

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held on

January 8, 2024

Village Hall, 3 West Main St., Le Roy, NY

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel
Trustee Richard Tetrault Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio
Trustee James Bonacquisti ZBA Board Member Bob Taylor
Trustee William Kettle

ABSENT: Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo Chief of Police Gregory Kellogg
WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll DPW Supervisor Robert Lathan

OTHERS PRESENT: James Seiler, Jennifer & Terrance Keys, Laurie Mancuso, Jill Fitzgerald, Kristy Walter, Jayden Cain, Cameron Wilson, Ron Pangrazio, Nikki Calhoun

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

WORKSHOP: UPDATE VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mayor Rogers emailed members PowerPoint slides prior to the meeting, in anticipation of a review of the last sessions [provided at the end of these minutes]. He then asked if anyone had any questions or comments they wished to make.

Mission/Vision Statements:

Mayor Rogers was asked what he considered “smart growth?” He answered that there are a lot of “doubles” [single-family homes converted into rentals] in the Village and he’d like to see more single-family homes built in the \$175,000 and above range. When asked, he stated that didn’t exclude business growth. A member mentioned mixed use with businesses on bottom floor and apartments on higher floors. The mayor said the last Main St. Grant Program the Village participated in with the state included rehabbing second floors for living spaces.

In the Mission Statement slide, the word, “maintain” was questioned, with a suggestion to change it to “enhance” and the mayor agreed and changed.

Communications:

The plan is to have the Mayor’s Corner and Municipal Historian’s articles, which can no longer be published in the LeRoy Pennysaver, added to the Village website. He would like to see Police and DPW alerts sent out from the website and a place for residents to submit their photos of LeRoy.

A suggestion was made that a QR Code of the website be created on a sticker which can then be displayed by LeRoy businesses, to increase resident awareness. Mayor Rogers (and others) felt that was a very good idea.

Infrastructure:

Infrastructure was split into categories: Buildings, Streets, Equipment. Members discussed changes to wording, including a word change from “Town” barns to “Village” barns.

Next month’s meeting focus will be on Future Planning and Development with guest, Felipe Oltramari, Director of the Genesee County Department of Planning.

Mayor Rogers said that if you look at a map of the Village, you can see places for new residential building – Poplar Ave., Munson St. Ext., West Main, across from the school on South St., by the golf course on East Main. Lift stations are needed to reach some of these areas and, in the past, were cost prohibitive.

A member asked if there were current figures of the percentage of capacity of the existing housing. It seemed like there were a lot of empty houses. The mayor didn't have that kind of data but he's aware that every house that goes on the market in the Village sells.

Another member said they talked about grants to repair Main St., but asked if there was grant money to take care of the water problems in the East Ave. area? Trustee Kettle stated it's a topic that should be explored. Mayor Rogers said at some point the Village needs to invest in community infrastructure. He said he will look for grant money. Another member suggested the Village lobby the state, which may be willing to create a grant. That will be considered.

A member asked if the Village has plans to replace the dead trees that have been cut down? The mayor agreed they need to replant more trees. It was mentioned there's funding through the Forest Service.

It was asked if it's possible to put a moratorium on rental properties. The mayor said we've had them before but it's kind of hard to do that when we have the 60-unit development currently being built on Lake St.

Next Comprehensive Plan Workshop Meeting - February 12th at 6:30pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on 12/20/23. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve payment of the following Contractor Pay Applications:

- WWTF-Phase 1-Kaplan-Schmidt Electric, Contractor Pay App #16 for \$3,325.00
- WWTF-Phase 2-Hewitt Young Electric, Contractor Pay App #9 for \$44,124.85

It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Exclusion Request – Lori Steinbrenner, Personal Preference Salon, 34 Main St. Mrs. Steinbrenner requested a sewer exclusion due to a ruptured hot water tank that allowed thousands of gallons of water to run into the basement dirt floor and not into the sewer system. The Sewer Board recommended approving the request. **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Approve a Sewer Exclusion Request in an amount to be decided when the Village receives the Monroe County Water Authority meter reading which includes this extra usage.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to Pay Bills, reluctantly. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Check number 26616 totaling \$50,000.00.

ADDED:

APPOINT PERMANENT COMPETITIVE FT POLICE OFFICERS: The last few appointed and ratified FT Police Officers have been “Provisional” due to Civil Service testing schedules, etc. All the officers have now completed and passed their Civil Service tests. Mayor Rogers appointed William Riley, Matthew Nielson, Terrez Smith, Kaden Vangalio, Selah Martek, and Tyler Mummery to the position of Permanent, Competitive, Full-Time Police Officer. **A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to ratify the Mayor’s appointment to the position of Permanent, Competitive, Full-Time Police Officer, at a pay rate of \$36.00/hour, the following: William Riley as of 1/8/24, Matthew Nielson as of 1/9/24, Terrez Smith as of 1/10/24, Kaden Vangalio as of 1/11/24, Selah Martek as of 1/12/24, and Tyler Mummery as of 1/15/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Kettle made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer