

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held on

July 1, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel
Trustee William Kettle ZBA Member Bob Taylor
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo Sewer Board Member Ron Pangrazio

ABSENT: Trustee James Bonacquisti, Trustee Richard Tetrault, Chief of Police Greg Kellogg,
DPW Sup. Robert Lathan, WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll, Historian Lynne Belluscio

OTHERS: Felipe Oltramari, Jim Seiler, Jennifer and Terrance Keys, Jasmine Morrow, Jill
Fitzgerald, Laurie Mancuso

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP:

Mayor Rogers explained that at the last regular Board meeting, they passed a resolution to hire Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLPC) to help complete the update of the Comprehensive Plan. He was impressed with how G/FLPC helped Avon with its Comprehensive Plan.

Jenny Loewenstein, Sustainability Program Manager from the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, presented a Power Point slide show reviewing the comprehensive planning process, each phase, coordinating future meetings, and creating a steering committee. *Slides are located at the end of the minutes.*

The goal is to create an actionable plan completed by the community.

Trustee Yacuzzo asked that they discuss how to get the word out about this, since the local Pennysaver has closed. There's a good Facebook group, LeRoy Then and Now, but it can get contentious. Jenny said they would be drafting engagement plans which could include public workshops, a survey, posting on the Village website, Facebook page, posting flyers, direct mail, etc. The Steering Committee will address these things, making an inventory, a baseline assessment. The mayor explained there have been several of these meetings and a lot of that info was discussed. The Clerk will email meeting minutes to Ms. Loewenstein and the presentation slides to the Committee.

The ideal Steering Committee size is 5-7 people, and they would meet monthly or every 2-3 months. The Public Workshops will include the Steering Committee and Jenny presenting the info to the public.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths:

- 490 and the Thruway
- Oatka Creek
- School District
- Architecture of Main St. and homes
- Geographic location between Buffalo, Rochester, Geneseo, and Brockport
- Relatively low crime rate
- Residents are "movers and shakers"
- Jello Museum and Historical Society
- Restaurants and services
- Industry we have is stable, supportive
- Organizations-fraternal and service
- Churches
- Public Pool and Rec program
- Variety of things to do

Weaknesses:

- High percentage of rentals
- Lack of communication with public (no newspaper or Pennysaver)
- Fragile connections (when business closes, lose unique population)
- Lack of “a 3rd place” that’s not home or work
- Old Codes and enforcement
- Distressed housing
- Ambulance service is always in jeopardy
- Few under 50 yr olds involved
- Few women on boards

Opportunities:

- Village doing a site plan to install EV charging stations in municipal parking lots and Village Hall lot
- Possible solar energy coverage in municipal lots
- Possible butterfly garden
- Residential housing growth
- High speed internet

Threats:

- Oatka Creek is drying up. Need to find ways to protect this natural resource. Trustee Yacuzzo is currently drafting a letter to the NYS DEC concerning the creek.
- Hard to keep volunteers for the Fire Dept.
- Hard to keep officers for the Police Dept.

It was agreed that the members of the current Comprehensive Plan Committee will now become the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Some members voiced that they were pleased Jenny was now involved.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT
LEROY WWTF SLUDGE TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL

MOTION BY: Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS the Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees awarded the bid for the LeRoy WWTF Sludge Transportation and Disposal contract to New England Waste Services of ME, Inc. d/b/a Casella, with an agreement date of January 4, 2021 and effective for a period of twenty-four (24) months, and;

WHEREAS Article 5 of the Agreement allows for the extension of the agreement for up to a maximum of five (5) six (6) month extensions with a unit price increase at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and;

WHEREAS Casella and the Village of LeRoy extended the agreement for an addition six (6) month term, January 4, 2024 – July 4, 2024 using a calculation of \$123.61 per wet ton, an increase of \$11.61 per wet ton from the previous rate (per Casella’s proposal letter dated December 4, 2023 with Appendix A), and;

WHEREAS Casella wishes to extend the agreement for an addition six (6) month term, July 4, 2024 – January 4, 2025 or until a new RFP for a renewed contract is issued and awarded, and, since no CPI index was defined, proposes using the “Water and sewer and trash collection services, U.S. city average, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted” for the month of May 2024, as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, which would result in a calculation of \$127.13 per wet ton, an increase of \$3.52 per wet ton from the previous rate (per Casella’s proposal letter dated June 13, 2024 with Appendix A), and;

WHEREAS the Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees is amenable to the agreement extension, including the rate increase,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the extension of the Agreement for LeRoy WWTF Sludge Transportation and Disposal, for a six (6) month period to New England Waste Services of ME, Inc. d/b/a Casella, which will end January 4, 2025 or until a new RFP for a renewed contract is issued and awarded, at a rate of \$127.13 per wet ton for the Transport and Disposal of LeRoy WWTF Sludge.

SECONDED BY: Trustee Kettle

Ayes: Trustee Yacuzzo, Trustee Kettle, and Mayor Rogers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Tetrault, Trustee Bonacquisti

- **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the WWTF Project Phase 1 Certificate of Substantial Completion: Influent Building.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the WWTF Project Phase 1 Certificate of Substantial Completion: Clarifiers.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the WWTF Project Phase 1 Certificate of Substantial Completion: All work except Influent Building & Clarifiers.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the WWTF Project Phase 1 Project Completion Certificate.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- **Festival Permit: Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution Approving a Festival Permit to Smokin’ Eagle BBQ & Brew for use of the rear parking lot for Oatka Fest music tent and overflow.** It was seconded by Mayor Rogers, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Trustee Kettle made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 6/21/24. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Check number 27051 totaling \$17,275.34

Cap #2 Fund: Check number 1249 totaling \$78,137.50

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer