

Minutes of the February 23, 2014 Leicester Village Board Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Briffa, Trustees; Mike Constantino, Scott Davis, Janet Green and Tom Frantz.

Clerk/Treasurer: Douglas Seeber

COE Jerry Parsons, Roads Superintendent Russ Page, Fire Chief Jim Kane, Water-AI Mothershed.

Guest Speakers: Louise Wadsworth, Jim Ryan, Roger Christiano.

Lisa Semmel, Matt Durbin, Karen Roffe, Dave Fanaro, Maria Briffa, Joni Santucci, Vincent Santucci, Terri Parsons, Ken Rizzo, Mark Lubanski, Donald Kane, Toni Pendergast, Angie Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Frank Chrico, Barry Lingle,

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Briffa at 6:30PM and stated that we had a lot of people in attendance because we had Louise Wadsworth here to talk about the downtown project that the County has to offer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2015 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 board meeting and it was seconded by Trustee Frantz.

Carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joni Santucci said that we had received the grant check for the Summer Concert Series in the Park, and she has been looking at bands starting June 10, 2015. Mayor Briffa said he wanted to look into a Farmers Market for the Park also this season.

The Clerk stated that the Village had received a "Certificate of Merit" from the State for the Concert program in the park and that we should all thank Joni Santucci for the work she puts in for this well attended project.

Trustee Constantino ask if Joni could keep track of how many people attend this coming summer and she said she would.

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ROGER CHRISTIANO:

Roger Christiano announced to the public that the Christiano Brothers and the Drew Family would be partnering to reopen the Hardware Store on Main Street. The Drew Family will be closing their True Value Hardware Store in Buffalo at the end of February and moving all the inventory to Leicester. They are hoping to open in May and are adding features like a Bottle and Can recycling center and an electronics recycling center as well as having some lumber at the Main Street location.

JIM RYAN FROM BOCES:

Mr. Ryan spoke to the meeting about the needs at the community building that BOCES rents from the Village.

- 1.) The heating system needs to be looked at as it is getting old and has had many repairs.
- 2.) The Stair treads need to be replaced. (This has been approved and the contractor will be notified) Trustee Constantino asked if it could be done during the day to save money, but with the elevator not working correctly they need the stairs.
- 3.) The Elevator needs to be repaired and Jim has recommended Shimmler.
- 4.) The Air Conditioner on the roof over the Server Room has failed and damaged the roof. We need Mr. Ryan to contact the contractors to clean up the bids and make sure that they are charging Prevailing Wage.
- 5.) The sump pump needs to be replaced and upgraded with an alarm.
- 6.) Sewer pipe near boiler broke.
- 7.) Floor tiles need to be replaced from the flooding when the sump pump failed.

Mr. Ryan said he liked being in the building and we would be talking about extending the contract with the Village.

Trustee Davis made a Motion that we have Shimmler trouble shoot the elevator not to exceed \$3000.00 and it was seconded by Trustee Frantz.

Carried 5-0

LOUISE WADSWORTH:

Ms. Wadsworth came to speak about the Downtown Business District program that Livingston County has. It costs the Village \$4000.00 to be a part of the program and the only Village not participating at this time is Leicester. As part of the program businesses can get up to 50% for their store fronts and

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signage. Also the State would offer some funds for internal improvements of businesses as anchor grants. Ms. Wadsworth also brought an Arial Map of the downtown area and literature on the many programs offered. The year for the program runs from June 1st to May 31st, and works on a rolling time period. The business owner would have to comply with guidelines set in the program.

Mayor Briffa said he would work with the board and get the money set in the new budget for next year to be able to join the group.

Ms. Wadsworth thanked us for having her come and speak and would be looking forward to having Leicester as a part of the program.

FIREMAN MONTHLY REPORT:

Chief Kane stated that they had responded to 7 calls this past month.

(See Attached sheet)

Mayor Briffa said that he has a group of students from RIT drawing up some plans for a new Fire hall at no cost. There will be a meeting at the Fire hall Saturday February 28th at 9:00AM with the students and firemen along with representatives from the Village Board and the Mayor.

The Fire Department is also forming a committee to look into the purchase of a new Fire truck and Trustees Constantino and Davis will help on that committee. The truck would be delivered around August 2016.

The Mayor stated the Jim Coniglio will be the new Village Attorney in April at the time we do the new organizational meeting.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Page said that the roads department has been busy keeping the roads clear of ice and snow. The Mayor thanked Mike for his work clearing hydrants. He also would like to do something for Kevin Simmons for plowing the sidewalks for free this winter.

WATER NEEDS ON 20A

Some people on 20 A would like public water. There will be a meeting 2/24/2015 at noon with Mayor Briffa, Lisa Semmel from the town and the County Health Department to see what can be done. We need to see what specifications would be involved. The Mayor stated that the Village would not be able to pay for it.

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VILLAGE TRUCK

The Mayor said that he has a person that wants to purchase the White truck. Trustee Constantino said he would like to keep it if possible. The Mayor said he would see what they wanted to pay and let the board know.

The Town said that they had trucks we could use.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MERGER:

Lisa Semmel said they were looking for a new Grant on this idea.

CLERCKS REPORT:

It was stated that The Village would stay with Turnbull for the heating contractor.

Also the Mt. Morris Library wanted to know if we could make a donation, and the board decided we could not.

CHANGE OF ATTORNEY:

Terri Parsons ask why we were changing the Village Attorney, she ask if he was not being reappointed. Mayor Briffa said that Kevin Van Allen had sent the Village a letter of resignation because he is running for Judge. He will still be our attorney until April when we have our organizational meeting and Jim Coniglio has agreed to take over. Kevin also said he would help him get up to speed with the Village issues and get us all the information he has on the Water issue of the \$49,000.00 possibly owed.

AUDIT BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Green to approve the bills as audited for the month of December.

VOUCHER #529 - #546 FOR \$5,485.21

VOUCHER #233 - #238 FOR \$ 576.78

Carried 5-0

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Trustee Davis and Seconded by Trustee Constantino to enter into Executive Session at 8:04PM.

Carried 5-0

A Motion was made by Trustee Davis and Seconded by Trustee Constantino to come out of Executive Session at 8:26pm.

Carried 5-0

SUMP PUMP FOR BOCES

Trustee Davis made a Motion seconded by Trustee Constantino to have the Sump Pump replaced at BOCES at a cost of \$3390.00 as long as prevailing wage was in place.

Carried 5-0

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next Board Meeting will be March 16, 2015

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Frantz to Adjourn

Carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas W. Seeber

Clerk/Treasure

Village of Leicester

