

Village of Leicester

February 7, 2023 Special Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Barry Briffa

Trustees: Don Jacobs, Tom Frantz, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk: Samantha Bodratti

Water Department: Chris Young

Engineers: Jeremy DeLyser, Kyle Twombly

Residents: Russ Page

Absent: Dan Christiano

Water Tank Overflow Issue

Engineer Jeremy DeLyser shared that the weight on the swing arm is not stopping the water flow which is the first modification that is needed. The second is the telemetry system that communicates between the tank and the pump station has no replacement parts available, therefore if something breaks it would have to be replaced.

Two options were presented. Short term – move the weight down on the swing arm to slow the water coming out of the tank. Not a permanent fix.

Long term option – pressure reducing valve with a check valve feature hooked up to a solenoid with a hard close/open based on water level in tank. Tank calls for water, valve opens by means of hydraulics and closes when tank full to prevent overflow.

Cost of first option – **Phase I** - (assuming Chris Young can install with assistance of his crew or Town of Leicester to decrease labor costs), would be roughly under \$20,000. Motion made by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs for Phase I to improve water system upgrades to install new pressure reducing valve (solenoid shut off) at the pump house for \$20,000 or less. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Phase II – Discussion regarding telemetry system, installed in 2005. System is obsolete. If a component fails, there are no replacements. System is necessary.

Replacing Telemetry System to a Cellular Based Plan (includes a battery backup) - Cost of \$86,000. Allows easier access for reading of telemetry.

Phase III - Badger water reading software is no longer supported. Discussion regarding to upgrade meter reading software. Discussion of possibility of sharing meter reader software with another municipality. Upgrade to provide more efficient meter reading, shared costs for software system and upgrades. Only meter heads would need changing. Less expensive option. Discussion of accuracy of current meters. Meters can be tested for accuracy. Village is not interested in turning water billing over to the County.

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Engineers to draw up new proposals for Phase I and Phase II projects. Engineers to investigate grants and funding options for second and third phases of upgrades.

Deputy Bodratti will also reach out to Senator Helming for funding options. Mayor Briffa to reach out to County Grant Writer for assistance.

Locator Equipment for Water Lines: Current locator equipment is 15-20 years old. Chris Young is still looking for available equipment to present to Board.

Salary for Maintenance Man (Mark Bonadonna): Request to increase salary by an additional \$1.00 per hour from \$19 - \$20 per hour effective 4/1/2023 for start of mowing season. Motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to increase salary for Mark Bonadonna to \$20 per hour heffective 4/1/2023. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Budget Funding: Preliminary proposed budget has been handed out to Board members. Discussion of revenue sources for next budget year. AIM funding remains same as prior year. CHIPS, PAVE-NY, EWR and POP funds have yet to be announced. POP funds to be used toward Maple Lane.

Zoning: Discussion of addition to shed behind "Casino". To discuss with Code Enforcement as to need of permit.

BOARD MEETING: Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Louise Wadsworth will be presenter.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Frantz motioned, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester