

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

January 21, 2026

Village Hall, 3 West Main Street, LeRoy, NY

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers	Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
Trustee William Kettle	Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio
Trustee James Bonacquisti	WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll
Trustee Richard Tetrault	DPW Supt. Robert Lathan
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Arna Tygart

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Quinn, Batavia Daily, Jeffry VanBuren, Laurie Mancuso, Dan Vanderhoof, Jill Fitzgerald, Rich Sutherland

Mayor Greg Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Rogers said that the Comprehensive Plan started a year ago and the Village decided they needed help from GF Regional Planning Council. Jenny Loewenstein headed the project with a great steering committee. It is an outstanding product that has had a lot of effort put into it. We had a meeting in January to declare the Village the lead agency and passed a resolution. **Trustee Kettle made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

Trustee Tetrault said the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to provide feedback to the board. The board and the Steering Committee take all comments into account regarding changes that can be proposed to reflect community needs. The Steering Committee did an outstanding job. They've stayed committed, with this process being approximately eight months.

Village resident Jill Fitzgerald asked the Village to explain more about SEQR process. It was explained that The Village, as the lead agency, considers if there are any negatives to adopt the plan which typically doesn't exist in Comprehensive Plans.

Village resident Jeff VanBuren inquired to see if there are going to be any improvements to the pier on Munson Street. He said that we have a virtual goldmine and people come from out of town out to see the creek. There are some boards that need to be fixed, and he would like a porta potty for the summer. **Mayor Rogers** said that recreation was a big plan of Comprehensive Plan and we understand the value of creek. **Trustee Kettle** thanked Jeff for bringing it to our attention, and said we have a responsibility to check it out. **Jill Fitzgerald** and **Laurie Mancuso** are part of the Steering Committee. Jill said the idea could be incorporated in the community driven part. We could make that update to the Comprehensive Plan. **Trustee Yacuzzo** said the plan should be flexible enough and we shouldn't have to amend and stop the adoption. Jill Fitzgerald said that it is a very actionable plan. Long term, which makes it easy for the board to see what needs to be done and it puts protection on the creek. Oatka watershed can also contribute.

Trustee Kettle asked Rich Sutherland if page 6 in the SEQR is supposed to be marked “no.” Rich verified it is supposed to be no. **Mayor Rogers** asked for a timeline for the Comprehensive Plan. Rich stated that the Village declares a declaration of the SEQR process as the lead agency. The SEQR is approved at the February meeting, and the Comprehensive Plan is in March. The mayor asked Rich Sutherland if he is comfortable with this timeline, and he said yes.

Mayor Rogers made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to close. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

Trustee Yacuzzo moved to send the Comprehensive Plan to the DEC. He stated that a negative declaration is good for the Comprehensive Plan. That means there is no, or very little, damage. Trustee Yacuzzo moved to adopt a negative resolution and send it to the DEC office in case there is any question. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

Mayor Rogers thanked everybody for all their hard work on this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Yacuzzo made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 12/17/25 and 1/5/26. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD: Will discuss considerations later in the meeting.

STP: Financial advisors did a good job balancing end of project books. We have enough money for fence and to fix a leak. Hopefully this will be done in the spring. The leak is in the aeration, there is a crack in the concrete. They’ll remove the pipe to straighten it out.

Trustee Yacuzzo asked if it affects the treatment. Superintendent Carroll said it does not affect it. Cold is the biggest problem with treatment. They are going to try heat tape this week. Automation with blowers is helping so we are not overoxidizing. Superintendent Carroll said someone showed up at STP on Wednesday to survey the roofs for solar panels.

Superintendent Carroll said that we can be a response partner for National Grid. This means that they would call us and we would put the plant on generator to reduce the peak demand in the area. It does not pay a lot, but the benefit is that we get paid to run the generator. Running the generator will exercise the system and help turn over the stored fuel. If we don’t turn over the stored fuel to keep it fresh, we could wind up spending \$5,000 to have the fuel refreshed. The downside is the on-demand operation is likely after hours from 3pm to 5pm after normal operations. We are still weighing the Pros and Cons.

DPW: Supervisor Lathan stated everything is quiet.

Mayor Rogers thanked him and his employees for doing the job they're doing this winter. Kinney Avenue came into question and has been taken care of. **Trustee Yacuzzo** said School Street is not a dedicated village street, but we plow it as a courtesy and will continue to do that.

MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN: Not present

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Spadaro came to the last meeting. The board asked about the right of first refusal for the parking lot. Dan Vanderhoof said it was submitted to the Church and needs to be voted on.

Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution for 1 Church Street / Special Use Permit (Right of First Refusal): It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault - Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Resolution for Intermunicipal Agreement between the LeRoy Central School District and the Village of LeRoy:

Attached in separate file

MOTION BY: Trustee Bonacquisti

SECONDED BY: Trustee Kettle

Ayes: Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Kettle, Trustee Yacuzzo, Trustee Tetrault, Mayor Rogers

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Department PTO request extension: Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to accept. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault - Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Chief Kellog stated some officers were confused regarding the final pay period and thought it would could carry over.

Police Department K9 Kronk adoption by Office Boily: Trustee Tetrault made a Motion to approve. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

Chief Kellog stated that Kronk has been the therapy dog for school. He had some issues in the school setting and is not a good fit for the school at this time.

Trustee Yacuzzo made a Motion for a Resolution to approve Kade's Scratch Kitchen, LLC, located at 15 Main Street, for a waiver of 30 day liquor license notification. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault - Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Trustee Kettle made a Motion to Approve a Resolution to appoint election inspectors for the Village election on March 18, 2026: It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Cash payments for sewer and taxes: Mayor Rogers stated people are coming in with vast amounts of cash. For the safety of the clerks and everybody involved, we will not take cash for Tax or Sewer payments. This is for both renters and village homeowners.

Resolution for no cash payments for sewer and property taxes by renters:

WHEREAS, the Village of LeRoy (hereinafter “the Village”) charges and collects for various services, including but not limited to sewer charges and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Village has historically accepted cash payments; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to prohibit bills and charges being paid via cash; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition will benefit the Village by increasing efficiency and reducing paperwork requirements for Village officials; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition will benefit payors by creating a paper trail for payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Village Board hereby:

- 1) Prohibits payors for paying Village fees and bills via cash; and
- 2) Prohibits Village officials from accepting cash payments for Village fees and bills.

MOTION BY: Trustee Bonacquisti

SECONDED BY: Trustee Tetrault

Ayes: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo, Trustee Tetrault, Mayor Rogers

Motion carried.

Sewer Board recommendations: Two recommendations from the sewer board were presented for adjustments. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to approve the adjustments.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jill Fitzgerald asked chief about the auxiliary police that was previously discussed. Chief Kellog created a policy with the next step being training. The Auxiliary will be similar to the Fire Department’s fire police and should be beneficial.

Laurie Mancuso asked if we heard back from the DOT regarding Jake breaks. According to the DOT, we have no jurisdiction prohibiting jake breaks in the Village. The DOT looks at it as a safety item and puts it back on the Village to determine if there is a noise ordinance, but the Village would need a machine to determine this.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION:

Trustee Bonacquisti: We are going to try to get more information from code enforcement in Batavia regarding clutter in Village residents’ yards. Batavia has more in place than we do. If there is clutter in a

yard, Batavia gives them 48 hours to take care of it. If it is not taken care of, they call Casella (or a comparable company) and send the homeowner the bill. Trustee Bonacquisti said he needs to talk to Batavia more, and the Mayor said we could also talk to the Batavia judges. The only way to clean it up is to hold people responsible. It cannot stop with code enforcement, it needs to go higher than that. Mayor Rogers will talk to Jim Farnholtz at the Town.

Trustee Kettle: Acknowledged Bob Taylor, who he had served with since 2014. He enjoyed working with him, loved his stories, he was a good man, and he enjoyed serving on the board with him.

Trustee Tetrault: There is a cable company in town. Trustee Tetrault asked if we get money from them. Every pole in the Village is taxed, and when they add wires, they have to pay tax. Mayor Rogers said they are a legitimate company but will reach out to make sure they have it in order.

Trustee Yacuzzo: This is not urgent, but we are going to have two weeks of cold weather. Trustee Yacuzzo asked if we can get ice skating on the creek. Supervisor Lathan asked if it has to go through recreation at the Town. Mayor Rogers said he doesn't think the town has a recreation director at the moment, but we could possibly check with Jason Beaumont from Smokin' Eagle. Mayor Rogers said if they want to skate on the creek we won't stop them. Trustee Bonacquisti asked if we could clean it for them. Trustee Yacuzzo also asked about holiday decorations for Main Street. Supervisor Lathan is waiting for next budget season to purchase the decorations.

Mayor Rogers: Introduced Dan Vanderhoof who took the open position on the planning board. Mayor Rogers said that the Village is looking for a motion to appoint John Vanbuskirk to the Zoning Board. His father was on this board. This starts the process of getting younger people. **Mayor Rogers** also spoke about Bob Taylor, saying he was a very good friend. Bob was a great guy and did a lot for the community. He was a fireman, on town board, and coached tshirt. He will be greatly missed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Auto Pays, Wire Transfers, and Check numbers #28311-28338, 28340-28351, 28353-38358, 28360, 28361-28390 totaling \$311,533.48.

Cap#2: \$0

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arna Tygart, Deputy Clerk Treasurer