

VILLAGE OF LEROY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on

February 7, 2022

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers; Trustees James Bonacquisti, William Kettle, and Richard Tetrault; Chief of Police Gregory Kellogg; Supt. of WWTF Steve Carroll; Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel; 1 citizen. Trustee Ray Yacuzzo was excused.

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

1. Resolution Sharon Jeary through June

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion for a resolution to approve consulting compensation for Sharon Jeary. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR CONSULTING TO VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, Sharon Jeary was employed by the Village as Clerk-Treasurer and retired on July 2, 2021, and

WHEREAS, in her place a Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were hired to assume her responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, in order to have a smooth transition Sharon Jeary will act as a consultant to the Village to provide guidance to the Department, Policy and Procedures and other areas of need as required by the Village, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby hire Sharon Jeary retroactively from July 5, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as a Consultant to the Village for the compensation of \$13,750.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amount of \$1,250.00 will begin weekly as of July 5 – September 30, 2021 for a total of \$8,750.00, remainder \$5,000.00 to be paid monthly for a total of \$13,750.00.

2. Sewer Board Recommendation on Aluminum Injection Mold

Mayor Rogers and Trustee Yacuzzo met with the Sewer Board at its regular meeting on January 27, regarding Aluminum Injection Mold (AIM), a plastic injection molding company located at 8741 Lake Street. Part of the company’s process involves 30 cooling units which use water which evaporates and therefore does not enter the sewer system. Since Village sewer billing is based on water usage, the company requests they be allowed to install a separate water meter to isolate water usage for that production cooling process, which will not be billed for sewer usage.

On the recommendation of the Sewer Board, Trustee Tetrault made a motion for a resolution to approve the request of AIM to install a second water meter and allow water usage to be isolated from sewer cost for their production cooling process. AIM would be responsible for the installation and the reporting of meter reading. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

3. Set Up \$100,000 Employee Benefit Line Item

Mayor Rogers' original plan for the Village to directly reimburse employees up to the amount of their individual health insurance deductibles didn't work out, for legal reasons. Therefore, the Village will fund a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, which will reimburse employees for qualified medical expenses up to their deductible amounts each year, with a third party administrator through Tompkins Insurance.

Mayor Rogers stated the Village also anticipates 3 or 4 employee retirements in the coming years and wants to be prepared by setting funds aside now and budgeting into it each year.

Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion to set up the HRA and fund a \$100,000 line item from the General Fund for the purposes of Employee Benefits. It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. The resolution for the HRA bank account is attached to these minutes.

4. Sewer Board Appointments

Mayor Rogers appointed Colin Dailey to the Sewer Board and Gerry Aron as the Sewer Board Chair.

5. Schedule Budget Workshops

Budget workshops will start the first week in March.

6. 143 Lake St. Development

Developer Eric Biscaro has reached out to the property owners for the same type of project originally planned for East Ave., including the Pilot Plan. The property is zoned R3. Would have to change the zoning? The entrance could be on Rt. 19 before the transfer station. There's a lot of interest from people in development like this in the Village and the expansion would be good for the sewer system.

7. Tentative Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

The Mayor doesn't have anyone to appoint.

8. WWTF Upgrade Possibilities

The upgrade to handle everything will cost up to \$15 million.

Supt. Carroll stated the DEC stopped the Village use of the compost facility. It created an unfunded mandate by requiring that they remove phosphorus, which doubles the solids, doubles the costs of hauling, and increases the cost of chemistry. He's worried about the smell associated with the sludge. They have to treat it with permanganate so the landfill will take it. If the landfill stops accepting it, the only thing to do is liquid hauling.

Original cost of the project was \$9 million, but they added UV processing and then the state mandates were made after all the plans were set. The engineers believe they can get additional funding. Sewer rate increases were discussed. Supt. Carroll is scrutinizing the industry, looking into different rate structures. The Sewer Board will make a recommendation on rates at its March 1 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons was made by Trustee Bonacquisti and seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Mayor Rogers asked that Chief Kellogg and Clerk-Treasurer Carmel attend this session. Session entered at 7:31 pm.

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Bonacquisti offered a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye. Session entered at 8:30pm. No action taken during executive session.

9. MOU Agreement

On the recommendation of Chief Kellogg, Trustee Bonacquisti made a **motion to authorize the Chief to sign the MOU agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office and the Batavia City Police Dept. for the operation of Emergency Response Team.** It was seconded by Trustee Kettle and passed with voting as follows: Trustees Bonacquisti, Kettle, Tetrault, and Mayor Rogers – Aye.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Carmel, Clerk-Treasurer