

**VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

**March 11, 2026**

Village Hall, 3 West Main Street, LeRoy, NY

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregory Rogers  
Trustee William Kettle  
Trustee James Bonacquisti  
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo

Chief of Police Greg Kellogg  
Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio  
WWTF Supt Steven Carroll  
DPW Sup Robert Lathan  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Arna Tygart

**ABSENT:** Rich Tetrault

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Crocker, Dawn Wahl, Sharon Brant, Jasmine Morrow

Mayor Gregory Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, 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 2/18/26. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

**LPD:** Nothing to report

**STP:** Absent

**DPW:** Nothing to report

**MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN:** Would like to put up a Liberty tree for the 250th. Lynne called the school to talk to Merritt Holley to see if they have a place for the Village to plant the tree (Merritt is on his way back from a conference). We need a professional to tell us what the ground situation is. Lynne would like it where the library tree is because it is on the festival site, which is also on school property so the kids would be able to learn about it. Lynne and Superintendent Lathan are going to research trees to see what the best option is. Mayor Rogers talked about a tree on the LeRoy golf course that turns vibrant red as a possible suggestion.

If LeRoy residents would like a 250<sup>th</sup> flag, Crockers are selling them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Public Hearing for the Budget** is scheduled for April 15, 2026, which is the next Village Board Meeting.

**Trustee Kettle made a Motion to Accept.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

**The Organizational Meeting** has been rescheduled to Monday, April 13, at 6:00pm.

**Trustee Kettle made a Motion to Accept.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

**LPD:** Police Resolution for Maximum Age Requirement for Officer Michael O'Brien

The Senate bill is allowing Officer Michael O'Brien to take the police civil service test.

**VILLAGE OF LE ROY  
HOME RULE REQUEST RESOLUTION**

**A Resolution Pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law Requesting the Enactment of Special Legislation Authorizing an Exemption from the Civil Service Maximum Age Requirement for Michael C. O'Brien.**

WHEREAS, Section 58 of the New York State Civil Service Law establishes maximum age requirements for original appointment to competitive class positions in police service; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Le Roy Police Department has identified Michael C. O'Brien as a qualified candidate for appointment as a police officer who exceeds the maximum age requirement set forth in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that Michael C. O'Brien possesses the training, experience, and qualifications necessary to serve the Village of Le Roy Police Department and that granting an exemption would be in the best interests of the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Le Roy hereby requests the enactment by the New York State Legislature of special legislation authorizing an exemption from the maximum age requirement set forth in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law for Michael C. O'Brien for appointment as a police officer with the Village of Le Roy Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall constitute a Home Rule Request pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Village's representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly and to the Governor of the State of New York.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the LeRoy Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Home Rule Resolution for Michael O'Brien.

**MOTION BY:** Yacuzzo  
**SECONDED BY:** Kettle

Aye: Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Trustee Yacuzzo, Mayor Rogers

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Trustee Tetrault

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**Governor's revamped AIM resolution:**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of LeRoy applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of LeRoy urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of LeRoy calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of LeRoy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the LeRoy Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the resolution Supporting Increased Aid to Municipalities and Strengthening NYS Local Partnership.

**MOTION BY: Trustee Kettle**

SECONDED BY: Trustee Bonacquisti

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

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

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LPD: Emily McNamara retirement.

Trustee Yacuzzo moved to thank Emily McNamara for her service. Trustee Kettle seconded and congratulated her on being elected Judge.

**Resolution for Village Hall clock repair:**

The clock is a piece of history and is over 100 years old. To preserve this clock, this repair is the only option. The original quote was \$90,000, but Supervisor Lathan told White's Clock it was too much for the Village to spend. White's Clock came back with an adjusted quote of \$48,000. One of the problems is that the clock has been greased over the years and should not have been and the pendulum is also worn. By the information the Village has researched, it seems as though it was getting too much maintenance.

The first payment would come out of this year's budget in the amount of \$35,000 (coded under repairs), then \$13,000 would be taken out of next year's budget. Supervisor Lathan planned to take most of the money to repair the clock out of this year's budget as there was money left. The remaining amount will be taken out of next year's budget.

The Vendor is White's Clock in Pulaski, NY. They will take the clock out of the building and back to their location. This company is world renowned. They will bring it back to its original glory by restringing it, fixing the gears, and whatever else needs to be done. They would then bring it back to the Village Hall and put it back in the tower. All three sides would be repaired. There is an identical clock in Texas that they also repaired.

Lynne Belluscio said it would be like doing historic work on this building. Lynne said the clock is historically important because back in the day, casual people didn't have a watch so they would rely on the clock to see the time.

Trustee Kettle agreed with Mayor Roger's comment where the Mayor stated he is in favor of Historic Preservation. Trustee Kettle said he was also in favor of Historic Preservation and keeping the clock "In kind" to its historic roots. Trustee Kettle also asked who would maintain the clock moving forward.

Supervisor Lathan said he would talk to the company to see what the monthly upkeep would be. It is possible that the only maintenance would be winding it monthly. Trustee Kettle also suggested asking for a testimonial from Texas and would like to know if there is a warranty.

Trustee Kettle said since the bulk is in this budget and the money is already there, he would be in favor of repairing the clock with payments being broken into 2 parts, one from our current budget and the final from the upcoming budget.

Trustee Yacuzzo is in favor of historic preservation, but stated the repairs are a lot of money.

Trustee Bonacquisti proposed that the Board should talk about it when there is a full Board and when Trustee Vanderhoof is sworn in for the Board Meetings. Trustee Bonacquisti also stated that if the money is already allocated, we should use it before the years end and is in favor of the preservation.

Lynne Belluscio will have more historical information about the clock at the next meeting.

**Trustee Yacuzzo made a Motion to TABLE until the April 15, 2026, meeting.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

#### **48 South Street POD:**

The resident at 48 South Street is requesting approval to put a storage POD by his barn.

Trustee Kettle asked how long he plans on leaving the POD on his property. If he is going to use the POD to clean his yard, he is in favor. Trustee Yacuzzo also stated that he is in favor if he is going to clean up his property.

Mayor Rogers stated that if we approve, this could set a precedent for more residents to request PODs on their property, which we don't want. This should be a public hearing or be put in the code.

Trustee Bonacquisti said if he wants one to clean up, he is going to possibly want more. The neighbors' opinions should be taken into consideration. Code should be looking into this. Trustee Bonacquisti is not in favor and Trustee Yacuzzo agreed.

Mayor Rogers doesn't think it's in the code, and they only have it for permanent sheds, etc. The Village would approve if it were temporary, but Mayor Rogers will talk to Andy Wilcox in the Code Enforcement office on Friday.

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to DENY.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

**Eric Biscaro – Ivy Village pool installation (not community):**

Mr. Biscaro built his own home in Ivy Village and would like to put a pool in.

**Trustee Yacuzzo made a Motion to Accept.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Dawn Wall: The Fed Ex truck got stuck on Church Street recently and she is requesting the Village put a load of stone in the turnaround. The turnaround is used by the Village when they plow, and delivery drivers. Supervisor Lathan said the Village can take care of this.

Dawn said her and her husband are thankful to the Village for helping them with their personal situation. She then read a statement and asked some questions referring to Code.

Mayor Rogers has an appointment with the new judge on Friday to address Code Enforcement.

Jasmine Morrow offered to help with the clock winding if it is something a non professional can do.

Mayor Rogers proposed that in the event any Village resident leaves garbage out and the Village must put stickers on the bags, we will bill \$10 a sticker each time we have to go. The bill will be sent directly to the property owner.

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Accept.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

Chief Kellogg said he can also have the Police knock on the residence and let them know they have until the morning of garbage pickup to put stickers on the bags. If they don't, the police can arrest them under the Environmental Conservation law.

**Verizon would like to re-lease the water tower from the Village:** The Village would receive \$1500/month.

Someone approached Mayor Rogers about Lithium battery storage. Mayor Rogers said that we could rent space to them at the compost plant. The Village would receive \$50,000/year and the batteries would be stored in PODs in the compost building.

Trustee Kettle said we should check with the fire department. Trustee Yacuzzo asked about insurance for the storage. Trustee Bonacquisti asked if they were stored someplace before and why did they leave. He also stated the proximity to the creek.

Mayor Rogers will reach out and get all the information.

**OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Trustee Bonacquisti: Asked Supervisor Lathan if he has an update on John Armino's sign? Superintendent Lathan said he will make a follow up call.

**Trustee Kettle:** Nothing to report

**Trustee Tetrault:** Nothing to report

**Trustee Yacuzzo:** Nothing to report

**Mayor Rogers:** Thanked everybody for coming.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to pay bills.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

**General Fund:** February 23 – March 11, 2026: #28459-28492 - \$219,749.23.

**Cap#2:** #1282 - \$1,710.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Kettle made a Motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arna Tygart, Deputy Clerk Treasurer