

# February 27, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **PRESENT:**

Mayor: Barry Briffa

Trustees: Don Jacobs, Tom Frantz, Dan Christiano, Ken Rizzo

Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley

**Deputy Clerk:** Sam Bodratti

Fire Chief: James Kane, President John Yasso

**Highway Superintendent:** 

**Water Operator:** 

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:** 

Residents: Charles Metz, Linda Mann, Joe Nahalka

#### **EXCUSED**:

<u>PRESENTATION BY LOUISE WADSWORTH, GROW LIVCO, VISIT LIVCO</u> – Downtown Partnership Discussion regarding grants for downtown areas – First Impressions, NY Main Street, Restore NY and NY Forward and Dream-O-Vate Competition for new entrepreneurs.

<u>MINUTES</u>: The minutes of the January 23, 2023, and February 7, 2023 Board Meetings were accepted on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

## OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW 1-2023 - DOG CONTROL

Public Hearing opened on a motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Frantz. [Motion Carried 4-0] Livingston County Dog Control identified several items for updates. New law is based on Livonia's Dog Control Law which is more comprehensive.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- 11 calls in the last month.
- Training locating equipment on the trucks, making sure all equipment/tanks are filled ready to be used.
- 2017 Truck Primer pump issue is an intermittent problem. Working with builders of truck and Fire Apparatus service for solutions. Truck is on limited service as back up until repairs complete.
- Fire Hall men's room toilet replaced.
- Potential back up generator for emergency in case of power outage and need for warming center/ getting trucks in/out of hall. Future need.
- Turnout Gear expecting to receive.
- Forestry Grant -approved.

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- 2022 FEMA Grant Application submitted. \$190,884 if awarded, money intended to completely replace 16 air packs.
- Fire and EMS Consolidation Sub Committee Need to approve funding for CGR to develop future plan/recommendation study for better efficiency/consolidation between Leicester/Cuylerville fire departments. Town and Village to each pay \$19,500 toward cost (both reimbursed half of cost) Motion by Trustee Christiano to approve financing study for consolidation of fire department of \$19,500 with approximate date of payment September 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 4-0]

# **Highway Department:**

- Discussion regarding a question posed to Village Trustee Jacobs by several residents: What does Village pay the Town for and where does the Town apply said money? Money received is not identified in their budget? Could money be used to offset extra money charged to water customers? Village pays Town for street maintenance costs (plowing, leaf pick up, etc.). Village Residents are also Town Residents. No definitive answers regarding Town financials.
- No current contract with Town of Leicester for water usage. Expired 12/31/2022.
- Damaged curb box to be replaced at Bob Smith's home.

**Water:** Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

Contract signed with CPL for Phase I of the project to replace swing arm check valve with a pressure reducing valve at Route 36 pump house.

**Zoning:** Mayor Briffa reported on the following:

- Pest problem at former McNulty property next to 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around Consignment.
- Septic replacement/repair at 167 Main.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Investment: Account monies rolled over into new CD at a rate of 4.40%. Interest credited from previous 30-day CD was \$1400-1500 at rate of 4.05%.

Budget: Review copy of budget prior to March Board Meeting. Nothing determined yet for CHIPS or AIM funding allocation but is expected to remain same as previous year.

NYSCOPBA: Renovations of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor requested. First estimate over \$6,000. Requested second estimate.

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Motion by Trustee Christiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rizzo to close Public Hearing on Dog Control Law. [Motion Carried 4-0]

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# **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Senator Helming visited the Village on January 26, 2023 to discuss potential future grant sources and SAM Grant still pending from 2018. The Senator visited local businesses.

# **CLERKS REPORT:**

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

# **AUDIT OF BILLS:**

General Fund Vouchers 2781 - 2799 \$9,931.90 Water Fund Vouchers 1020 - 1025 \$653.72 Trustee Christiano motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Board of Trustees meeting, March 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Christiano to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Beardsley Clerk-Treasurer Village of Leicester