

# *Village of Leicester*

## **November 18, 2024 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, Dan Christiano, Tom Frantz  
**Clerk-Treasurer:** Deborah Beardsley  
**Deputy Clerk:** Samantha Bodratti  
**Fire Chief:** James Kane, President Yasso  
**Highway Superintendent:** Russ Page  
**Water Operator:**  
**Zoning/Code Enforcement:**  
**Residents:** Karen Roffe

**EXCUSED:**

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 21, 2024 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 4-0]

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report:** President Yasso reports the following:

- 4 calls (see attached report).
- Training on SCBA.
- All trucks running well.
- New gear received and distributed.
- FEMA Grant for 2024 is open.
- V-Fire Grant of \$108,431 was awarded to the Fire Department to purchase 20 sets of turnout gear along with a washer and dryer to keep them clean.
- Commissioners submitted their budget. Commissioners are Tim Archibald, Marcia Sanford, Josh Dickens, Doug Seeber and John Yasso. Secretary is Kara Kane and Treasurer is Ari Webb. Fire District Chief election to be held November 19, 2024 at the Cuylerville Fire Hall. This individual will work with the Commissioners on establishing policies and procedures.
- Discussion regarding voluntary Fire District reports at Village Board Meetings. Commissioner Yasso will advise when he will attend meetings to share what is going on at the District.
- Commissioner Yasso asked if leftover funds from the Village fire department budget line will be transferred to the district as they will have expenses to pay prior to receipt of tax revenues. Board will enter Executive Session for board discussion.
- Fire District meetings will be held monthly on the second Tuesday at the Leicester Fire Hall at 6:30 pm.

Motion made by Trustee Rizzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to accept resolution to approve dissolution of the Leicester Fire Department and transfer apparatus, equipment and fire hall at 126 Main Street Leicester NY to the Leicester-Cuylerville Joint Fire District effective January 1, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jacobs – Aye; Trustee Christiano - Aye; Trustee Franta – Aye; Trustee Rizzo – Aye; Mayor Briffa - Aye. [Motion Carried 5-0]

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### RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LEICESTER

*WHEREAS, the Village of Leicester, New York has resolved to form and become part of a Joint Fire District including all of the town, and including all of the limits of the Village;*

*WHEREAS, the process for the formation of the new joint fire district required a public hearing with the village and town boards and was subject to permissive referendum;*

*WHEREAS, the time for permissive referendum on the formation of the Joint Fire District has elapsed without valid petition;*

*WHEREAS, the village will no longer be required to operate its own fire department; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, it is hereby:*

*RESOLVED that although compliance with Village Law § 10-1020 is not mandated by statute, the fire department of the village is hereby “abolished” and fire protection shall now be provided by the Joint Fire District; and it is further*

*RESOLVED, that all of the fire equipment and apparatus and Leicester Fire Hall located at 126 Main St, Leicester NY 14481 shall be transferred effective January 1, 2025 to the title of the Joint Fire District pursuant to Town Law § 189-b*

**Highway Department Report:** Superintendent Page reported the following:

- List to be created of Village Streets and last maintenance performed.
- Leaf pickups are completed for this year. Any further leaves need to be bagged to be collected.
- Consider replacement of the suction hose on the leaf vac. Superintendent Page will find out the cost. Still working well otherwise.

**Water Report:** Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Sporadic tank overflow issues referred to engineer. Possible valve adjustment at pump house.
- Telemetry is working well.
- Meter pit at Seneca needs pumping for access.
- Water line trail from pump house to Brian’s diner and Upper Mt. Morris Rd. needs clean out for better access. Superintendent Page will estimate cost.

**Zoning Report:** Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Report received from CEO Cagle.
- Discussion regarding contributing toward the purchase of new laptop for the CEO. Total amount is divided between five municipalities.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Budget – Mayor Briffa has been working on the 2025-2026 budget.

Chips – Has been submitted for Maple Lane, and Eastman projects for reimbursement of \$18,645. Working on next quarter's submission for the cross-walk project for \$17,568. That uses up all but \$1,700 POP funds which should roll over next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

– Dog Control – Tabled for further investigation on interpretation of law and discussion with the new Environmental Health Director

- Outdoor Storage Law 1-2024 - has been filed with the Department of State.

- Resolution for Continue Support State Aid for Local Governments – Tabled till December meeting.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Crosswalk – Completed. CHIPS fund reimbursement next quarter. Mr. Miskell of ArcGLOW asked for contribution toward cost.

Association of Villages – To be kept under the Mayors for now.

Village Attorney - New partner at HodgsonRuss.

SAM Grant – Now under Senator Ortt. Village is requesting answer on where it stands.

Parking on Main – Addressed with property/business owners the recent additional vehicles parking on Main Street blocking access to the Post Office.

Maple Lane Turnaround – Need signage to indicate no parking within the turnaround area. To be ordered from Livingston County Sign Shop.

Village Office Gutters – Check held pending address of missing trim on front of building.

### **CLERKS REPORT:**

Current balances of funds – General Fund \$118,854.92 Water Fund \$71,261.68

Certificate of Deposit #1 - \$104,336.02 Certificate of Deposit #2 \$311,062.50

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to enter Executive Session at 7:42 pm regarding Fire Department matters. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Trustee Jacobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rizzo to exit Executive Session at 8:16 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Motion by Trustee Christiano to provide \$1,000 to the Fire district to assist in operations prior to receipt of fire tax monies, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

**AUDIT OF BILLS:**

Trustee Christiano motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rizzo to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]

General Fund Vouchers 3227 - 3249    \$29,228.48            Water Fund Vouchers 1206 - 1211    \$55,784.54

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:**

Board of Trustees Meeting, December 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Christiano motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Beardsley  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Leicester