

## VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop and Regular Meeting held on

**March 4, 2024**

Village Hall, 3 West Main St., Le Roy, NY

**PRESENT:** Trustee William Kettle Trustee James Bonacquisti  
Trustee Richard Tetrault Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel  
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gregory Rogers, Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer and Terrance Keys, Laurie Mancuso, Jill Fitzgerald, Nikki Calhoun, Felipe Oltramari, Jeff and Lori Steinbrenner

Trustee Kettle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

### **WORKSHOP: UPDATE VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Trustee Kettle said the Mayor wasn't feeling well and couldn't make it to the meeting. He said they could have a general discussion about the Comprehensive Plan. He looked at the Town's Comprehensive Plan and got some ideas. He mentioned two new shops had opened with more activity on Main Street. This led into a discussion of parking and the need to seal and stripe the municipal lots, fix potholes, and more lights, the need for more charging stations for electric vehicles.

Felipe Oltramari, Director of the Genesee County Department of Planning said the links he provided to the group included figures from the American Community Survey which includes five years of data. Although they're estimated figures, they're useful for spotting trends. He also mentioned the County's Housing Needs Assessment is still open, asking for public input from county residents about their housing experience through an anonymous, confidential Housing Survey:

[https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning/Housing\\_Needs\\_Assessment.php](https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning/Housing_Needs_Assessment.php)

### Discussion:

- At the last workshop, developing residential lots was discussed, and a group member asked now why the continued wish to develop East Ave. and Poplar Lane if it's on the FEMA Flood Plain map? (An area at the end of East Ave. was targeted 2-3 years ago for development but residential backlash eventually stopped the plan.) When the County GIS map was brought up for everyone to see, and the site of the area found, it showed that area was outside of the FEMA flood plain parameters. The question was asked, "Well, what was the big problem, then?"
- South Ave. – dedicated Village street, would make a good bike trail
- The Village has deep lots so would make sense to have accessory structures on deep properties. However, it was also brought up that Village Code only allows one principal building per lot.
- A good way to look at this would be to ask, "What's the roadblock to this specific idea?" then make recommendations to change zoning, etc.
- Hiring a professional consultant was suggested. When asked how that would work, Mr. Oltramari, mentioned that usually a steering committee is involved, a survey of public opinion is sent out, a request for quotes made (need three quotes). He mentioned the Village could share with the Town. It's recommended that Comprehensive Plans be updated every 20 years, but if things are really changing in a municipality, then sooner.
- The worry about hiring a consultant that would just create "boilerplate" that no one would look at was mentioned. Mr. Oltramari said the way to minimize that is to get as much public opinion as possible, and then watch for the inclusion of boilerplate and stop it. After that, the Plan needs

to be reviewed on a regular basis. The Planning Board should report to the Board on an annual basis.

- Condos on Main Street. The state will fund it but will need elevators.
- Land across from Hartwood Park has 200 lots and water and sewer are already available.
- Trails along the Oatka Creek. Used to have them but are overgrown now.
- Common elevators for side-by-side buildings on Main Street.

What are the easiest/quickest ideas to implement first to gain momentum?

- Charging stations in Mill St. parking lot
- Lights in the alleyway between Main and Bacon
- Need to keep the Village “feel” – any new business must keep the building esthetics to a certain feel. It’s in the Comprehensive Plan but hasn’t been enforced.
- Overnight parking permits in parking lots or agreements with property owners allowing parking. Can charge fees.

Mr. Ultramari mentioned the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council is involved in the Clean Energy Communities program. Clerk-Treasurer Carmel will forward emails from the G/FLRPC concerning this program to the Board.

*At 7:42pm, the Workshop portion of the meeting concluded.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on 2/21/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

WWTF-Phase 2-Hewitt Young Electric, Contractor Pay App #10 for \$56,513.68 **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Payment of Pay App # 10 for \$56,513.68 to Hewitt Young Electric.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye.

WWTF-Phase 2-Hewitt Young Electric, Contractor Pay App #11 for \$6,594.56 **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Payment of Pay App #11 for \$6,594.56 to Hewitt Young Electric.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye.

Sewer Exclusions Discussion: There have been recent exclusions for leaky toilets recommended by the Sewer Board and approved by the Village Board and the Clerk’s office wanted clarification because it is understood that the water in these cases goes into the sewer system. The Trustees felt that residents shouldn’t be punished, and we should help them out. However, it should be noted in the sewer account that it’s been done and pay attention that it doesn’t become a frequent occurrence.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Refuse and Recyclables Contract: the Village Refuse and Recyclables Contract ends March 31, 2024. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to put the Refuse and Recyclables Contract out to bid.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye.

WWTF: NY Rural Water Association: WWTF Supt. Carroll wishes to attend the NY Rural Water Association Conference May 20-22 at Turning Stone Resort. Board members felt that was ok if any travel expense request included receipts to back it up.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Pay Bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 2/12/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Auto payments and check numbers 26755-26772 totaling \$117,239.34.

Cap #2 Fund: Check numbers 1241-1243, totaling \$127,088.09.

**ADJOURN:**

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 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer