

## VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

**January 15, 2025**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregory Rogers  
Trustee James Bonacquisti  
Trustee Richard Tetrault  
Trustee William Kettle  
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo  
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg  
Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel  
WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll

**ABSENT:** DPW Sup. Robert Lathan, Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio

**OTHERS:** Nancy Crocker, Rita Wallace

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Yacuzzo made a **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting on 12/18/24 and emergency meeting on 12/30/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Feral Cat Complaint: The Village received a complaint from Sue Slate and Gin Shear about the severe feral cat problem in the Lent Ave. area. They first contacted Code Enforcement, who sent them to the Board because the Village Code doesn't address cats. Chief Kellogg said he'd talk to Genesee County Animal Control about the situation.

Wiss Lot Greenspace Status: The Garden Club inquired about the status of their request and petition that the Wiss Lot be designated an official greenspace. Mayor Rogers spoke to the Village Attorney, who didn't think it was a good idea to legally pigeonhole the lot in that way. The Mayor emphatically stated that the current Board of Trustees has no plans to change the Wiss Lot. He will speak to Nikki Calhoun of the Garden Club.

### **DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### LPD:

- Chief Kellogg said the new Crossing Guard David Sia is working out great.
- He was asked about vagrants in the Machpelah Cemetery on North St. and the man in a long trench coat that's been seen going into the cemetery every night but not coming back out. Chief Kellogg stated the man in the trench coat will not longer be a problem. He also said the LPD had taken down a structure this past summer built near the Creek at the request of the Cemetery Association.

#### SEWER DEPT:

- Discussion regarding the ongoing problem of buying replacement parts for the UV disinfection system.
- The annual sludge report was good.
- Trustee Tetrault asked what percentage of [the plant's] capacity was being used? Supt. Carroll said 30%, so if someone builds something big in the Village, there's room to accommodate it in the system.

#### CLERK-TREASURER:

- The next scheduled meetings:
  - 2/19/25 – Regular Board meeting at Village Hall at 7:00pm
  - 2/20/25 – Village Comprehensive Plan meeting at Village Hall at 6:00pm

*At this point, Trustee Bonacquisti left the meeting.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

WWTF: Phase 3, General Contractor: **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App #2 in the amount of \$426,170 for STC Construction Inc.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Absent, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

EV Charging Station Project Proposal: After a discussion of the proposal provided by JACOMB, LLC, **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Approve and Move Forward with “A Turnkey Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment & Infrastructure (EVSE&I) Project Proposal” from JACOMB, LLC, dated November 26, 2024.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Absent, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. *A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes.*

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE POLICE DEPT EQUIPMENT SURPLUS  
FOR PURPOSE OF DISPOSAL AND TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

**MOTION BY** Trustee Kettle

**WHEREAS**, The LeRoy Police Department has declared the equipment listed below surplus; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Village of LeRoy requires a surplus declaration of property to be made prior to disposal or sale of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department desires to use the proceeds from selling the equipment listed below in order to offset the purchase of future equipment needs by placing the proceeds into A895 Police Equipment Reserve;  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the LeRoy Village Board hereby authorizes the following declared as surplus for the purpose of disposal:

- 2006 Ford E-350 VIN#: 1FTSS34P86DB39600

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the transfer of the proceeds from the sale of said equipment to A895 Police Equipment Reserve.  
**SECONDED BY** Trustee Tetrault and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Absent, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

**ADDED:**

Vehicle Impounds - Chief Kellogg said the Police Dept. seize vehicles when they've been used in committing a crime. Depending on whether the crime is a felony, etc., the vehicles need to be impounded for a long period of time, sometimes even years. Vehicle owners also weren't paying the towing company, so LPD is working with the DA's office to seek restitution through the courts. He would like to start charging fees for the storage of these vehicles. Mayor Rogers would prefer to cut the Village out as a middleman. Trustee Tetrault asked how many cars get impounded. Chief Kellogg said it varies, but currently, there are 15.

*At this point, Trustee Bonacquisti returned to the meeting.*

Consolidation Resolution: After a discussion, Mayor Rogers said he'd like to use the \$5000 Genesee County grant for grant writing to pay for this study to see if consolidation is feasible.

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
Village of LeRoy Board of Trustees  
Town of LeRoy Board of Trustees**

**A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the New York State Department of State Local Government Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant for grant funds to support costs associated with the development and dissemination of information regarding the impact of consolidating the Town of LeRoy and Village of LeRoy**

**MOTION BY** Trustee Yacuzzo

**WHEREAS**, the Village of LeRoy (hereafter “Village”) is situated within the Town of LeRoy (hereafter “Town”); and

**WHEREAS**, Village Board and Town Board are interested in investigating the process of consolidating the two entities into one entity; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to do so, Village Board and Town Board have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to submit an application under the New York State Department of Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (hereafter “CREG”) to be title, Town and Village of LeRoy Consolidation Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the grant is to provide the Village and Town with financial assistance to support the study of consolidation between Village and Town prior to any further action (such as voter referendum); and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of funds requested from the CREG is an amount not to exceed \$10,000, and  
**WHEREAS**, the CREG program requires a 50% local cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Village is the Lead Applicant in an application for financial assistance under the CREG; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town shall be the Co-Applicant in said application;

RESOLVED, that the local cash match shall be supplied by Town and Village equally and said expenditure is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor, with support of his agents, to submit the grant application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, with support of his agents, to assist, as co-applicant, with preparation and submission of the grant application.

SECONDED BY Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

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Resignation of Katie Eick: Mayor Rogers said he hates losing such a great part of the Village team but can't hold someone back. **A motion was made by Trustee Bonacquisti to Accept the Resignation of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Katie Eick, effective February 1, 2025.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Officer Stephanie Giambrone is temporarily assuming Katie Eick's duties as Police Records Clerk. Chief Kellogg stated she is very capable for reporting to the state and courts but it's a challenge as she's a part-time Police Officer. Mayor Rogers asked the Board to brainstorm ideas.

Vacation Hours Transfer: The Board agreed to allow Chief Kellogg to transfer 47 hours of vacation (which is above the permitted 40) over to 2025.

Festival Permits – Oatka Festival/Parade: Mayor Rogers said Kate Flint (Chairman of the Oatka Festival Committee) gets an A+ for getting us the applications already! **A motion was made by Trustee Yacuzzo to approve the Festival Applications from Oatka Festival Inc. for the Annual Oatka Festival on July 12-13, 10:00am-5:00pm and the Oatka Festival Parade on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am-12:30pm.** It was seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**: The issue of the Village's Christmas decorations came up again and the mayor reiterated that the Christmas tree would not be going up in the Wiss Lot in the future and the Village is exploring what to do so that corner isn't dark.

#### **ADDED:**

Mayor Rogers said that a potential buyer for the former Iron Reps building at 7180 West Main has asked about hooking into the sewer main which was extended to the Bob Johnson dealership. After a discussion, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to establish that Bob Johnson Chevrolet of 7000 West Main Road, LeRoy, receives \$1000 of each \$3000 new sewer tap fee paid to the Village when a property owner taps into the sewer main between 151 West Main Street and Bob Johnson Chevrolet at 7000 West Main Road.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

#### **ADDED:**

Mayor Rogers said that Steve Savage from Monroe County Water Authority told him the new water tower in Pavilion is operational and they plan to decommission the North Ave. water tower. He suspects they want to give us the tank. He will invite Mr. Savage to a March meeting.

#### **OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Trustee Bonacquisti: Village residents have said the Mill Street overlook is in terrible shape, so he looked at it and took photos. He thought it needed some work, but it wasn't as bad as he'd heard and we could bid it out. It was built in 1986.

Mayor Rogers: They have a proposal to light the dam for \$8000. He'd like to table it until the next meeting. The Creekside is now closed, which is unfortunate.

Trustee Kettle: They worked with Mike Tucci at Tompkins and are happy to get the Village's insurance cost down \$20,000.

Trustee Tetrault: Nothing.

Trustee Yacuzzo: All good.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 12/20/24.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Auto Pays, Wire Transfers, and Check numbers 27478-27522, 27524-27545, totaling \$293,171.77

Cap #2 Fund: Check number 1256, totaling \$82,000.05

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to go into Executive Session for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Mayor Rogers said it was just for the Board. Session entered at 8:07 PM.

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to Return to Regular Session.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Session entered at 8:45pm. Mayor Rogers stated no business was conducted during the Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer