

## VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

**May 21, 2025**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregory Rogers  
Trustee William Kettle  
Trustee Raymond Yacuzzo  
Trustee James Bonacquisti  
Trustee Richard Tetrault  
Chief of Police Greg Kellogg  
DPW Sup. Robert Lathan  
WWTF Supt. Steven Carroll  
Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel  
Village Attorney Jake Whiting  
CEO Mike Risewick  
CEO Jeff Steinbrenner

**ABSENT:** Municipal Historian Lynne Belluscio

**OTHERS:** Nancy Crocker, George Vito, Frank & Jessica Ianaro

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 4/16/2025**. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATION:** NYS Office of State Comptroller, which examines the annual fiscal information reported by the Village and provides an objective assessment of fiscal challenges, reports that for fiscal year end 2024, the Village has no perceptible fiscal stress or environmental stress.

### **DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### POLICE:

- Chief Kellogg said the new solar speed signs are up. Trustee Bonacquisti said we should have the same big DOT sign on Munson St. that is on Wolcott St. and the use of jake brakes is a nuisance. Chief Kellogg said there's nothing in state law regarding the use of jake brakes; it has to be local and law enforcement issues.

#### SEWER:

- Supt. Carroll said half of the plant is down for construction
- He has a review class next week at SUNY Morrisville for the ABC test

#### DPW:

- Sup. Lathan said all is good with the DPW
- Annual maintenance of the Village sanitary sewer lines will be starting soon
- Trustee Yacuzzo pointed out that the Town and Village did a better job than state DOT on fixing the potholes on Route 5. The road really should be milled.

#### CLERK-TREASURER:

- The next scheduled meetings, which everyone is invited to attend:
  - 6/17/25 – Village Comprehensive Plan meeting at Village Hall at 6:30pm
  - 6/18/25 – Regular Board meeting at Village Hall at 7:00pm
- Arna Tygart, the new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, is learning fast and is a big help in the office
- Clerk-Treasurer Carmel is looking at all the processes in the Clerk's office to make it more efficient. A quote from Edmunds GovTech for a "wish list" kind of integrated software would cost \$36K for the first year and \$19.5K annually after that, which isn't in the budget. She's also looking at two other options but June is the busiest month in the Clerk's office and so will have to hold off for the moment.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**WWTF: Phase 3, Electrical Contractor:** Trustee Yacuzzo made a **motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App #1 in the amount of \$13,395.00 for Infinity Electric Services**. 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.

WWTF: Phase 3, General Contractor: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Pay App #6 in the amount of \$55,337.50 for STC Construction Inc.** 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.

WWTF: Phase 3, General Contractor: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Change Order GC-03 for STC Construction Inc. for an increase of \$48,634.65 to the project.** 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 2025-2026 TAX WARRANT

MOTION BY Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees on April 7, 2025, did approve the 2025-2026 Budget that includes a tax rate of \$7.99/per thousand, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer prepared a list of delinquent sewer charges in the amount of \$155,507.22, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer prepared a list of delinquent public works fees in the amount of \$250.00, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and certifies the 2025-2026 Tax Warrant, retroactive to May 13, 2025, and authorizes the delinquent sewer charges and public works fees to be included in said Warrant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and the Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to sign the 2025-2026 Tax Warrant, and the collection of taxes shall begin June 1, 2025. (Warrant attached and a part of these minutes)

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.

Festival Permit: **Trustee Kettle made a motion for a Resolution to approve the Festival Application from the American Legion for the 2025 Traditional Botts Fiorito American Legion Memorial Day Parade and Program on May 26, starting at 10:30am.** 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

Festival Permit: **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to approve the Festival Application from the Oatka Festival Committee for a Bike Parade Festival Kick-Off on July 11th, 6-8:00pm.** It was 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

Police – Appointment of Part-Time Officer: On the recommendation of Chief Kellogg, Mayor Rogers appointed Wyatt Sando as a Part-Time Officer. **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Ratify Mayor Rogers' Appointment of Wyatt Sando as Part-Time Village of LeRoy Police Officer, Pending Background and Civil Service Approval, at a starting rate of \$15.38/hr.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

DPW – Approve Purchase: **Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a Resolution to Approve Purchase of a Previously Owned Heatstar HSU-80 Suspended Gas Space Heater for \$600.00 from Bob Lathan for use at the DPW Shop, Retroactive to 10/1/2024.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye

Summer Sewer Credit Discussion: The Village gave everyone a 1,000-gallon credit on their sewer bills last summer and the Mayor and Board agreed that would be a good idea again. Resident Frank Ianiro, 36 Elm St., was

granted permission to address the Board. He said that for 40 years, he's lived in the Village and had a pool. He just had to replace the liner and didn't believe he should pay the higher sewer bill for refilling his pool. When the clerk asked if he had a receipt for the purchase of the pool liner, he said he didn't. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Approve the Sewer Exclusion Request for Sewer Acct #08360, 36 Elm St., by evaluating the usage on the August 2024 sewer bill vs the usage on the upcoming August 2025 sewer bill.** 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. **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a Resolution to Grant Every Sewer Unit in the System a 1000-Gallon Exclusion for the May 1 – July 31, 2025 Period, Which Will Be Billed August 1, 2025.** 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

#### Property Maintenance Code Discussion:

Code Enforcement Officers Mike Risewick and Jeff Steinbrenner, and Village Attorney Jake Whiting, discussed with the Mayor and Board the problem of Village properties with severe maintenance issues. They identified the following issues with the current code:

- Monetary fines are minimal, typically “not more than \$25.” This does not inspire property owners to comply.
- Further, these fines contain a cap, but no minimum, which allows local Judges to impose zero fine.
- Most monetary fines do not include the ability for the Clerk to relevy them onto the owner's taxes. As such, many go unpaid without recoupment.
- Along with the fine, some provisions include potential “imprisonment for not more than five days.” This allows (arguably) the responding parties to be entitled to a public defender due to the risk of incarceration, albeit a remote risk.
- Section 128 – Housing Standards – covers residential property, but not commercial, industrial, or other types.

They recommended the Town and Village adopt new codes that include minimum standards for penalties and violations and a fine schedule. Attorney Whiting will work on the language for a new local law to replace the current code.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

#### **OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Trustee Bonacquisti: John Bolton was thrilled with the key to the Village and the Resolution for John Bolton Day. The presentation and the whole program were fantastic!

Trustee Kettle: He echoed Trustee Bonacquisti's sentiments about John Bolton Day. It was great to be part of it and hear all the stories.

Trustee Tetrault: He was at the grade school for a program, and he wanted to let everyone know that the SROs really impressed people.

Trustee Yacuzzo: He said that jake braking is an issue on Lake St too.

Mayor Rogers: Memorial Day is coming up. He thanked Bob Lathan, the DPW, and the Town Highway for fixing all the potholes on the state highways.

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

**Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to pay bills, reluctantly, retroactive to 4/4/25.** It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund: Auto Pays, Wire Transfers, and Check numbers 27728-31, 27733-47, 27749-91, 27793-824, totaling \$694,127.22

Cap #2 Fund: Check numbers 1262-1266, totaling \$116,674.75

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Board, **Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to Adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer