

# **Minutes of the January 23, 2017**

## **Leicester Village Board Meeting**

**Present: Mayor Barry Briffa, Trustees; Ken Rizzo, Mike Constantino, Janet Green and Tom Frantz.**

**Deputy Clerk: Jennifer Lubanski**

**Fire Chief: Jim Kane**

**Highway Superintendent: Russ Page**

**Donald Kane, Karen Roffe, Mark Lubanski, Stanley Lubanski, Toni Pendergast**

**Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:30PM**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 19, 2016 VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:**

**Trustee Rizzo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Village Board Meetings, and it was seconded by Trustee Frantz.**

**Carried 4-0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Village resident Karen Roffe commented that the village signs are faded and worn and would like the Village to address updating them after the winter season.**

**Village resident Toni Pendergast also questioned what was happening at the Elijah house. Mayor Briffa stated the Village has met with the owners and they are starting to update the inside of the building to continue with their plan to put some apartments and a restaurant inside. There are no final plans yet, it will be a long process to get the building up to code and ready for use.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

**Fire Department Chief Jim Kane reported that the Department made 8 calls this month. (See Attached Sheet)**

**The new truck is still on schedule to have first payment in February 2017.**

**The Department is still waiting on the FEMA GRANT that they have applied for.**

**Radios were picked up 12/22/16 and pagers were picked up on 1/18/17. All members have the pagers and the department will be running of the portable until the county updates the trucks equipment.**

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Chief Kane stated that the lights at the Village Hall have been replaced and they will not be replacing them again-they will need to be upgraded/repared due to their poor status.

Chief Kane also noted a leak in the fire hall roof that needs to be addressed for repair.

There were 3 requests for use of the fire hall. All three were for use by the Boy Scouts. One for the pancake breakfast on May 29, 2017, one for the pop can fundraiser on July 8, 2017 and the last one for an overnight camping activity starting on February 4, 2017 and ending on February 5, 2017.

Trustee Constantino made a motion to approve all three requests which was seconded by Trustee Green.

Carried 4-0

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent Page said that the village streets had been plowed and salted as needed and there was nothing more to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

We received an estimate from Harding Plumbing and Heating for work to be done on the furnace at the Village Hall. This was approved by each of the trustees by phone as of January 6, 2017.

We are also received a quote from Harding Plumbing and Heating for the final work at the Community Building at a cost of \$14,600. Trustee Rizzo discussed this project. It calls for several electric heaters to be installed in the ceilings. Trustee Rizzo requested specs be provided by Harding for the units to be installed prior to any work being started. In addition, Barry stated that the work should also be approved by BOCES management prior to going forward with the work.

Trustee Franz made a motion to approve the work to be done by Harding Plumbing and Heating at a cost of \$14,600 as long as specs for the units are received from the contractor and BOCES approves the plan. Trustee Green seconded the motion.

Carried 4-0

A discussion also followed regarding what action could be taken against the engineer for the initial project which did not properly plan the project to include heat in this area. This will need to be discussed with the village attorney. Mayor Briffa will follow up on this.

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Trustee Rizzo also discussed the water issue at Dave Galvin's. This needs to be discussed with the engineer and contractor to come up with an appropriate solution. Mayor Briffa will follow up regarding the issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Briffa stated that he has begun work on the budget. Mayor Briffa stated that the Village has paid to be a part of the Downtown Revitalization Program but none of our residents have received any funding from this program. The Mayor is requesting input on continuing paying and staying with the program or discontinuing the Village's participation.

Mayor Briffa also stated that contracts are coming up for renewal January 1, 2018 with the Town for use of Town highway department employees and funding for the fire department. An average rate for all employees was discussed as well as separate rates per individual. This will need to be discussed during the renewal of the contract for Town employee use. Mayor Briffa would also like to increase the amount provided by the Town for the funding of the fire department.

Mayor Briffa also noted that two streets are expected to be paved in 2017; however there is also need to replace the water main which would be in the same location as these streets. It would not be in the Village's best interest to pave these streets before the water main is replaced. A decision will need to be made regarding the best option for projects in 2017.

There was discussion of what to do regarding outstanding water bills. They are typically the same individuals who do not pay for several quarters. The amount outstanding is approximately \$11,000. Village resident amounts outstanding can be put on the village tax bills but that is only done once per year while bills continue to add up. Turning off the water was discussed for non-payment after a specific time. Increasing the penalty was also discussed. How much can the penalty be increased. We should inquire about how other villages address this issue. Barry will follow up with the attorney regarding legal issues. The board members should consider what to do at the next meeting.

### **CLERKS REPORT:**

We are still waiting on the grant funds for the community building heating project.

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## AUDIT THE BILLS:

Trustee Green made a motion to except the bills for December as audited and it was seconded by Trustee Frantz. Trustee Constantino abstained from the vote.

General Fund A A1115 – A1130 \$5118.54

Water Fund F F0429 – F0435 \$11,432.37

Carried 3-0

## NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

The next Village board meeting will be February 20, 2017 at The Leicester Village Hall at 6:30PM

## ADJOURMENT:

Trustee Franz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Trustee Green.

Carried 4-0

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Lubanski  
Deputy Clerk  
Village of Leicester