

Village of Leicester

August 19, 2024 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, Ken Rizzo, Tom Frantz
Clerk-Treasurer: Deborah Beardsley
Deputy Clerk: Samantha Bodratti
Fire Chief: James Kane, President Yasso
Highway Superintendent:
Water Operator:
Zoning/Code Enforcement:
Residents:

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 15, 2024 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo. [Motion Carried 3-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Company Report: President Yasso reports the following:

- 6 calls (see attached report).
- Monthly training – use of the extrication tools on a donated car at Dumbleton’s Auto
- Attended parades in Caledonia for the Western New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association on July 27 and Pike at Wyoming County Fair on Aug 13.
- Attending Livingston County Sheriff’s Night Out at York School tonight (Aug 19).
- Cleaned up around the Fire Hall.
- Ordered 2 sets of new turnout gear for \$7,359.46 from Dival.
- Still no word on any of the grants.
- Local Government Efficiency Grant for Fire/EMS Study submitting to State.
- Possibly end of September for CPR training.
- Town and Village agreed to split cost of lawyer fees for Fire District attorney.

Motion by Trustee Rizzo To accept the minutes of the July 24, 2024 Special Joint Board Meeting as presented by Town Clerk Neumann, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs. [Motion Carried 3-0]

- Joint Public Hearing scheduled August 21, 2024 at Fire Hall. Lawyer will be present to answer questions and share information.

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Highway Department Report: Mayor Briffa reported the following:

- Still have not received a signed contract for the Intermunicipal Agreement.
- Maple Lane work to begin the week of August 26, 2024.
- Eastman Place stone and tar was completed last week.
- Brush pickup dates- Week of Oct 28, November 4, November 11 or November 18

Water Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Telemetry should be finished by Wednesday this week. (8/21/2024)
- Approved two change orders on Telemetry for wiring and Verizon. Project is now \$54,796.00
Verizon replaces Frontier on telemetry readings and is for the remainder of this year and all of next.

Motion made by Trustee Rizzo to accept change order for Verizon Cellular for \$3,360, 2nd by Trustee Frantz.
[Motion Carried 3-0]

Zoning Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- Permit pending for 6 Mt. Morris Rd at Harry's for fuel tank replacement.
- 36 South Street – Numerous inquiries on taxes and water. Trustee Jacobs stated the garage is still a hazard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Painting Village Office – Painting due to begin end of August. Lights on the porch; lights on each side of door. Light in middle hanging from porch was replaced by NYSCOPBA. Agreed lights to be kept.

Area around Pleasant Street and Jones Bridge Road: Trustee Jacobs stated that a letter should be sent to the property owners to advise it is the property owner's responsibility for maintaining the property. Village has easement and is responsible for ditch clean out. DEC grants will take studies and time before any actions will take place.

Crosswalk – Hulme is responsible for working with the State DOT for signage and painting of road. Mayor Briffa will contact Hulme for an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Office Hours: Discussion on various options for office hours. Saturday and evening hours have been tried in the past without any activity. Trustee Jacobs pointed out that the Village Office Drop Box is available and much more secure than the previous drop box.

Streetlight Out: Trustee Jacobs pointed out that there is a streetlight out by the Frontier building near the railroad tracks. Clerk-Treasurer Beardsley will report it to NYSEG for repair.

Batteries for AED Units: Chief Kane requests approval of purchase of 2 batteries for AED Units. Mayor Briffa approves the purchase of the 2 batteries as requested.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Village Finances – Currently totals approximately \$600,000 with much of it invested in Certificates of Deposit earning interest.

CLERKS REPORT:

CHIPS reimbursement money due in September for signs that were replaced throughout the Village.

Will be investigating if CHIPS monies will cover a portion of the sidewalk/crosswalk. Pending grant monies from the Main Street Grant program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Trustee Jacobs, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to enter Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss Mount Morris Village Water Contract.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Trustee Frantz, 2nd by Trustee Rizzo to exit Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to approve the proposed water contract with corrections, for purchase of water from the Village of Mount Morris for the period beginning January 1, 2026.

[Motion Carried 3-0]

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Jacobs to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 3-0]

General Fund Vouchers 3167-3186 \$39,354.75 Water Fund Vouchers 1171 - 1180 \$2,729.90

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting, September 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

[Motion Carried 3-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester