

Village of Leicester

August 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, Dan Christiano, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

Deputy Clerk:

Water Department: Chris Young

EXCUSED: None

Mayor Briffa reports there is no word from the Town regarding the Water Contract or the Fire Department Services Contracts.

Following a meeting with the Mayor of the Village of Mt. Morris, Joel Mike, Mt. Morris is planning on continuing to obtain water supply from Silver Lake as well as update the existing water treatment plant.

It was discussed that the Town of Leicester may be tapping into the AKZO funds along with the WIIA grant application for the Water Tower project, but there is no known agreement with the County yet. Town approved a bond issue which will add to the Cuylerville water district costs if no WIIA grant money is received. Town spending money on current system not obtaining water for those residents that do not currently have Town water. Discussed a tank on the hill in Leicester would be more beneficial. Town Public Hearing/meeting on August 15, 2023 regarding leasing the water distribution system to the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority for a period of 40 years.

Per discussion with the Town of York, they may be needing to install a larger pump to supply the York/Leicester Water System District.

WIIA Grant decision is expected in November or December of 2023.

Pump House / Water Tank Issues:

Chris Young reports the first check failed. There were some miscommunications regarding the existing check valve. Valve removed as not functioning. Also noted Mr. DeLyser, Engineer for the project, should have been on site to make sure installation was correct. Two more checks on the pump found one working, one not and water was being recirculated back through. The electrician reported that pump number two was running backward.

A retro fit check feature kit that had been ordered was received.

Gravity valve was shut. Usage decreased from 180-190,000 gallons with the pump on to 116-117,000 gallons daily even with Seneca pulling water. Chris Young has climbed the tank the last 10 days to check levels and water was approximately 4" from the top.

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Chris Young contacted the previous engineer and received information on pump station that was sent to the Planet Tech person that was involved. Set points were 28-24, now at 22 and being maintained without pump.

Mr. DeLyser is communicating with Mark Massa regarding the gravity valve. Needs controls to work best. Four quotes were received for check valves. (Blair Supply - \$2,904.24; T. Mina Supply - \$7,680.00; SAR Sales - \$2,800.56; fourth quote not available at meeting).

On a Motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs, the Board voted to approve the quote from Blair Supply in the amount of \$2,904.24. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Discussion on installing “keg” into Village Water tank to eliminate the need to climb the tank for depth reading. The tank is being monitored daily. Mayor Briffa commended Chris Young for doing a great job for the Village.

It was also discussed that there is a lot of brush and tree growth 12-15 feet from the fence near the overflow pipes on the Village water tank that needs clearing to make the overflow more visible from the road. Discussion of possibilities to clean up this brush. Also discussed clearing roadway behind pump house and down through to Brians Diner.

Resolution for WIIA Grant Application:

Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Application for NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Funding for the Village of Leicester Water System Improvement Project and Committing Available Funds of the Village of Leicester to Finance the Non-WIIA Grant Financed Share of the Village’s Project. [Motion Carried 5-0]

Delinquent Water Accounts:

There are 37 delinquent water accounts totaling approximately \$6,000. A list was distributed to all Board Members. Discussion revolved around not accepting any partial payments and increasing the penalty amount for non-payment of water accounts. Public Hearing will be scheduled to hear interested parties on the matter prior to Board of Trustees vote.

Association of Villages Dinner:

Mayor Briffa would like to re-commence the Association Dinners by the Village of Leicester hosting a dinner on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the National Hotel or Yard of Ale. Potential guest speaker Senator Helming.

Mayor Briffa also mentioned the Towns and Villages of Livingston County recognizing the need to work together in solidarity.

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NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting August 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Christiano motioned, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester