

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held on

July 17, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo
Trustee James Bonacquisti
Trustee Richard Tetrault
ABSENT: Trustee William Kettle, DPW Sup. Robert Lathan, Historian Lynne Belluscio
OTHERS: Dean Stanfield, Jasmine Morrow

Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll
Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Yacuzzo made a **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting on 6/19/24 and Comprehensive Plan Workshop on 7/1/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Alan Garrett – email following up on the Tree Presentation on 6/19/24, provided the contact info. for NYS DEC Forester for Genesee County, Gary Koplun.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD:

- Chief Kellogg said the Village had a great Oatka Festival weekend. For next years' festival, he had the following ideas to help alleviate traffic issues, particularly on Sat. for the parade:
 - Only allow parking on one side of the street for North, South, and Church Streets.
 - Have a shuttlebus service from the different municipal parking lots.
 - *See more on this topic later under Citizen Participation.*

WWTF: WWTF Superintendent said the plant is running well and they installed pumps to help with some problems they ran into with the DEC.

CLERK-TREASURER:

- In May, Clerk-Treasurer Carmel and Kelly Lathan of Fiscal Advisors worked together to submit paperwork to the NYS DEC for reimbursement through the WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Project) program. The Village was selected in 2021 to receive up to \$1M for the UV phase of the sewer project. In November 2022, the Board passed a resolution for the General Fund to loan the Sewer Fund \$775,000 with interest to cover expenses for that project phase until reimbursed by the state. A check for \$886,643.50 was recently received in the Clerk's office, the bulk of which will go towards paying off the loan. The Village will submit again for the small amount left.
- The next scheduled Board meetings at Village Hall at 7:00pm:
 - 8/21/24 – Regular meeting

PRESENTATION:

Dean Stanfield, Commercial Sales Consultant from Solar Liberty of Buffalo has worked with Supt. Carroll to create a proposal to the Village for a 676.28 kW Roof-Mounted Solar System. The gross system cost would be \$1.5M, and through various state tax credits and incentives, the amount could get down to \$724K. The Village would need a municipal bond to cover the expense and after 8 years in

service, would be able to start to recoup. There is a 5-year warranty from Solar Liberty, and 10- to 25-year manufacturer's warranties for different parts. Recycling the solar panels costs extra. The system doesn't attach to the roof, there are fiberglass ballasts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- WWTF Project, Phase 3: Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve STC Construction, Pay App #1 for \$38,000. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Comprehensive Plan Update: As mentioned in previous meetings, the Village hired the Genesee/Finger Lakes Planning Council to help update the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Jenny Loewenstein emailed the Board an Action Item List to look over and let her know what has been accomplished since the last plan was put in place. The mayor said he prefers Ms. Loewenstein to communicate directly with the Comprehensive Committee, which has now become the Steering Committee and for Clerk-Treasurer Carmel to provide her with the Committee's email addresses. Trustee Yacuzzo said he'd like to continue to be a part of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution-Appoint Dustin J. Wells: On the recommendation of Chief Kellogg, Mayor Rogers appointed Dustin J. Wells as a Part-Time Police Officer. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Ratify the Appointment of Dustin J. Wells to the position of Part Time Police Officer, pending Civil Service and background requirements, at a rate of \$15.38/hour.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Resolution-Accept Grant: The LPD was awarded a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to replace their current fingerprint and photo equipment. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Accept an \$11,322.20 Grant from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Police Dept. to purchase new fingerprint and photo equipment.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Resolution-Purchase Equipment: **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to purchase Live Scan Fingerprint and Photo Equipment in the amount of \$11,322.20, from Biometrics4ALL, Inc.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Resolution-Stop Signs: Chief Kellogg met with Gilbert Street residents concerned for their children's safety with the commercial and general traffic on the street. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve the Purchase and Placement of Stop Signs to Create a 3-Way Stop at the Intersection of Gilbert St. and Tountas Ave. and a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of Gilbert St. and Munson St.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Resolution-NYCOM Fall Training School: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer requested to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School. Trustee Yacuzzo said he would like to attend as well. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Katie Eick to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School in Saratoga Springs, Sep. 16-20.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

- Resolution–Festival App: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve the Festival Application from the LeRoy/Stafford Senior Citizens, for Music in the Park, July 18-Aug 15, 5:30-8pm at Trigon Park.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.
- Resolution–Pool Grant: Mayor Rogers said that the Village and the Town both applied for matching grants to convert the LeRoy Pool to a saltwater system. The resolution was passed via email on 7/11/24, and is hereby entered into the Board minutes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NEW YORK STATEWIDE
INVESTMENT IN MORE SWIMMING (NY SWIMS)**

MOTION BY: Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS, the Village of LeRoy desires to apply for \$183,000 in financial assistance through 2024 New York Statewide Investment In More Swimming (NY SWIMS); and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to convert the existing LeRoy Community Swimming Pool to a Saltwater pool; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to the installation of a new Pentair salt system with Intellichem monitoring system & new pumps and sand filtration system; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant and/or project supporters provide a 20% match of the total project cost. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Village of LeRoy approves and endorses a 2024 NY SWIMS application be submitted by the Village of LeRoy and will contribute \$18,300 towards the Local Match requirement.

SECONDED BY: Trustee Bonacquisti

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

July 11, 2024

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

- Resident Brenda Pike said she lives near the corner of Myrtle St. and Craigie St. and the parking and traffic situation on those streets during the Oatka Festival parade was terrible. After some discussion, the Mayor announced the following:

Total Village Street Parking Plan for the Saturday and Sunday of Oatka Festival

- All streets in the Village will allow parking on only one side of the street. Temporary signage will be installed. In 2025, parking will be on the odd-numbered side of the street. In 2026, parking will be on the even-numbered side of the street. After that, it will continue in that pattern.

ADDED:

- Chief Kellogg said the LPD received the \$99,338.68 grant from the NYS Law Enforcement Technology Program which the Board accepted in June.
- He warned the Board that the grant money from this and the one from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services under New Business will make his expense accounts look out of proportion with the budget. The Mayor and Board said they understood.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Bonacquisti: He received an email regarding a memorial sign for John Aramino and he's ready to be point person on that project.

Trustee Tetrault: He said the Batavia Daily News did a nice article about Trustee Kettle's family visiting from Britain.

Trustee Yacuzzo: He has heard, and it's strictly hearsay, that there are 3 dairy farms and 1 crop farm pulling water from Oatka Creek in Genesee County. We need to know the pumping locations. When asked how they could find out, he suggested asking a conservation officer to walk the creek and ask the DEC to install a station. He recently talked to the Director of the NYS DEC regarding Oatka Creek and said he'd keep on it.

Mayor Rogers: Thanked Chief Kellogg for the great job the Police Dept. did during Oatka Festival. He said the DPW "killed it" this year getting ready, during, and after the festival.

He said that, in the past, the Wastewater Treatment Facility has had an influent water problem. Normal flow was about 400,000 gallons but when we got a lot of rain, the flow could spike to 600,000 gallons overnight and cause problems. However, with all the improvements to the plant in the last few years, when we received 3" of rainfall last weekend, the system adjusted itself.

Trustee Bonacquisti asked about water pooling on the Main St. bridge and Wolcott St. Mayor Rogers stated he spoke with CPL Engineer, Eric Weis, and the NYS Dept. of Transportation has not accepted their water drainage plan.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Trustee Bonacquist made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 7/1/24. It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Check numbers 27052 – 27053, and 27055 – 27105, totaling \$240,544.68

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer