS:** Submission made to State for \$19,333 reimbursement for road repairs.

**COVID Tests:** There are a few test kits in the Village Office.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Thanks to Karen Roffe for her historical article submission to the Fall Newsletter. Karen Roffe also shared that she applied for a grant for two Historical Markers to be made to commemorate canal ports of Cuylerville and Mosow Landing. Goal is for dedication to be held the first Saturday in November.

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### **AUDIT OF BILLS:**

General Fund Vouchers 2695, 2697-2717 \$8,212.92      Water Fund Vouchers 982-992 \$54,518.36  
Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Board of Trustees meeting, November 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Frantz motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.  
[Motion Carried 3-0]

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Beardsley  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Leicester