

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

June 15, 2022

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

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

Others Present: Nancy Crocker, Tate Fonda for TheBatavian.com

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, and approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on May 18, 2022 on a motion offered by Trustee Yacuzzo, seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti, and passed unanimously. Minutes from the June 13th Sewer Board meeting were accepted on a motion offered by Trustee Yacuzzo, seconded by Trustee Kettle, and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Village Clerk's Office received a phone call from a representative of NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (which also includes wastewater assistance), stating that there were LeRoy residents trying to get assistance and they wanted the Village to get set up as a vendor on their portal. Mayor Rogers said he'd called them three weeks prior and was told at that time there were no residents from the Village interested in the program. Clerk-Treasurer Carmel stated that must have changed since then and offered to get the Village set up with the program.

Genesee County Office of Emergency Services announced a meeting for elected officials on June 22 to review the new county-wide Comprehensive Fire & Emergency Medical Service Implementation Plan. Mayor Rogers felt it was very important that someone attend the meeting.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD:

- Chief Kellogg said the Civilian Response to an Active Shooter course hosted by the Dept. and open to the public was well-received, with 40 attendees. Many more residents have reached out since.
- The Dept.'s recent In-Service Training included use-of-force tactics, firearm training, learning about blood-borne pathogens and PPE, etc.
- There's a lot of interest in a Citizens Police Academy. He's reached out to local agencies. Other communities have it and we have the resources. It's a great thing to offer to the community.
- 78 Lake St. - Code Enforcement Officer gave notice to the owner.
- Car break-ins – the person responsible has done the same thing in other communities and will be arrested soon. This isn't a LeRoyan.

Trustee Bonacquisti commented that he has a friend in another community where they don't have an SRO in the schools and he's pleased we are so proactive and ahead of the game here that kids in the elementary school see officers in a new light. Trustee Yacuzzo added that just having an officer in the schools is a deterrent.

Trustee Tetrault asked if they see more calls with the warmer weather. Chief Kellogg agreed they are busier, with more people drinking and partying.

Trustee Yacuzzo asked if 66 Lake St. had "settled down" and the Chief said it had.

WWTF:

- Superintendent Carroll stated the facility has had a rocky couple of months. Contractors have put the last pile in for the new influent structure. It's been a struggle between him, CPL, and the inspectors. A lot of nitpicking going on.
- They have the new generator up and running and propose the original 60kw generator (which still works) go to the DPW, with the value around \$6000. The Mayor proposed a swap between departments.

DPW:

- Supervisor Lathan stated that while a subcontractor, Sewer Specialties Services, cleaned the sewer lines on Hilltop, it caused a backup into the bathroom at 14 Hilltop. Sewer Specialties Services requested that the Village install a back flow preventer. The Board advised that the contractor should cover the damage and furnishing replacement costs to the homeowner.

Clerk:

- Clerk-Treasurer Carmel stated tax and sewer bill payment was now available on the Village's new website, for a fee. They've been testing it out with just a couple people before announcing it to the public and found an issue with the unavailability of echeck payment, though payment with debit/credit worked fine. They are looking into the problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mill St. Ramps and Sidewalks Project: The project plans are in the Clerk's Office, Village Engineers, CPL, has gone over them, the DOT has okay'd them. Trustee Yacuzzo offered **a motion for a Resolution to begin the work on the Mill St. Ramps and Sidewalks project.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

WWTF Project: Trustee Yacuzzo made **a motion for a Resolution to Authorize Pay Application #12 to Wind-Sun Construction for \$643,501.50.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Tetrault, Yacuzzo, Bonacquisti, and Kettle, and Mayor Rogers – all Aye.

Lathan Tree Service: DPW Sup. Lathan explained the contract with Lathan Tree Service for tree removal in the Village, with a 3-man crew at prevailing rate, and stump removal without clean up, was up soon, with an option for renewal. Lathan Tree Service needs to increase the original contract by 14% to cover increases in costs. There was a discussion of rates for similar work from other local companies and Sup. Lathan felt this was a better deal. Trustee Kettle felt it should go out to bid. Trustee Tetrault felt there were no good deals at the moment.

Trustee Yacuzzo made **a motion for a Resolution to Extend the Contract with Lathan Tree Service for three years with the 14% price increase.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – No, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for Proposed Sewer Rate Increase: Trustee Yacuzzo made **a motion for a Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing to discuss a proposed sewer rate increase at the next Village Board Meeting on July 20th at 7pm at Village Hall.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Request for Sewer Credit - 27 East Main: The Sewer Board, at the meeting on June 13th, recommended rejecting a sewer credit requested by owner Gary Miller for the property located at 27 East Main. Trustee Yacuzzo made **a motion for a Resolution to grant \$2500 credit on the sewer account #00082 if the remainder due on the account is paid in a timely manner.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Mayor Rogers stated he'd inform Gary Miller of the terms of the Resolution.

Request to Rename Pool House: Former resident Michael Welsh, member of the LeRoy Community Swimming Pool Association, and friend of the late Thomas Spadaro, spoke eloquently of Mr. Spadaro's tremendous contributions of time, energy, expertise, and the love for his community during the campaign to save the pool many years ago, through its renovation, reopening, and continuing on to his recent passing. The Pool Association plans a Hall of Fame for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of LeRoy Recreation, the first part of which would be to rename the Pool House in honor of Tom Spadaro. The second part would be a plaque and framed photo of the 1969 Association members at the ground-breaking ceremony for the pool, so they are honored, as well.

As Tom Spadaro's classmate, Trustee Yacuzzo made **a motion for a Resolution that the LeRoy Pool House be renamed after Thomas Spadaro.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Kettle and, as there was not further discussion, the motion passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Bookkeeping Services – Jennifer Wolcott: Clerk-Treasurer Carmel stated that Jennifer Wolcott, who has provided bookkeeping services to the Village for several years, continued to do so after the Village's accounting firm, Freed, Maxick, dropped its municipal accounts last year. For a while, she worked through the office of Starowitz & Hofrichter CPA's but has now decided to leave that company and offered to provide bookkeeping services on her own. She sent the Village a letter of intent and understanding, at a lower fee than the Village had paid through the accounting firms.

Trustee Tetrault made **a motion for a Resolution to Approve Bookkeeping Services provided by Jennifer Wolcott at a fee of \$1,000/month.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and, as there was not further discussion, the motion passed with voting as follows: Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Kettle – Aye, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

Added - Auto Insurance Policy Audit: Mayor Rogers announced that Mike Tucci from Tompkins Insurance had done an audit of the vehicle insurance policy and found a way to save the Village about \$1,500 a year by increasing the deductible amount.

LeRoy Golf Course: Mayor Rogers stated that he'd received an email from Jim Gomborone, owner of the LeRoy Country Club, who wants to install solar panels to run the pumps for the golf course on his property off North Ave. It would be located on a corner of the golf course and not be in anyone's way. The Village once had a pump on North Ave. and Mr. Gomborone bought it to pump water to the golf course, now he wants to put in solar panels to run the pump.

Questions arose as to whether it would require a zoning change. Trustee Bonacquisti asked if they could see plans for it. Trustee Tetrault asked wasn't there a moratorium on solar farms? This apparently wouldn't be a solar farm, it was just for personal use. In the end, the Board decided they needed to get further clarification on the plan before making any decisions.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Bonacquisti: Nothing.

Trustee Kettle: He appreciates all that the Pool Board has done in acknowledging Tom Spadaro's contributions.

Trustee Tetrault: He mentioned an article in the Batavia Daily where the city was considering allowing chickens to be raised in the city. There was a short discussion about the Village ordinance against chickens.

Trustee Yacuzzo: Regarding sidewalk issues, there's a spot in front of 39 Lake that's in bad shape and he's heard there's an area near 11 East Ave. that's a problem as well.

Mayor Rogers: He stated Tom Spadaro did a lot of work for to fix the pool, he ran events, and fund-raised. He thanked Mike Welsh for bringing the request to the Board.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

A motion to pay bills retroactive to 6/7/22 was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti and seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed unanimously. Payment is as follows:

General Fund – Auto pays and check numbers 25087 - 25166, totaling \$178,065.48

There being no further business before the Board, **a motion was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti to adjourn**, seconded by Trustee Tetrault and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer