

Village of Leicester

October 20, 2025 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, Ken Rizzo, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk: Samantha Bodratti

Highway Superintendent:

Water Operator:

Zoning/Code Enforcement:

Residents and Guests: John Yasso, Fire Commissioner

EXCUSED:

MINUTES: The minutes of September 15, 2025 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Briffa opened the public hearing on Local Law 3-2025 – Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C at 6:35 pm on a motion from Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Christiano. [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire District: Commissioner Yasso presented the following:

- The Fire District budget was adopted and a public hearing is scheduled for October 21, 2025 at 7 pm at the Leicester District Headquarters. District passed a resolution to override the 2% tax cap with their budget being 5% over the cap.
- Reducing the fleet. Last meeting they determined that Pumper 194 is surplus. Committee to determine equipment to be sold with truck. Monies will go toward replacement trucks. District has been allocating money toward such expenses.
- 298 calls – (100-120 Fire calls, rest EMS)
- Training with York included cross training and extrication training.
- Grants- VFire Grant application for new turnout gear for all active members. Equipment (washer/dryer) from previous grant is in the Fire Hall waiting to be hooked up. Extensive paperwork for other grants to purchase new UTV and rescue tools.
- Just awarded a federal grant (AFG Grant) in the amount of \$257,142.85 with an additional amount from the district of \$12,857.15 (5% match) for a total of \$270,000 for all new air packs for all trucks.
- District is having a Halloween party on October 31, 2025 at the Leicester Fire Hall Building.

Highway Department Report: No current issues.

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Water Report:

- Board discussed the proposed water agreement with the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority to supply water to the Town of Leicester customers.

Motion to accept LCWSA proposed water agreement of \$4.75 per thousand gallons for a three-year period with the stipulation that the Village's water operator has operational control over water breaks, repairs and maintenance issues made by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Frantz.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Jacobs – Yes
Trustee Christiano – Yes
Trustee Frantz – Yes
Trustee Rizzo – Yes
Mayor Briffa – Yes

[Motion Carried 5-0]

- New water hookup between Zambito and Ratchford properties by the water tower. To install pit with two separate meters. Mr. Zambito to absorb the cost.

Zoning Report: No current issues.

Local Law 3-2025 – Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Discussion regarding the effects of the Village overriding the Property Tax Cap. Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley presented the levy amounts if property taxes were raised over the 2% tax cap. The tax levy in 2024 was \$37,000. The tax levy dropped to \$30,100 in 2025 as a result of the implementation of the Fire District. A tax increase of 10% in 2026 would equate to \$33,110. An additional 10% in 2027 would equate to \$36,421 which is less than the original amount of \$37,000 in 2024.

Motion to approve Local Law 3-2025 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: On a motion from Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz the public hearing on Local Law 3-2025 – Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c for tax year 2026-2027 was closed at 7:15 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

OLD BUSINESS:

Oak Manor Drainage Project – Scheduled meeting between John and Jason Yasso and Mr. Stryker from Soil and Water Conservation to review options for possible changes to the farmland in order to apply for the grant to make potential drainage improvements in Oak Manor.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Housing Meeting – Meeting at Town Hall regarding area housing needs and challenges conducted by County representative Angela Ellis with town and village representatives. No extra land or housing identified within the Village. Town agrees, no resources for expanding housing. Most town land is farmland.

MAYORS REPORT:

Tree – South Parkway – Andy Kieffer removed the large, damaged tree branch over the sidewalk.

SAM Grant – Still pursuing Senator Helming for answers on where our grant money stands. Avon received their grant money and Lima was offered partial grant money which they declined. Mayor Briffa states the Village would be happy to receive 75% of the grant money that was previously promised to the Village.

CLERKS REPORT:

AED Replacement:

Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley presented quote for replacing current AED Cardiac Unit in Village office with new updated model for the amount of \$1,867.52. Purchase of the new AED Cardiac Unit was approved on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs.

[Motion Carried 4-0]

Gazebo Signage:

Deputy Clerk Bodratti presented two options for a proposed sign at the Gazebo to advise residents interested in using the Gazebo that permission from the Village Office is required. The Board approved purchase of the sign from American Custom in Geneseo which provides for military grade engraved aluminum with a lifetime guarantee for an approximate cost between \$50 and \$75 dependent on final sizing.

CNB CD Renewal – The \$100,000 certificate of deposit is due for renewal. Current balance is \$108,574.81. Clerk Treasurer Beardsley reviewed the current renewal interest rates with the Board. The Board made the decision to renew the CD for six months at a rate of 3.70%.

FOIL Request – Village received a FOIL request for water billings for a renter's landlord for a period of the last five years. Motion by Mayor Briffa, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to deny the FOIL request based on the fact that the bills are the private business of the landlord and do not contain the renter's name.

[Motion Carried 4-0]

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: On a motion from Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz the public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Motion to adopt Local Law 3-2025 – – Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

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

General Fund Vouchers 3405-3422 \$11,953.41 Water Fund Vouchers 1279 - 1289 \$41,464.59

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, November 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Christiano motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester