

Village of Leicester

July 17, 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, 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: Lisa Semmel, Shari DeTar

EXCUSED:

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 26, 2023 Board Meeting were accepted on a motion by Trustee Rizzo, 2nd by Trustee Christiano. [Motion Carried 4-0]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- 3 Calls in the last month.
- Training – Driver training.
- P135 – has intermittent issue with quick dump of water, possible short or problem with ground.
- Forestry grant funds – have received all equipment totaling \$3,028.70 of which \$1,500.00 will be refunded from the grant by end of 2023.
- Fire/EMS Efficiency – CGR will begin meetings with fire departments next week.
- Fire siren not going off at Noon regularly. President Yasso will check into the problem, has replaced battery and the siren may need a reset.
- Fire Department Contract – Village to request increase from \$26,000 to \$40,000. President Yasso has included a spreadsheet outlining the expenses which have increased.

Presentation: Lisa Semmel and Shari DeTar presented information on establishing a Public Library for the York School District.

Highway Department Report: Mayor Briffa presented the following:

- Town Highway Superintendent to work with Carl Johnson on his project.
- Town Highway to work with Chris Young and electrician to get the valve put in at the pump house on Thursday, July 20th, 2023.
- Dead tree in front of Gatherings to be taken down and Town of Leicester to haul it away.
- New Work Order for Village mowing.
- Possible clean out of ditch on Jones Bridge Rd between South and Pleasant to improve visibility. Clean out in fall rather than mow with possible County/Town help. Question regarding ownership?

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Water Report:

- The new solenoid valve was received early and will be installed at the pump house on July 20, 2023 with help from the Town Highway Department.

Zoning Report: Mayor Briffa reports the following:

- The barn on Main Street will be taken down per the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 7-Eleven is changing from a franchise back to corporate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grants – WIIA to be submitted by the Engineer.
- SAM Grant– (originated from Senator Gallivan’s office) After discussion, it is believed that the engineer group did not fully complete the paperwork required. It was confirmed by Sr. Helming’s office that all had been resubmitted and prioritized and awaiting approval from DASNY, under the original submission date for funds to be approved and released from Senate Finance Committee. Senator’s office is working to assist and push for the approval and release of funds.
- Dog Control – Paragraph in contract regarding regular updates to be received from County regarding their activity. Court laws have changed and so much is not enforceable.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Department Budget/Contract submitted to Town.
- Trees within the Village right of way – Problem with a tree on corner of North St and Main St. that fell during last storm on the cable/phone lines. Frontier took care of removing the branch.
- Mayor Briffa received quote to trim 9 trees from Route 36 to Oak Manor from Cousins for \$3600 The Board requested a second quote from Koziel’s Tree Service.
- Dead tree in front of Gatherings on South Parkway involves electric wires and will be cut down by Cousins for a cost of \$600 and then removed by the Town Highway Department.
- Mayor Briffa will meet with the Livingston County Grant Writer. The Deputy Clerk is working on obtaining access to the NYS Grant Gateway.
- Sidewalk approval to be obtained by the State for sidewalks near the ARC building. ARC may help assist with the process and funding.
- Potential exists that the State may be creating a “round-a-bout” at the Route 36/20A intersection.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- NYSEG has been contacted regarding trimming of trees from wires.
- NYSEG has now corrected the lights that were incorrectly installed and will complete the installation of the remainder of the streetlights in the fall.
- Maple Lane streetlights were put up in February 2023.
- Town has not signed or refused the Water Contract submitted.

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CLERKS REPORT:

-On a Motion made by Trustee Christiano, 2nd by Trustee Frantz the Board approves a Resolution Determining The Environmental Non-Significance Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) of the Proposed Water System Improvements in the Village of Leicester for the WIIA grant Application. [Motion Carried 4-0]

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2nd by Trustee Christiano to accept the bills as audited. [Motion Carried 4-0]
General Fund Vouchers 2889 - 2913 \$14,434.63 Water Fund Vouchers 1057 - 1066 \$39,100.33

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting August 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Trustee Frantz to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.
[Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Beardsley
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Leicester

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL NON-SIGNIFICANCE
UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT OF THE PROPOSED
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF LEICESTER

The Village Board of the Village of Leicester, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (6 NYCRR part 617) the Village Board of the Village of Leicester hereby makes the following determinations and classifications with respect to the proposed replacement construction of the Village of Leicester Water System Improvements: a) Replacement of existing water mains along South Parkway from US Route 20A to NYS Route 36, Pleasant Street from US Route 20A to Eastman Place, and Maple Lane; b) Replacement of water meter reading heads with remote read heads; c) Replacement of water meter reading and billing software (hereinafter referred to as the “Action?”); d) Replacement of existing radio telemetry system with new cellular-based telemetry system at the existing Village of Leicester water storage tank and the pump house on NYS Route 36.

1. The Village Board of the Village of Leicester (hereinafter referred to as “Village Board”) hereby determines that the Action is subject to SEQRA.

2. The Village Board hereby determines that the Action does not involve a Federal agency, and does involve other agencies. The following agencies will be consulted during the design and permitting process: (1) Livingston County DOH, NYSDOH, NYSDOT, NYSDEC for plan review and permitting; (2) Genesee and Wyoming Railroad for plan review and property access; (3) SHPO for historical building review.

3. The Village Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as a Type II Action per the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR section 617.5(c)(2).

4. The Village Board hereby finds and determines that it is, and will be, the lead agency with respect to the adoption of, and approval of, the above-described Action.

5. The Village Board hereby finds and determines that: (a) it has considered the Action, reviewed the short environmental assessment form, reviewed the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR section 617.7(c), thoroughly analyzed the relevant areas of potential environmental concern, and has duly considered all of the potential project environmental impacts and their magnitude in connection with the proposed Action; (b) the project (to wit, the replacement of water mains along portions of South Parkway and Pleasant Street, and Maple Lane, along with the replacement and upgrade of water metering equipment and software in the Village of Leicester, and replacement of the existing radio telemetry system with a cellular-based telemetry system at the existing Village of Leicester water storage tank and pump house) will not result in any large and important environmental impacts, and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment; and (c) the reasons supporting this determination are set forth on the attached Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 3 Determination of Significance with respect to this project (a copy of which said form is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Leicester).

6. The Village Board, as Lead Agency with reference to the above-described project, hereby: (a) adopts a negative declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.7 with respect to the project,

(b) authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Leicester to sign a negative declaration determination of non-significance with respect to the project, and (c) authorizes the Village Clerk of the Village of Leicester to forward a copy of said negative declaration determination of non-significance to the Livingston County Department of Health, New York State Department of Health, New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.