#### VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular and Annual Organizational Meeting held on April 7, 2025

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers Chief of Police Greg Kellogg

Trustee James Bonacquisti Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel
Trustee William Kettle WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll

Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio

ABSENT: Trustee Richard Tetrault, DPW Sup. Robert Lathan

OTHERS: Nancy Crocker, Jasmine Morrow

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

## PUBLIC HEARING: TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2025-2026

Trustee Kettle made a **Motion to Open the Public Hearing to Discuss the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Mayor Rogers stated that after a review of the Village finances with Laura Landers, CPA, Clerk-Treasurer Carmel, and Clerk Jeary, it was decided that the Village tax rate would be \$7.99/\$1000, down from \$10.70/\$1000 for the past 7 years. However, total expenditures went up.

There being no further comments or questions, Trustee Bonacquisti made a **Motion to Close the Public Hearing to Discuss the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

# ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Rogers appointed the following:

Deputy Mayor	Trustee Kettle
Deputy Mayor (Environmental & Streets)	Trustee Yacuzzo
Clerk-Treasurer	Eileen Carmel
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Arna Tygart
Budget Officer	. Mayor Rogers
Attorney	. Jake Whiting
Bingo Inspector	Steve Rogers
Official Newspaper	Batavia Daily News
Alternate Official Newspaper	Democrat & Chronicle
Registrar	Patricia Canfield
Official Depository	General – Five Star Bank
	Payroll – Tompkins Bank
	Investment – NYCLASS

Trustee Bonacquisti made a **Motion to ratify Mayor Roger's appointments.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Mayor Roger appointed the following individuals as members to serve on Village Boards. Trustee Yacuzzo made a **Motion to ratify Mayor Roger's appointments.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

PLANNING BOARD SEWER BOARD

John Mangefrida (2028) Chairman Christopher Kemp, Chairman (2027)

Tom Frew (2031) Colin Dailey (2026)

Pat Majors (2029)

Brian SinClair (2027) Brian Wardell (2026) Ronald Pangrazio (2028)

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

John Allen, Chairman (2026) Bob Taylor (2026) Joseph Spadaro (2026) Chad Alquist, Alternate (2027) Nikki Calhoun, Alternate (2027)

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Joanne Snyder Raymond Yacuzzo Dawn Monsees

Mayor Rogers appointed the following as Board Liaisons:

Town Council, Business Council, Main Street Revitalization – Trustee Kettle Sewer Board – Trustee Yacuzzo Parks, Recreation & Youth Board, Police Department, Watershed – Trustee Bonacquisti Genesee Association of Municipalities, Planning Board – Trustee Tetrault

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## **ANNUAL MOTIONS:**

MEETING NIGHTS – Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion that during the 2025-2026 official year, the third Wednesday of each month be designated as the Board's Regular Meeting night at 7:00pm and, when the Board chooses, the first Monday of a month shall be a Workshop meeting at 7:00pm. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

## AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

MOTION by Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS there is to be held during the coming official year (a) the Annual Meeting conducted by the NYS Conference of Mayors; (b) the Training School for Fiscal Officers and Municipal Clerks conducted by New York State Conference of Mayors; (c) the Winter Legislative Conference conducted by the New York State Conference of Mayors; (d) the following County and Professional Association Meetings – GAM, ICMA, Highway Superintendent's Association, Government Finance Association Meetings, Water Environment Federation, New York Water Environment Association, Inc., and

WHEREAS it is determined by the Board of Trustees that attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these or similar meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality, NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all elected officials and employees (with prior notification) of the Village Board are authorized to attend the above meetings and reasonable budgeted expenses be paid with the approval of the Clerk-Treasurer.

**SECONDED by** Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK-TREASURER TO PAY RECURRING BILLS – Trustee Bonacquisti made a Motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay recurring utility, rent, postage, freight, mandated legal, health insurance, cell phone, and contractual expenses throughout the year in advance of the Board's monthly audit of claim. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

# MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

MOTION by Trustee Yacuzzo

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of the Village of LeRoy has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village of LeRoy, **NOW THEREFORE** 

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Section 1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve the reimbursement of such officers and employees at the rate of the IRS official business mileage rate (as of January 2025) \$.70 cents/per mile: Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect as of June 1, 2025.

**SECONDED by** Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

#### SPECIAL MEETING PROCEDURE

MOTION by Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS a procedure should be adopted by the Board of Trustees for calling a special meeting, and WHEREAS should a special meeting be necessary the meeting may be called by the Mayor and by at least one trustee acting together, or by at least two trustees acting together, and

WHEREAS after those Board members have decided the necessity of a special meeting, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that calling a special meeting may be accomplished by having the Clerk-Treasurer contact each Board member individually by letter, email, phone, or personally, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice be given to the news media and the public as soon as practicable. **SECONDED by** Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

# RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARD WORKING DAY, NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MOTION by Trustee Bonacquisti

**WHEREAS**, according to the laws of the State of New York as of August 12, 2009 active members of the Retirement System that have begun a new term of office must submit a Standard Workday, and Reporting Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees establishes a standard work day for the elected and appointed officials, NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of LeRoy, Location Code 40201 hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected official, Mayor Greg Rogers, and will report the following days worked to the NYS and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records maintained and submitted by the official to the Clerk of this Body: Gregory Rogers, days should be (2/3 pays/month – 26 pays a year) 5/7 days, term begins April 1, 2024 to April 3, 2028.

**SECONDED by** Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

<u>RESOLUTION TO SET ORGANIZATION MEETING, 2026</u> – Trustee Yacuzzo made a **Motion to set the 2026 Organizational Meeting for April 6, 2026, at 7:00pm**. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

<u>RESOLUTION TO SET FEE FOR REGISTRAR</u> – Trustee Kettle made a **Motion to set the annual fees for the Registrar's services at \$2,000**. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

## RESOLUTION GRASS AND WEEDS

MOTION by Trustee Yacuzzo

**WHEREAS** it has been reported to the Board of Trustees of the Village of LeRoy those certain properties within the Village are in violation of Chapter 120 of the Village of LeRoy Code entitled "Grass and Weeds," specifically Section 120-1 and 120-2 thereof, in that grass and weeds have been allowed to grow unmowed until they now exceed six inches in height, and

WHEREAS the Code Enforcement Officer for the Village has heretofore attempted to give the notice required by Section 120-2 of the said Code to the last known owners of the respective premises without avail, and such notices have been returned to him marked as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service, NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the Village's mowing contractor to mow the grass and weeds on specified properties, and to assess the costs thereof to the respective owners pursuant to Section 120-2 of the Village Code, including, if necessary, by adding the said costs to the respective owners' tax bills, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the said Code Enforcement Officer shall continue to monitor the conditions of the said premises, and all other premises within the Village, and shall have the authority to direct the Village Clerk-Treasurer to engage the mowing contractor for additional mowing whenever and wherever additional violations of the said Chapter are found, similarly assessed back to property owners as aforesaid, without further action of this board.

**SECONDED by** Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Bonacquisti made a **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 3/19.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

#### LPD:

- Officer Matthew Nielson made an arrest for the 2023 Crocker's burglary after good, solid police work
- An arrest has been made in the fatal crash in front of Orcon last year
- Speed signs were placed on Wolcott Street, purchased using funds from the Law Enforcement Tech Grant
- Chief Kellogg is attempting to get the NYS DOT to place flashing signs in front of the school on Rt. 5

## STP:

- Ongoing construction projects are starting back up for the year, clarifiers and blowers. New blowers will save electricity as they're only on-demand usage and are less noisy
- Supt. Carroll asked the Board's permission to seek maintenance for the generator from a company that
  isn't the manufacturer, which has required expensive parts to maintain the warranty status. Mayor Rogers
  stated that the Village should dictate what can be done and if the manufacturer doesn't like it and doesn't
  want to warranty the equipment, an outside source can be found for maintenance

## DPW:

- Mayor Rogers said he could speak for Sup. Lathan:
  - Cleanup has begun on the Summit St. tennis courts and the Wildwood pickleball courts
  - Andrew Lathan has been taking down trees and grinding stumps in the Village and the DPW guys are cleaning up
  - The streets after water main breaks will be fixed and the Village is working with Monroe County Water Authority. It's a work-in-progress.
  - o The Village is working with NYS DOT to fix the potholes on Rts. 5 & 19.
  - o The Village will hire Summer help this year.

## CLERK-TREASURER:

• The Clerk's Office is gearing up for sewer billing in May and tax billing in June

# MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN:

Village Hall Tower Bell – Municipal Historian Belluscio researched history on the bell tower and bell.
 She found that residents raised \$1000 to originally cast the bell and Jim Shelby's father took care of it.
 The motor was a rebuilt washing machine motor that was later replaced. It was cared for later by Jim Spear and Tim Hayes. She plans on writing a gazette article about it.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET

**MOTION BY**: Trustee Bonacquist

**WHEREAS** the Clerk-Treasurer submitted to the Board of Trustees a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on April 07, 2025, on the proposal, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tentative Budget setting the estimates of revenues, expenditures, salary, and wages for Village employees for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year of various funds of the Village of LeRoy is hereby approved at the tax rate of \$7.99/per thousand of assessed valuation is established for said fiscal year.

