

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held on

August 21, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee William Kettle
Trustee James Bonacquisti
Trustee Richard Tetrault
ABSENT: Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo, WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll, Historian Lynne Belluscio
OTHERS: Nancy Crocker, Jasmine Morrow
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
DPW Sup. Robert Lathan
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 Bonacquisti made a **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting on 7/17/24**. It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD:

- Chief Kellogg said the Police Dept had been busy lately with a stolen vehicle case, local store theft, an intoxicated resident shooting a firearm in his home, a domestic involving one partner running over the other in a vehicle, and an officer bitten by a dog (the officer was okay).
- Officers doing in-service firearms training.
- Stuff the Bus event went extremely well.
- Everyone getting ready for the first day of school.
- Church St. drug issues

When Mayor Rogers asked whether he felt the Nuisance Law should be revamped, Chief Kellogg said he'd look into it. They have responded to 66 Lake St thirteen times in the last month, however, they did not result in arrests, which is part of the law.

Trustee Kettle has received complaints about large trucks driving on Wolcott St. Chief said that the Village Code reads that trucks may go down any village street as long as they are making a local pickup or delivery.

DPW:

- Sup. Lathan said the DPW, with the help of the Town Highway Dept, just milled Myrtle, Munson, and Gilbert Streets. Next week they will pave.
- The new building at the WWTF is up, the steel for the inside was delivered, and the insulation bought.
- The Machpelah Cemetery Association hired a tree service recently to trim trees at the cemetery on North St. Normally, a tree service will chip/grind up the resulting waste and take it away. However, a large amount of all sizes of logs, limbs, and brush was left by the side of the road with the expectation that the Village would haul it away for free. Several ideas were discussed. Mayor Rogers said he'd talk to Town Supervisor Farnholz about the situation.

CLERK-TREASURER:

- The Board passed a resolution in February to approve the DPW purchase of John Deere Gator. However, after that point, the specification for one part of the Gator changed and a delivery cost was added for an increase in the total cost. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Amend Board Resolution Dated 2/12/24 for the Purchase of John Deere Gator HPX615E from LandPro Equipment LLC to reflect an increase in the total cost from \$26,443.84 to \$27,521.78.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

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:

- Resolution-Intermunicipal Agreement: **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Accept and Approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Le Roy Central School District and the Village of LeRoy for the 2024-2025 school year.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. *Text of the agreement is located at the end of these minutes.*
- Solar Project Discussion: Mayor Rogers said that they aren't sure that the state incentives will be available next year for this project, so it doesn't make sense to do it. He still thinks it's a good investment, since the cost of electricity isn't going to go down.
 - Trustee Bonacquisti likes it's on a roof, unseen, rather than in a field, taking up farm land.
 - Trustee Kettle is seeing it more and more in the area but wants more assurances of a return on the investment and not without incentives.
 - Trustee Tetrault attends GAM meetings and has heard similar proposals there. He thinks it's a good incentive, since National Grid bills are expected to increase from 3-15% in the future.

ADDED:

Electrical Charging Station: Trustee Tetrault met with reps from JACOMB of Victor, NY, for a review of possible sites for EV charging stations in the Village. The company will write a report, probably a 3-month process, and if the Board accepts the proposal, a resolution will be required. The Village will need to pay for the meter and then the electricity cost will be around \$.30-.40/kwh. Also, instead of having a charging station in each municipal lot, they said it should be a minimum of 4 stops in one location.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution-WEFTEC Conference: WWTF Supt. Steve Carroll requested to attend the WEFTEC Conference and Expo. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve WWTF Supt. Steve Carroll to attend the WEFTEC Conference and Expo in New Orleans,**

LA Oct 5-9. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

- **Resolution–Festival App:** **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Approve the Festival Application from the Historical Society’s Chicken BBQ, September 29, 9am – 2pm at Trigon Park.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

- Resident Nancy Crocker announced she has 87 people signed up for the Village and Town-wide garage sale on September 7th scheduled in conjunction with April Finds’ Vendor Market (90 vendors) and many LeRoy merchants have specials going on that day as well.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Bonacquisti: On September 7th, Rotary Club is also at the Save-A-Lot parking lot with a hotdog stand and will be taking donations of money and food for the Backpack program, coordinated by First Baptist Church, which provides backpacks of food, etc., for children in need.

Trustee Kettle: All good.

Trustee Tetrault: At the last GAM meeting, he said the County is looking at \$100M water system and they’re getting incentives. The Science, Technology & Advanced Manufacturing Park (**STAMP**) in Batavia is expected to cost \$200-\$700M. Early voting will be at Genesee ARC Community Center, 38 Woodrow Rd., Batavia.

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 Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 7/18/24. It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Check numbers 27106-27122, 27124-27151, and 27153-27180 totaling \$296,419.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Kettle made a motion to go into Executive Session for collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law. It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Mayor Rogers stated the session was for the Board only. Session was entered at 7:47 PM.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Kettle made a motion to Return to Regular Session. It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Session was entered at 8:35pm. Mayor Rogers stated no business was conducted during the Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Kettle made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer