

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Workshop Meeting held on

May 13, 2026

Village Hall, 3 West Main Street, LeRoy, NY

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee William Kettle
Trustee James Bonacquisti
Trustee Dan Vanderhoof
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
WWTF Supt Steven Carrroll
DPW Sup Robert Lathan
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Arna Tygart

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting on 3/23/26. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Code Enforcement Plan:

Mayor Rogers: The town has decided not to offer code enforcement for the Village. Mayor Rogers has reached out to Gene Sinclair, former code officer who is currently working in Stafford. Gene knows the code and could take care of the paperwork for the Village. We will be complaint driven for the short term. For lawn mowing needs, we can send a letter to the owner and go through the process. We would propose paying Gene by the hour (\$25-30/hour). Mayor Rogers said the person we need immediately needs to know the code.

Chief Kellogg: Wyoming county code enforcement for civil service is paying \$25.29-\$29.29. Chief Kellogg said that we need to check to see if it's civil service. If so, we need to create a position. We could run an ad and see if anybody applies. Chief Kellogg will contact civil service.

Trustee Bonacquisti asked how this affects the zoning and planning boards.

Mayor Rogers stated, if we can go down this road, this would be a short term solution. We would have Gene start as soon as he can. Mayor Rogers will talk to Jim Farnholtz to see what services we are going to get from code through the end of the year from the Town. If need be, we can start Gene in June.

The Town has two funds they pay out of: "A" fund is a fund the Town has that pays the bills that take into consideration Village and Town Boards (ex: planning board), any Board that is combined. "B" fund is used for the perimeter outside the Village.

Trustee Kettle asked if we have a copy of the municipal agreement.

Trustee Vanderhoof said there should be some wording in a contract the Village can refer to. He also asked if Jeff Steinbrenner is only doing fire and vacant homes for code enforcement. Andy may be leaving, which only leaves Jeff.

Trustee Kettle asked where the salary would come out of. Gene could train somebody to take his spot.

2. Discussion of Disillusion Resolution and Study:

Mayor Rogers first asked if anybody had any questions.

Mayor Rogers said that Chief Kellogg and he met with Richie Sullivan. Richie would like to help us with the program. If we went down the path of dissolving the Village:

#1: The Village needs 470 signatures to say they want to dissolve. The day the petition gets turned in, the clock starts, and we would have 90 days to put it on a ballot and vote.

#2: if we as a board said we want a resolution that we are going to conduct a study for dissolution, there is no time frame. That says that we go to an RFP (Request for Proposal), and hire a company to do a study (\$25-30,000). They would do all the leg work, PR, and everything else needed for the study. The main thing is, what is the thirst that the Village Board has of moving forward.

Trustee Kettle is in favor of the second gentleman that presented to the board about doing a study. We would be remiss if we didn't investigate and check the boxes and have professional findings that we are going in this direction to benefit LeRoy.

Trustee Vanderhoof said we should offer consolidation, if the Town doesn't want it, then it will go to dissolution.

Mayor Rogers said if we do the study for dissolution, it goes to the voters (need 66%). We are bringing this option to the voters of the Village.

Trustee Kettle said this gives the Village the option to dissolve and if they do not want it, and taxes go up, this is the reason we offered dissolution.

Trustee Kettle asked what the taxes would be if we dissolve?

Trustee Vanderhoof asked what it means for Village residents?

Mayor Rogers said that these are the questions on the study, along with sidewalks and streetlights. We wouldn't be able to form a police district, NYS won't allow it. The Town would have to take over the Police Department. All they have to do is pass a law and appoint a Chief.

If we dissolve, we will have to cover retirement and comp time for all Village employees. We would have a nest egg of about \$2M.

Chief Kellogg said one of the unique things about LeRoy, we are a Village PD but do not have a Village court. We do not keep any revenue from court fees. The Town is getting a lot of revenue from the thruway recently.

Trustee Bonacquisti said in theory the Town should be paying the Police Department for some of the fees. If dissolution means no Police Department, I am 100% against it.

Mayor Rogers said the Police Department has been the #1 thing for moving forward.

Trustee Bonacquisti said if they form a Town Police Department, you have to decide between the Village and Town as to who is paying what.

Mayor Rogers said it would be paid out of the "A" fund.

Chief Kellogg said East Aurora is EAPD, it's on the Village, but they split 50/50 with the Town on the budget.

Mayor Rogers said if we split the Police Department budget in half, it would be \$600,000 from the Town.

Trustee Bonacquisti said the Town clears \$7,000 in court fees at the end of the month after their expenses for court.

Mayor Rogers said we don't have to dissolve. If we want to keep going down the road we are already on, we can. If the Village doesn't think it's advantageous, we don't have to do it.

Supervisor Lathan said another way, because of rules for the Town needing money, is to take the Town into the Village.

Jim Farnoltz told Chief there would be no reduction in services. If the Village has money, it would offset the costs of services.

Mayor Rogers said there is a 14M sewer debt, but it doesn't count. We have a 30 year bond, 0% interest, and it has to be paid back by the sewer customers, which doesn't affect anything. The only other debt is Wolcott Street which we did about four years ago. It has a \$2.3M bond at 1% interest for 15 years. The balance is about \$1.8M.

Mayor Rogers said he would like to do the study and bring it to the people who live in the Village. It would send a great message on future budgets that we offered this solution.

Trustee Vanderhoof said the study should be a consolidation study. **Trustee Kettle** said that consolidation was offered to the Town, and they would have to be in agreement and vote for consolidation, and the Town Board has already said no.

Mayor Rogers would like Jake Whiting, Whiting Law Firm, to do a motion to do an RFP. If we are going to do this, we need to do an RFP again, and we need three. The second presenter was more citizen friendly. We are doing this for the Village. We will have him come back and do another presentation.

We could also have a part of the study look into relief for the farmers.

3. Solar Liberty findings:

We had a solar company come in to quote panels on the Sewer Treatment Plant (STP). They did a site review about a month ago and came back with the review. National Grid said we would have to put in a \$300,000 pad for the conductors. We had the engineers go back and look at it (NG), which changes the dynamics. If we didn't designate solar relief for it previously, we would not do it. We are in a holding pattern to see what the numbers are. We reached out to Kelly Lathan about the next phase of the STP. We will go with digesters if we get grant money, these would take away all the waste disposal. Mayor Rogers asked if they incorporated the panels on top for the electricity. NG said that would strengthen us to be able to do this and it also goes with green energy. NG called today (May 13) to say it would be \$15,000 in engineering costs to update the numbers and reapply (four years ago was the original quote). The digester alone would be \$15,000 which would let us get off trucking the sludge.

Trustee Bonacquisti asked what we spend on sludge. The most recent invoice was \$5,331.20 for 5/8/26. The closest place that takes our sludge is Steuben County.

MOTION BY: Trustee Kettle made a Motion to spend \$15,000 to Clark Patterson to upgrade the Sewer Treatment Plant. It was seconded by Trustee Vanderhoof and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle - Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti - Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof - Aye, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

4. Church Street property to be declared surplus:

The Village has been approached to sell the parcel from the Pennysaver to the former George Green mansion. The parcel is approximately 100x100. Joe Spadaro offered \$10,000 for the land. Andrew Lathan offered \$3,000 for six trees on the land. Mayor Rogers said we'll take \$5,000 for the trees and Joe Spadaro will still buy the parcel. **Trustee Kettle** said he originally thought there was discussion about selling only part of the parcel to Joe Spadaro. If the village isn't going to do anything with only part of it, we should sell the whole parcel to Mr. Spadaro. **Mayor Rogers** said we are going to sell the whole thing and have Jake Whiting, Whiting Law Firm, put in the sale that the Village would have an easement.

MOTION BY: Trustee Kettle made a Motion to declare the surplus and let Andrew Lathan harvest the trees, total sale of \$15,000. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle - Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti - Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof - Abstained, Mayor Rogers - Aye.

5. Resolution to Authorize 2026/2027 tax warrant:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 2026-2027 TAX WARRANT

MOTION BY: Trustee Bonacquisti

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees on April 15, 2026, did approve the 2026-2027 Budget that includes a tax rate of \$8.80/per thousand, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer prepared a list of delinquent sewer charges in the amount of \$153,629.52, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer prepared a list of delinquent public works fees in the amount of \$750.00, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and certifies the 2026-2027 Tax Warrant and authorizes the delinquent sewer charges and public works fees to be included in said Warrant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and the Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to sign the 2026-2027 Tax Warrant, and the collection of taxes shall begin June 1, 2026. (Warrant attached and a part of these minutes)

SECONDED BY: Trustee Vanderhoof

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

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

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6. Verizon Lease Agreement:

Trustee Kettle went through some different things. On North Avenue, we have a water tower. Since 2000, we have had a partnership with Verizon and were getting \$10,000/month until 2005. We went through some extensions, and from 2020 to today, there has been no formal agreement. Trustee Kettle talked to Chris from Verizon, who dropped the ball. Verizon should have been contacting us, but were only sending monthly checks. Trustee Kettle asked about when it came to 2007 and Verizon added six antennas and one dish (\$1,200/year increase). They offered a second amendment, another extension for five years starting in 2030, at \$18,000/year. Currently, we are being paid \$25,000/year. This extension takes it to 2054. Trustee Kettle said the water tower is being decommissioned and there is a time frame for Verizon to take their items off the tower. Verizon must give six months written notice. Based on what Trustee Kettle reviewed, he isn't opposed to signing the lease but it doesn't start until 2030. The pattern for Verizon has been, the year 2000 they went to cellular, 2026 Wi-Fi data centers are in place.

If Verizon decommissions, they would need to take care of antennas, equipment, relocation cost, damage.

We will have Jake Whiting look at our liability if the tower needs to be removed.

7. LPD – Part Time Police Officer Appointment – Katherine Harris:

Chief Kellogg said Katherine Harris is currently employed at GCC in public safety. Ms. Harris is done with the academy. Ms. Harris' academy training was paid for by GCC. She is currently part time in Corfu as a part time Police Officer.

On Chief Kellogg's recommendation, Mayor Rogers appointed Katherine Harris to the position of part time Police Officer. **A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Katherine Harris as part time Police Officer, pending background and Civil Service approval, at a pay rate of X/hour.** It

was seconded by Trustee Vanderhoof, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

8. LPD – Part Time Police Officer Appointment – Riley Atwood:

Chief Kellogg said Riley Atwood is currently employed at GCC in public safety. Mr. Atwood is currently enrolled in the academy. Mr. Atwood’s academy training is being paid for by GCC.

On Chief Kellogg’s recommendation, Mayor Rogers appointed Riley Atwood to the position of part time Police Officer. **A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Riley Atwood as part time Police Officer, pending background and Civil Service approval, at a pay rate of X/hour.** It was seconded by Trustee Vanderhoof, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to go into Executive Session for the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle - Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Session ended at 9:10 pm. Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Return to Regular Session. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti– Aye, Trustee Vanderhoof – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye. Session entered at 8:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Vanderhoof and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arna Tygart, Deputy Clerk Treasurer