

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

February 6, 2023

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers
Trustee Richard Tetrault
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo
Trustee William Kettle
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg
DPW Supervisor Robert Lathan
WWTF Superintendent Steven Carroll
Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel

Absent: Trustee James Bonacquisti

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. He stated they were going to go out of order with the agenda.

LPD RESIGNATIONS:

Two full-time Police Officers have handed in their resignations. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a Motion to Accept, with Regrets, Steven Cappotelli's Resignation, effective 2/6/23**, seconded by Trustee Tetrault, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. **Trustee Tetrault made a Motion to Accept, with Regrets, Curtis Miller's Resignation, effective 2/13/23**, seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

WORKSHOP: VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mayor Rogers indicated the copy of the previous Comprehensive Plan from 2001 and said he believed they should keep everything that's still useful. Though they started out with just the Village Board for this meeting, the plan is to get more people in the room for ideas. He asked that each Board member bring another person with them to the next workshop meeting. For now, he wanted to start with:

Mission Statement: Update the existing Comprehensive Plan and bring LeRoy into the next 25-30 years.

Vision: Keep LeRoy a rural community that's also progressive. It doesn't need to be a whole lot bigger, though we need some new residential housing. He doesn't see many opportunities within the Village for industrial and there's not much room for commercial, either.

Trustee Tetrault felt that industry should be located in the Town, for instance, near the Thruway Interchange or the area Walmart looked at next to S&S Limousines.

It was mentioned that they would probably have to explore the possibility of dissolution.

Trustee Yacuzzo felt the Village should be a place people are happy to come back to after work. It should include housing, recreation facilities, needs to be attractive, and a place to be proud of.

Trustee Kettle focused on downtown traffic flow, the need to better utilize parking and get it striped. The parking lot next to the old Bank of America building is used by everyone right now. However, with what the new owners plan, that lot won't be available for public use. [Wedge 24 LLP, has put forth a plan for a multi-use event space with hotel suites, retail space, apartments, and offices in the combined 20 & 24 Main St. buildings.]

There's municipal parking off Bacon St., but it's not well-utilized. There was discussion about the need to clean up the back of the Main St. stores that face Bacon St. and the houses on Bacon to make the parking lot more accessible and safe, increase the lighting, and make the area more attractive.

The Spray Park is coming along but, again, there are parking issues at Wildwood Park, too. It's a gravel lot, though DPW Sup. Lathan believes they could blacktop it. There are liabilities with kids running around the area and traffic. The ideal place would be the vacant area across the street, but that's owned by Lapp Insulator. They were approached years ago about donating the property and weren't interested, but maybe they'd be willing to sell.

Trustee Kettle pointed out on page 33 of the 2001 plan, it states, "New neighborhood blocks should be developed by expanding the existing grid street pattern." One of the examples is, "Continue Poplar Lane to Asbury Road." It's zoned R1 housing. The Mayor and Trustee Yacuzzo believe that is the #1 spot in the Village to develop. Trustee Yacuzzo also suggested a walking and biking path from South St. to East Ave.

The Mayor said he was told that there are not enough people in Genesee County to fill the available jobs.

Trustee Tetrault liked the idea of limiting the housing to only so many units per house/building.

Trustee Yacuzzo pointed out that the Village owns most of the land along the Oatka Creek. There were plans years ago to develop certain areas and, at one time, there were walking trails that are all overgrown now. Trustee Kettle said that was mentioned in the 2001 plan, pages 46-47.

ADDED:

Joseph Alloco, owner of the property at 7000 W. Main Rd. and most of the Bob Johnson dealership and John Sciarabba, LS with Land Tech Surveying & Engineering, joined the meeting at this point and asked to address the Board, which was granted. [Also see the minutes from the 12/14/22 meeting, DPW Dept. Considerations concerning this issue.]

Mr. Alloco explained that the dealership's leach field isn't working. They have to go to GM to redo the leach field, but GM has refused to allow it. Instead, they insist the dealership hook into the public sewer system or likely lose the dealership. The end of the public sewer line is 3800 feet away from the dealership. Mr. Alloco and Mr. Sciarabba have researched different ways to make this work. They decided the best way would be to put in a new line to hook into the public sewer line. Waste water from the property would go to an oil/water separator and a settling tank before entering the public system. That's all GM would approve. He's willing to pay for the whole thing and enter into any agreement with the Village, including not letting anyone tie into the line without Village approval, etc. The Dept. of Transportation requires a permit but won't even process the application unless the Village agrees to the plan.

They brought engineering drawings with them and discussed details with the Board, WWTF Supt. Carroll, and DPW Sup. Lathan. In the end, the Board agreed they didn't want to lose the dealership.

Trustee Kettle made a Motion for a Resolution to move forward with incorporating the LeRoy Bob Johnson Chevrolet Dealership into the Village of LeRoy waste water treatment system contingent upon approval from the following agencies and LeRoy representatives: Waste Water Treatment Superintendent Steve Carroll, Village of LeRoy engineering firm Clark Patterson Lee, NYS Dept. of Transportation, and the Village of LeRoy Attorney Jake Whiting. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

WORKSHOP: VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, Continued:

Mayor Rogers reiterated the most important items discussed so far:

1. Parking
2. Recreation – parks, walking/bike path, look into purchasing land from Lapp for parking lot for Wildwood park
3. New residential housing
4. Use of upper stories in Main St. buildings
5. Use of Oatka Creek

ADDED:

WWTF Project Saves \$8000: Supt. Carroll said that in the WWTF building project, the engineers had quoted \$8000 to demo a specific area. The WWTF crew did the demo work themselves, hired electricians to disconnect the electrical for \$300 and received \$300 for recycling the scrap metal. So, they did the whole job for \$8000 less than the project called for.

Police Dept. Grant: Chief Kellogg announced that the Police Dept. was awarded a \$32,000 NYS grant, which they would use to purchase body cameras. The dept. has been without body cams for a few years now due to the prohibitive cost of equipment and maintenance.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Kettle made a motion to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer