

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held on

October 7, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee James Bonacquisti Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel
Trustee Richard Tetrault
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo

ABSENT: Trustee William Kettle, Chief of Police Greg Kellogg, DPW Sup. Robert Lathan, WWTF
Supt. Steven Carroll, Historian Lynne Belluscio

OTHERS: Jasmine Morrow, and Matt and Kelsey Walther (arrived later)

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 9/18/24**. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD:

- Mayor Rogers said he spoke with Chief Kellogg and the Police Dept was very busy.

CLERK-TREASURER:

- Clerk-Treasurer Carmel said the Clerk's Office is simply trying to catch up on the backlog.

OLD BUSINESS:

- WWTF: Phase 1, General Contractor: **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App #32 Revised in the amount of \$84,985.36 for Wind-Sun Construction.** 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.
- WWTF: Phase 2, Electrical Contractor: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App #13 in the amount of \$1,011.75, for 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, and Mayor Rogers–Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Police: Surplus Abandoned Bicycles: Chief Kellogg requested the surplus of several abandoned bikes the Police Dept. has in storage. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution Approving Police Dept. Surplus of Abandoned Bicycles for the Purpose of Sale at Auction.** 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.
- Festival Permits: **Trustee Tetrault made a motion for a Resolution Approving a Festival Permit to the LeRoy Business Council for Small Business Trick or Treat 10/29, 12-3PM behind Tompkins Bank and Halloween Parade 10/31, 5:30PM from Bank St. to the Fire Dept on Clay Street, with proper signatures.** 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.

ADDED:

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING “ALL LEROYAN DAY”
JOHN E. JOHNSON II

MOTION BY Trustee Bonacquisti

WHEREAS, each year the American Legion, Botts-Fiorito Post 576 declares a LeRoyan of the Year, and

WHEREAS, said award is given to an individual who has achieved outstanding accomplishments toward community and their fellow man, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 LeRoyan of the Year Recipient of the American Legion Botts-Fiorito Post 576 is JOHN E. JOHNSON II, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board would like to recognize his achievements to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is appreciative of the dedication, time, and efforts by John to the community, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees declares October 19, 2024, to be known as “All LeRoyan Day” in honor of John E. Johnson II, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor of the Village to sign said proclamation so stating and the seal of the Village be affixed thereto.

SECONDED BY Trustee Yacuzzo, and on a call of votes:

Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Bonacquisti: Asked how many 15-minute parking signs were put up recently on Main St.?

Mayor Rogers said there were 3, but there were only supposed to be 2. Trustee Bonacquisti didn't like the idea of picking and choosing. Mayor Rogers said it could be changed. Officially, it's on the books for 2-hour parking on Main St. Mayor Rogers said the Board was approached by DPW Sup. Lathan about adding two 15-minute parking spots in front of Henry's Deli to give them a chance to survive. The Board gave him the go ahead. Trustee Bonacquisti pointed out that they didn't do this for VIP K9 when they first moved into the same building.

Mayor Rogers recognized two residents who had just joined the meeting, asking if they wanted to speak on the topic. Matt Walther introduced himself and his wife, Kelsey, as owners of BeyonDriven Fitness at 66 Main St. Both LeRoyans, they understand that parking is part of a business's “location.” They have over 400 clients but have lost many over the years due to the parking situation. One of the 15-minute parking signs was placed in front of his business. He never asked for help to survive and doesn't believe it's fair to help one business over another. He'd like to see equity across all the Main St. businesses.

Mayor Rogers said that the owners of Henry's Deli didn't approach the Board, it was a Village department head. The Board didn't intend it as a slap in the face to anyone and the State DOT can veto anything, since it's a state highway.

After a discussion of what the Village could do to make the Bacon St. municipal lot more inviting, Mayor Rogers said he'd reach out to state DOT and see what they're allowed to do, ask Sup. Lathan to

reach out to DOT about realigning parking spaces at that end of Main St. and, if DOT approves, keep just one 15-minute sign for one year and then review the situation.

The Walthers thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Trustee Bonacquisti is still in favor of a “John Aramino Way” sign for Robbins Rd. The Board agreed that it should be located at the corner of Route 19 and Robbins Rd.

Trustee Tetrault: He believes patrons of the deli won’t stay long anyway, since they’re picking up food. He’d like to see Bacon Street and the alley get new lighting and more salt in winter. He also heard back regarding the potential charging stations and there’s a required \$2500 down payment. He’d like to hold off on the project until he gets more feedback from other municipalities on similar projects.

Trustee Yacuzzo: He walked around the Bacon St. parking lot recently and it needs to be cleaned up. When asked if there were cars parked long-term and illegally, he said it was mainly just area residents’ cars.

Mayor Rogers: Rob Richardson from Genesee/Finger Lakes Planning Council has asked that they revisit the Benchmarking Resolution for the Clean Energy Communities program. The mayor wants the Board to look at it before the next meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 9/12/24. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Check numbers 27220-27288 totaling \$416,978.37

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer