

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

October 19, 2022

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee Richard Tetrault
Trustee William Kettle
Trustee James Bonacquisti
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
WWTF Superintendent Steven Carroll
DPW Supervisor Robert Lathan
Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Katie Eick

Others Present: Lynne Belluscio, Tamara Boyd and one other resident

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by Trustee Bonacquisti **to approve the corrected minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on August 24, 2022 to read: “Pay bills retroactive to 8/3/22” and “General Fund – Auto pays and check numbers 24366, 24368-24370, 25311-25354, totaling \$200,745.95”** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. Clerk-Treasurer Carmel explained that due to problems with the accounting software program and inability to access reports, she had made mistakes on the minutes approved at the last meeting.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Tetrault **to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on September 21, 2022.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing received.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD:

- Chief Kellogg stated the LPD had had a busy weekend with a burglary and a stolen vehicle.
- They were getting ready for annual firearms training in the upcoming week.
- There was a modification to the program whereby the LPD acquires surplus military equipment and vehicles. The LPD now must give notification to the civilian governing body and local community of its intent to request property from Federal sources. This notification is posted at LeRoy Village Hall, 3 West Main St., LeRoy, and also attached to these minutes.

WWTF:

- Superintendent Carroll informed the Board he had recently attended the 3-day WEFTEC (Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibit & Conference) in New Orleans. At one of the training sessions, he learned that the federal guidelines for handling “forever chemicals” like PFAS, etc., will put a damper on the beneficial uses of bio-solids, in other words, compost. The Village had hoped to rehab the existing compost facility, but in light of this information, he feels we should put no further effort into that plan until we know what the new regulations will be.

- He informed the Board he wished to surplus three pieces of equipment which were not on the agenda: a 1986 AM General 5-ton dump truck, a Polaris Ranger with plow and tracks, and SK Solvent Cleaning Parts Washer Model 300 w/solvent.

Trustee Bonacquisti made a **motion to Surplus a 1986 Dump Truck, Polaris Ranger, and SK Parts Washer from WWTF for sale through auction.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

- Supt. Carroll pointed out item b. under New Business on the agenda, a boiler pump proposal. He stated these were for zone pumps, the last three, and that it was supposed to be part of the next phase of the WWTF project but they needed to be replaced now. Mayor Rogers stated he'd talk to engineer Eric Weiss regarding it.

Trustee Kettle made a **motion to Authorize the Purchase of 3 Boiler Pumps from Landry Mechanical Contractors for \$6,700.** 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.

- Supt. Carroll also stated that LeRoy was selected for a program we applied for a couple years ago. Governor Kathy Hochul announced 27 municipalities were selected to participate in a program that will “help develop asset management programs to evaluate, monitor, protect, and responsibly plan upgrades for wastewater infrastructure facilities.” There are no out-of-pocket costs, other than staff commitment.

DPW:

- The Postmaster contacted the Village regarding moving two of their existing blue postal boxes. The one in front of Town Hall will be moved to in front of the Post Office building. They asked permission to move the one in front of McDonald's restaurant to another location. On Supervisor Lathan's recommendation, Trustee Kettle made a **motion to Approve the US Post Office move the postal box in front of McDonald's restaurant to the corner of Warner Park and Summit Street.** 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.

Clerk:

- After discussion, the Board has rescheduled regular meetings for November and December to the following: November 16th and December 14th.
- In order to provide an office for the Village/Town Historian, Clerk-Treasurer Carmel stated a need to move a couple other offices around to make that happen. She and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Eick asked if anyone knew any reason why the wooden and metal chairs and piano stored in the old 911 or dispatch room upstairs cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of. After some discussion, it was decided to check with the Fire Dept. to see if these items belong to them. If not and no one else wants them, try to sell the items or give them away.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wolcott St. Reconstruction – Resolution - Certificate of Substantial Completion

There's been a problem with the quality of the sidewalk in front of the library and Mayor Rogers asked if there's “anything in writing on the sidewalk,” and Sup. Lathan said there wasn't. The Board decided they didn't want to sign off on completion of the project until the sidewalk is done to their satisfaction.

WWTF Project Phase 1 Contractor Pay App: Trustee Tetrault made a motion for a **Resolution to Authorize Pay App. #16 to Wind-Sun Construction for \$171,858.80.** 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.

Schedule Public Hearing: Clerk-Treasurer Carmel apologized about not getting the notice in the newspaper in enough time for a public hearing for this meeting. Trustee Tetrault made a **motion To Schedule a Public Hearing November 16th at 7PM to Amend Village Law-Village Owned Property-Time Limits.** 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Part-Time Police Officer Appointments: Chief Kellogg stated they are anticipated two full-time and one part-time vacancy in the dept. The three candidates are currently in the Police Academy, graduating in December or January. Mayor Rogers appointed Juan C. Ramos, Jeremiah D. Welch Ruth, and Tyler J. Mummery to the positions of Part-Time Police Officers, contingent upon background investigations and Civil Service approval. Trustee Bonacquisti made a **motion to Ratify the Mayor’s Appointment of Juan C. Ramos, Jeremiah D. Welch Ruth, and Tyler J. Mummery as Part-Time Police Officers, contingent upon background investigations and Civil Service approval at the beginning rate of \$21.00/hour.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Landry Mechanical Contractors proposal to replace boiler pumps \$6,700.00: a motion to authorize this was made during the WWTF department consideration part of the meeting.

FRESH Committee request: the FRESH Committee of the LeRoy Business Council has asked that the Village sponsor and pay \$750 for Beil Family Percherons to provide carriage rides to the public during Winterfest on 12/3/22. After discussion, Trustee Bonacquisti made a **motion for the Village to pay \$750 to sponsor carriage rides to the public on 12/3/22 during Winterfest.** Trustee Kettle abstained. **There was no second to the motion, therefore the motion died.** The Mayor tabled the matter until the next meeting.

Festival Permit: Trustee Kettle made a **motion for the approval of the FRESH Committee festival permit for carriage rides during Winterfest 12/3/22 1-5pm from Church St. to Wolcott St. as long as they provide proof of insurance.** 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.

Special Circumstance Request – Tamara Boyd, after consulting with Code Enforcement, requests permission to park a motor home in the driveway of her residence, 80 South St., for several months for the purpose of downsizing her household into it and putting her house up for sale in March of 2023. She provided photos of her property. The Board didn’t believe there were any laws that would prohibit this and granted her permission to park a motor home in her driveway for six months.

Festival Permit – Trustee Bonacquisti made a **motion to approve the festival permit by the Business Council to hold the Halloween Parade 10/31/22, 5:30-6:30pm.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Festival Permit: Trustee Tetrault made **a motion to approve the festival permit by the Business Council for First Night Fireworks 12/31/22, 8:30-10:00pm.** 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.

Festival Permit: Trustee Kettle made **a motion to approve the festival permit by LeRoy Music Boosters, Sports Boosters, and PTSO for a Tree Fundraiser in Trigon Park 11/25/22-1/8/23.** 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.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: A continuation of the discussion regarding old furniture in the upstairs Village Hall office with Historian Lynne Belluscio.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Bonacquisti: Nothing

Trustee Kettle: Announced that he had raffle tickets for First Night Fireworks if anyone wanted any.

Trustee Tetrault: Nothing.

Mayor Rogers:

- Said he was sad that Sweet Betty’s was closed.
- He and Trustee Tetrault were meeting with an energy management company to try and get more reasonable electric costs for the Village accounts.
- The FRESH Committee is a finalist in the Forward NY grant program. Tomorrow would be interviews with Sarah Farmer, Jeff Smith, Shelley Stein, and himself.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Bonacquisti made **a motion to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Proposed, Pending or Current Litigation.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Mayor Rogers asked that Clerk-Treasurer Carmel and DPW Sup Lathan attend as well. Session was entered at 7:36 PM.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Tetrault made **a motion to Return to Regular Session.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Session was entered at 7:48 PM. Mayor Rogers stated no business was conducted during the session.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

A motion to pay bills retroactive to 9/22/22 was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti and seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund – Auto pays and check numbers 24382-24383, 25434-25505 totaling \$333,788.95
Cap #2 Fund – Check numbers 1160-1161, totaling \$76,749.50

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Bonacquisti made **a motion to adjourn,** seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer