

Village of Leicester

September 28, 2020 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: Mike Constantino, Tom Frantz, Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Kirstie DeGraff

Residents: none

Main Street First Impressions Grant: Mayor Briffa and Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff presented the proposed flower and tree planters, benches, garbage receptacles and bike rack totaling \$8000 +/- depending on tree prices and town labor to place the planters. After some discussion, Trustee Rizzo motion, 2nd by Trustee Frantz, to go ahead with spending \$8000 +/- understanding the grant will reimburse half of our cost equaling \$4000 +/- [Motion Carried 4-0]

Community Building: Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- 1) Cole Realty's contract expires November 1st
- 2) Al Cole has informed there is another interested party (possibly 2) but has no information at this time on who the parties are
- 3) ARC has not been locking the doors when they leave at night. Howie has been doing evening building checks to make sure building is secure. Mayor Briffa will notify ARC that this is a major issue that needs to be addressed.
- 4) Howie has been called in for toilet that backed up and for kitchen stove that didn't work and had to troubleshoot and repair both issues
- 5) ARC is using the hallway for classrooms? Mayor Briffa will notify ARC that the hallway is technically leased spaced and not to be used as such.

Davis Property Sink Hole: There was discussion on how to address. It was believed that the problem stems from a drainage pipe improperly left in the ground from a previous job DAKKSCO had done years ago. Howie had filled the deep hole with large stone and then dirt but the hole continues to settle. It was agreed Mayor Briffa will complete a work order for the Town.

Park Bench: Mayor Briffa thanked Trustee Rizzo for repairing the bench in the gazebo.

Williamson Law Books: Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs, to approve Williamson Law Books Municipal Accounting & Budget Preparation Software contract renewal through September 30, 2021 [Motion Carried 4-0]

Sidewalk snowplowing: There was discussion on options for sidewalk snowplowing and whether the Village should continue to plow the sidewalks, given the fact that there are so many complaints on plowing. It was agreed that the gator is too wide for the Village sidewalks and quite simply is not the right machine for plowing distances. It was also agreed that with the Village's tax base, that the Village does not have the revenue to purchase a new tractor and sidewalk sweeper to clear the sidewalks. There was discussion on only plowing the

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business district on Main Street or just Main Street. Without any definitive answer, it was agreed that the V-plow needed to be repaired. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff will arrange for the plow repair.

Park Leaf Removal: There was discussion on how to get the park raked without help from the County Jail with no inmates from the Bail Reform or without Make A Difference Day due to COVID. It was agreed to see if Dawn Lubanski wanted the extra income in November at \$125/week [\$500/month max] to windrow mow the leaves to the curb. If Dawn declines, Trustee Jacobs indicated he would do it at no charge. Another option is to call Versascape.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Constantino motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirstie DeGraff
Clerk-Treasurer
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