SECONDED BY: Trustee Yacuzzo

VOTE

AYES: Trustee Yacuzzo, Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Mayor Roger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Tetrault

ABSTAINED: None

<u>WWTF: Phase 3, General Contractor</u>: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App** #5 in the amount of \$23,512.50 for STC Construction Inc. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Amend Meeting Minutes, 1/19/2022: Mayor Rogers said that when the Board approved the purchase of the spray/splash park equipment from Game Time Playground Equipment/MRC, the intention was to use the Village's Covid relief funds from the Federal government to pay for the Village portion of the project. Unfortunately, a resolution was never put in place stating this. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve and Amend Board Minutes from 1/19/2022, adding the following resolution to Mayor Rogers' Official Considerations.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

# RESOLUTION TO USE ARPA COVID RELIEF STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT SPRAY PARK

MOTION BY Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law, establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); and

**WHEREAS** this program was intended to provide financial support to state, territorial, local, and tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 to assist communities, residents, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of LeRoy submitted a request and was granted funding through the SLFRF of \$436,921.77; and

WHEREAS, the Village passed a resolution on 10/20/2021 to move forward with a joint Village/Town plan to replace a damaged, non-functioning wading pool with a spray park and to share costs; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the LeRoy Village Board hereby authorizes the use of Village of LeRoy SLFRF funds to pay for the Village's portion of the construction of the community spray park.

SECONDED BY Trustee Kettle

VOTE

AYES: Trustee Yacuzzo, Trustee Kettle, Trustee Bonacquisti, Mayor Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Tetrault

ABSTAINED: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### ADDED:

<u>Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Appointment – Arna Tygart</u>: After much consideration, Mayor Rogers was pleased to appoint Arna Tygart to the position of Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to Ratify the Mayor's Appointment of Arna Tygart as Village Deputy** 

Clerk-Treasurer, at a rate of \$24.00/hr. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

# ADDED:

<u>Transfer Funds 5 Star Bank Accounts</u>: NYS EFC has stopped reimbursing the Village for contractor payments on the WWTF Project until after long-term debt conversion in May. To cover expenses until closing, Clerk-Treasurer Carmel asked if the Board would approve a transfer of money from the Village's Capital Reserve bank account to the Capital checking account. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Transfer \$100,000 from the Village's "Capital Fund No 2 Reserve Funds" bank account to the Village's "Capital Fund No 2" checking account, both at 5 Star Bank. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.** 

<u>Transfer Funds from Bank Account to Investment Fund Account</u>: Mayor Rogers said that the Village has an amount in the bank which could earn more in an investment account. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Village's "Utility" bank account at Tompkins Bank to the Village's Investment Account at NYCLASS.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

<u>Police Resignation – James Prusak:</u> LPD Detective James Prusak has accepted a new position with the Greece Police Dept. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to Accept, with Regret, the Resignation of Detective James Prusak, effective April 6, 2025.** It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Detective Prusak will be greatly missed.

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

MOTION BY Trustee Bonacquisti

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; and

WHEREAS, the equipment listed cannot be sold to the general public,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the LeRoy Village Board hereby authorizes the following declared as surplus for the purpose of disposal:

Taser	LP20	X130043RO	Taser	LP17	X13007E2A
Taser	LP12	X13002TF3	Taser	LP15	X130043R6
Taser	LP08	X130043Y8	Taser	LP14	X13004714
Taser	LP13	X130043YD	Taser	LP01	X130043R1
Taser	LP06	X13004680	Taser	LP19	X1300470Y
Taser	LP05	X130043R3	Taser	LP10	X130046YN
Taser	LP18	X130043Y6	Taser	LP09	X130043RE
Taser	LP16	X13002T3N	Taser	OOS	X130047OC

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the LeRoy Village Board does hereby authorize the transfer of the proceeds from the sale of said equipment to A895 Police Equipment Reserve and to donate any unsold units to the Police Academy.

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

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

#### OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

<u>Trustee Bonacquisti</u>: Asked the Board if he could take the lead in working with Code Enforcement in dealing with some problem property issues. The Board agreed.

Trustee Kettle: Nothing.

Trustee Yacuzzo: He's received complaints from a neighbor of commercial trucks "jake-braking" on Lake Street.

Chief Kellogg said he's heard the same thing but there's nothing in the Village Code concerning it.

<u>Mayor Rogers</u>: He thanked everyone for their hard work with the budget this year. Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Kettle would be running the next Board meeting in his absence.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:**

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 2/6/25. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>: Auto Pays, Wire Transfers, and Check numbers 27689-27727 totaling \$209,464.58 <u>Cap #2 Fund</u>: Check numbers 1260-1261, totaling \$543,875.00

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer