

# *Village of Leicester*

## **May 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor:** Barry Briffa

**Trustees:** Don Jacobs, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Deborah Beardsley

**Deputy Clerk:** Sam Bodratti

**Fire Chief:** James Kane, President John Yasso

**Highway Superintendent:** Russ Page

**Water Operator:**

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:**

**Residents:** Renee Parks, Jay Lynch, Linda Mann, Douglas Roffle

**Presentation:** Marcus Anten, Ti Sales

**EXCUSED:** Motion made by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to excuse Trustee Rizzo.  
[Motion Carried 3-0]

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 17, 2023 and April 27, 2023 Board Meetings were accepted on a motion by Trustee Frantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Company Report:** President John Yasso presented the following report:

- 5 Calls in the last month.
- Training – Pump operation and drafting.
- After repairs all trucks are working well.
- No current news on Grants. Fire/EMS Study should begin moving forward now that State budget is approved.
- New Fire Contract to be started soon.

**Highway Department Report:** Russ Page presented the following:

- Has received letter regarding State Funding (Chips, EWR, Pave-NY etc).
- POP funding has to be a paver-placed product to receive funds.
- Reviewed drainage problem in Oak Manor on Johnson and Parks properties. Loose dirt and stone has washed down into the ditch resulting in the water flowing into the Parks' residence yard. Least invasive is to clean the swale/ditch in the Village right of way with the end goal to pipe the area to direct water away from property. Johnson property needs seeding of loose dirt areas to prevent dirt washing into ditch area and purchase of pipe for driveway prior to Village piping the rest of the area. The Village will send Mr. Johnson a letter asking him to address these issues.
- Funding available for drainage for Pleasant Street east along Jones Bridge Road following the Villages investment already made.

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### **Water Report:**

- Water Contract with Town of Leicester – Village Board has rejected the proposed contract from the Town.
- Pump House – parts ordered. Town to assist with repairs. Engineer is looking at new WIIA grant Opportunities for water infrastructure improvements.

### **Zoning Report:**

- Report from Code Enforcement Officer Cagle attached.
- 36 and 40 South Street properties to be addressed for unmaintained property.
- Barn collapse on Main Street – 30-day notice to address safety concerns.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Downtown Partnership – Main Street Partnership Grant – Village will get \$10,000 grant for improving Main street area. Tree on Main St. leaning- replace with possible planter. Add possible crosswalks on Main and near ARC building.
- After discussion and input by business owners in the Village on how grant funding is utilized by the businesses, motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to restore the \$5000 Downtown Partnership funding for this next year. Trustee Rizzo previously advised Mayor Briffa that he is in favor of restoring the funding. Businesses in the Village will be encouraged to take advantage of the program. [Motion Carried 4-0]

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Marcus Anten – Ti Sales:** Presentation to see what services Ti Sales can offer us to improve Water Reading Software systems. Grants may also be available. Same system is being used by Livingston County. Highway Superintendent Page advised of the benefits of the system. Mr. Anten will send quotes on the various options discussed.

**Veteran’s Monument:** Poles and rope needs replacement. Replace rope with chain. Cost to be shared with the Town. Flowers and planters will be maintained by the Village.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

The Mayor appreciates all that Mark Bonadonna has done for the Village to make it look great. Appreciation also goes to Don Jacobs for assisting Mark with putting up the flags and various other tasks. The Mayor thanks Clerk Beardsley for making the decorations placed on the trees and to Deputy Clerk Bodratti for placing them on the trees and both for decorating the office.

### **CLERKS REPORT:**

**Insurance:** Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley presented quotes from NYMIR and Selective. Trustee Christiano motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to renew Village insurance coverage with Selective. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**CHIPS Funding:** Village has received the funding letter from the State for \$20,777 in appropriations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 pm to discuss Water contract. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**END EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs to end Executive Session at 8:29 pm. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**WATER CONTRACT:** Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs to reject the Town of Leicester proposed water contract changes. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to edit said contract with the Town of Leicester to increase the cost of water to \$6.50 per 1000 gallons. [Motion Carried 3-0]

**AUDIT OF BILLS:**

Mayor Briffa motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 3-0]  
General Fund Vouchers 2836 - 2859 \$15,273.28    Water Fund Vouchers 1041 - 1048 \$1,788.13

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:**

Board of Trustees Meeting June 26, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Christiano motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. [Motion Carried 3-0]

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Beardsley  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Leicester

## 1. Activities

Number of calls in the past month (April 17 – May 15) 4 calls.

- 1) 4-21-23 Mutual aid to Perry Center for a house fire on Simmons Road
- 2) 4-22-23 Shed fire @ 5364 Upper Mt. Morris Road
- 3) 4-24-23 Smell of something Burning @ 7 Argenna Park
- 4) 5-06-23 Mutual aid to York for a house fire on Tuttle Road

May monthly training – Pump operation and drafting

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## 2. TRUCKS:

### 2017 Pumper Truck 135 – OK

3-20-23 Service truck came to Firehall to replace primer motor and “T” handle control for the primer. Replace 2 gauges on pump panel

### 2006 Pumper Truck 134 - OK

10-22-22 Bob Floyd came and installed new Battery charger.

### 2006 Mini Pumper 133 - Ok

5-01-23 Took truck to Gorman’s for new part installed for Pump to operate

5-08-23 Took truck to Diesel Shop for Engine service ( no power) and Oil change / filters maintenance

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## 3. Fire hall:

1. Back Roof needs to have repairs - Leaks - Contractor to provide a quote – on Hold
  2. Backup Generator?? – Wait Till Fire and EMS study is completed
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## 4. Equipment

A) Need to order 2 more sets of gear for next budget year 2023-24. 7-9 months delivery time – Estm. \$5500.00

B) Ordered equipment for the Forestry Grant (\$3000) \$1500 / \$1500 match

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## 5. Other items

A) Application for 2022 FEMA grant is submitted. Total \$190,884 for 16 air packs and spare cylinders

B) Subcommittee for Fire and EMS consolidation- on Tuesday 4-4-23 met with reps from DOS

DOS has to get grant final approval. Study can start after that.

C) Local Gov Efficiency - Fire and EMS study grant approved for \$19,500 at Feb. meetings Town and Village. Total for the study is \$39,000.00

Consultations Held

I have secured all my required in-service training required by the State.

The chairs on side of Pleasant St have been removed and placed by the dumpster for removal from the property.

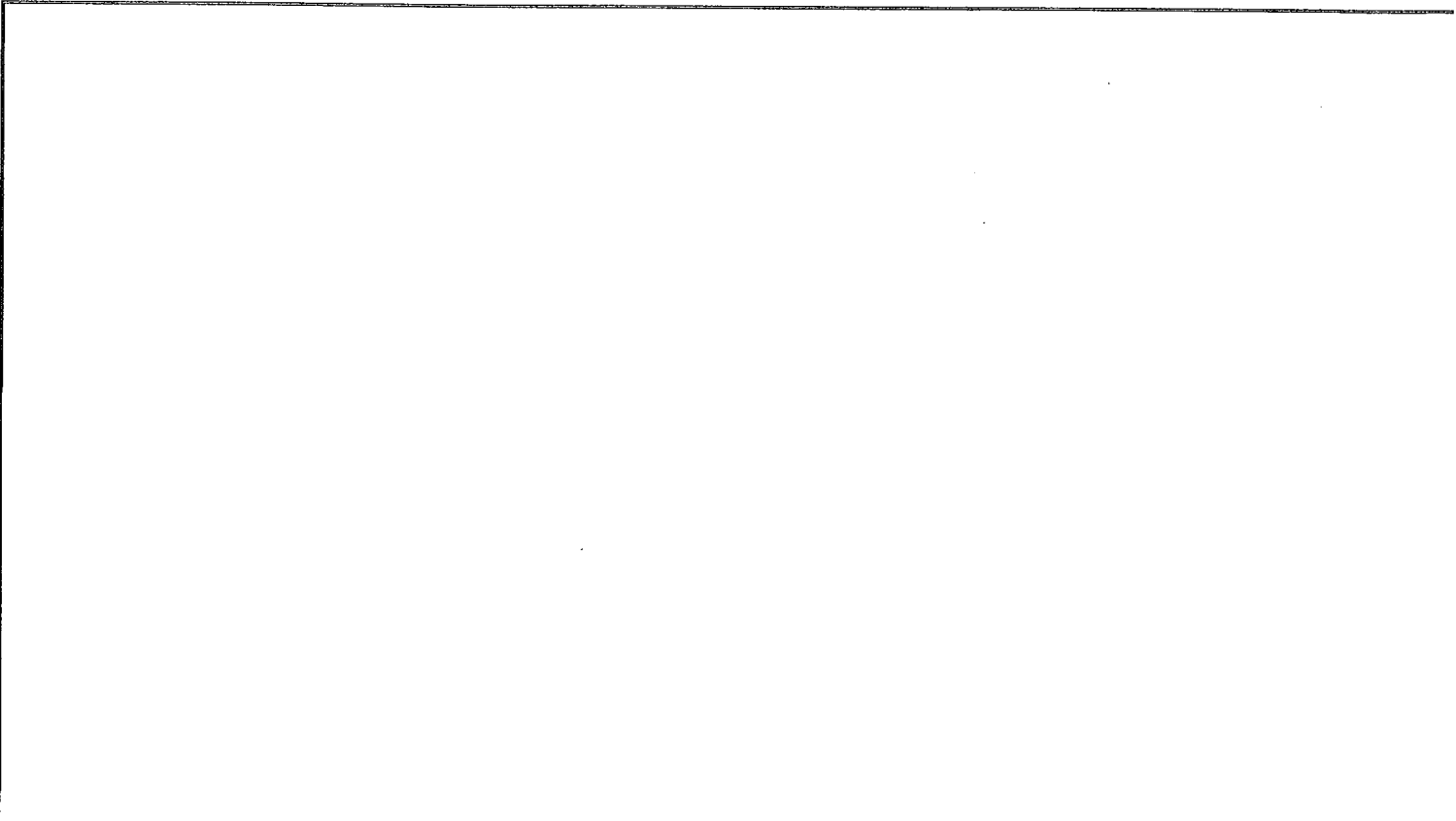
108 Main St. has removed the chair from the side of the road.

167 Main St. has been sent a thirty (30) day notice in regard to the collapsed garage on the rear of the property.

38 South St. has not been being maintained I am following up with the complaint and will keep the Board informed.

I have one more training class June 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Cortland.

Chuck Cagle, CEO, Village of Leicester



# LEICESTER TOWN & VILLAGE HISTORIAN 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022 Summary:

This year has been another busy year with opportunities to enhance Leicester history. In 2021 I had submitted grant applications to the Pomeroy Foundation Transportation Marker Program for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. I spent countless hours researching in order to meet their requirements. This year I was awarded two grants totaling \$2,800.00 for two Historic Markers for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. On November 5th a Dedication Ceremony was held in Cuylerville.

In October 2021 I was contacted by Professor Michael Orberg from the SUNY Geneseo Center for Local and Municipal History concerning a Grant program to provide a student intern and there would not be any cost to the Town. I requested an intern to help create a photographic inventory of the Town of Leicester photographs. The internships would start in the Spring of 2022 and the student would work for 150 hours on a project. I applied for an intern and was assigned William Allen a third year Honors history major. From January to May we met at least three days a week. I selected twelve categories and the photographs were scanned, assigned a number, and a data sheet was created for each photograph. A data base of nearly 1,000 photographs was created.

I wrote an article "Oh the Traffic" for the Village Newsletter.

Jack Christiano's Eagle Scout project enhanced Boyd Parker Park by providing benches, re-setting the walkway at the Torture Tree and landscaping.

Some of the ongoing projects are; to consolidate the Town Obituary files and, to continue to restructure the Historian files. The new filing cabinet is certainly appreciated.

Requests for information as well as donations to the Historical files continue.

## Educational – Conferences:

- DPSNY Webinar Photographs in the Archives - digitizing your photographic collections.

## Events – Programs:

As the Leicester Historian I continue to be involved in history related activities to ensure that our history is recognized as an important contribution to Livingston County heritage. I have attended the following events.

- Docent at the Livingston County Historical Museum.
- Served on the Leicester Mural Committee.
- Attended the Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony for Jack Christiano.
- Attended the Dedication of the Leicester Mural.
- Attended Memorial Day Ceremonies.
- Attended a Native American Storyteller Program at the Geneseo Library.

## Research – Projects:

On a weekly basis advertisements, events, obituaries, real estate notices, and articles concerning

Leicester are collected from on-line, newspapers, and other sources and are added to the history files.

- Research on-line
- History of early residents and Native American History
- Continue to consolidate and improve historical records
- Photograph current changes in Leicester such as, buildings, businesses and signs
- Consolidate the obituary records and create a user friendly data base
- Organization and consolidation of the Leicester and Cuylerville Departments records.

### **Correspondence:**

Requests for information on Leicester History by telephone, mail, internet, and “on the streets” are constant. I have met with genealogists and researchers. The requests have included:

- Congregational Church in Cuylerville
- Goodell & Boies Families
- John Collar Family
- Slocum Family
- Bush Road house owned by Eric Butler
- Teeple Family
- Emery Whitefield Allen
- Dale Family
- William Gould Family
- Miller Family
- Chadwick Family
- Sterling Salt Mine
- Starr Park History

### **Donations and Acquisitions:**

- Photographs - Jim Shaugnessy
- World War 2 photographs of Richard Roffe - Mark Roffe
- Community Dairy cottage cheese stamp - Honeyoe Falls Historic Society
- American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book (1917) - Norman Patrick
- Monroe and Livingston County Book (1917)
- Biographical Review of Leading Citizens of Livingston and Wyoming County NY (1898)

### **Future Goals:**

Records management is a high priority. The older Historic Marker signs are badly in need of refurbishing and I hope to have them restored in 2023. There are many topics I would like to write papers about. I have discovered to my surprise that people are unaware of Leicester history such as, the existence of the Sterling Mine, Horatio Jones, Mary Jemison's life in Leicester.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen A. Roffe  
Leicester Town & Village Historian