

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Rogers; Trustees James Bonacquisti, Raymond Yacuzzo, and Richard Tetrault; Chief of Police Greg Kellogg; Supt. of STP Steve Carroll; Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Carmel; Andrew Kosa of CPL, nine citizens.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees dated March 17, 2021 (this was missed at the time) and August 18, 2021 as previously printed and presented. Seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and on a call of votes Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Rogers announced continued correspondence from Mike Canton, Computel, regarding Gross Tax Receipts and RG&E Info about a continuing lawsuit brought on behalf of several municipalities, including Village of LeRoy, the NYS Division of Budget announced the Village received an additional allocation of \$1,776.60 from the COVID Recovery Fund, a letter was received from a resident in appreciation of the Wolcott Street Project and construction workers, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church & Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

LPD – Chief Kellogg said the Police Dept. was okay.

STP – Supt. Carroll said the Sewage Treatment Plant was doing very well with the surplus auctions lately.

DPW – Supt. Lathan was not at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution Wolcott St. Villager Pay App #3** - Upon recommendation of the Village engineers, CPL, pay application #3 from Villager Construction was received for the Wolcott Street Reconstruction project and a motion was offered by Trustee Yacuzzo and seconded by Trustee Tetrault for a resolution to authorize payment of said application. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- b. **Resolution WWTF Kaplan Pay App #2** - Upon recommendation of the Village engineers, CPL, pay application #2 from Kaplan-Schmidt Electrical was received for the WWTF project and a motion was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti for a resolution to authorize payment of said application and was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- c. **Resolution WWTF Wind-Sun Pay App #3** - Upon recommendation of the Village engineers, CPL, pay application #3 was received from Wind-Sun Construction for the WWTF project. A motion was offered by Trustee Tetrault for a resolution to authorize payment of said application and seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes:

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Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

- d. **Resolution Award Sidewalk Replacements** - Mayor Rogers respectfully requested that the Board not offer a motion for a resolution to award the sidewalk replacement bid. Trustee Yacuzzo asked if that included the Mill Street Corner and Mayor Rogers indicated that was correct, he believed they should roll it over into the next year. Trustee Bonacquisti made a motion not to award the sidewalk bid and roll the money so earmarked into next year's budget. Trustee Tetrault seconded the motion. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- e. **Resolution Removal of Sewer Charges** - Upon recommendation of the LeRoy Code Enforcement Office and the Village of LeRoy Sewer Board, Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion for a resolution to authorize the deletion of sewer account #02810, 5 North St., in the amount of \$260.00. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti and on a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER ACCOUNT
5 NORTH STREET**

MOTION BY Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS, James Christner is property owner of 5 North Street a two-family home, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christner appealed to the Board of Trustees and applied to the Code Enforcement Officer to have his two-family home reduced from the two-family to a single-family home, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer, after an inspection determined the property is eligible to be reduced to a single-family home, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agrees with the reduction to a single-family home,
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the deletion of Account number 02810, 5 North Street, in the amount of \$260.00.

SECONDED BY Trustee Bonacquisti and on a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye. Motion carried.

- f. **Resolution School Sewer Reduction** - Item of New Business out of order due to similar subject as previous – A motion was made by Trustee Yacuzzo to reduce the LeRoy Central School sewer bill and was seconded by Trustee Tetrault. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Rogers explained that at the last Board of Trustees meeting, the Public Hearing of Local Law #5 of 2021, concerning a zone change, was held open. Considering that this current meeting did not have a full Board in attendance, a motion was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti to table the Public Hearing until the next Board of Trustees meeting on October 4, 2021, 7PM, at the Memorial Auditorium. A Public Notice would go in the paper. It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Request School Crossing Guard** - Request from LeRoy Jr/Sr High School for an additional Crossing Guard – according to the school’s letter, they’re having drop-off issues on school property. Chief Kellogg explained it would be for about 50 minutes per day, that Crossing Guard Loftus on South St. could fulfill that position, and the school will reimburse. A motion was made by Trustee Tetrault to fulfill the school’s request for an additional Crossing Guard on school property and was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- b. **Letter of Resignation** - A motion was made by Trustee Yacuzzo to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Part-Time Patrol Officer, Eric Miller, and was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- c. **Declare Surplus Equipment** - On the recommendation of Chief Kellogg, Trustee Bonacquisti offered a motion to declare as surplus equipment a Police Glock Pistol (transfer to Eric Miller) and a 2013 Ford Explorer Police Car (sell at auction). It was seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and on a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- d. **Request Purchase Police Sedan** - At the request of Chief Kellogg, Trustee Tetrault made a motion to purchase a replacement police sedan at auction, utilizing allotted and approved budget monies, not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.
- e. **Resolution Starowitz Accounting Services** - Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to approve a resolution to approve accounting services with Starowitz & Hofrichter CPA’s, LLP. It was seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTING SERVICES WITH STAROWITZ
& HOFRICHTER CPA’S, LLP**

MOTION BY Trustee Yacuzzo

WHEREAS, the Village of LeRoy contracted Freed Maxick Accountants to provide internal accounting services for the Village, and

WHEREAS, recently, the Village received notification that Freed Maxick will no longer be providing these services, and

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WHEREAS, the information has been received from Starowitz & Hofrichter CPA's LLP that they are able to provide the internal accounting services for the Village, and

WHEREAS, said fees for these services will be \$1,300 per month, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby approves Starowitz & Hofrichter CPA's LLP to provide accounting services beginning September 2021 and will be ongoing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Starowitz & Hofrichter CPA's LLP for said services.

SECONDED BY Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye. Motion carried.

Town Councilman Ron Pangrazio – Town Board – Approved a water line proposal. There's a solar project at the transfer station. Dropping the easement on West Main. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Risewick is having surgery on the 30th and will be out for quite a while and the other COEs will be available while he's gone.

Trustee Yacuzzo asked what's happening with the old Wickes property, and Mr. Pangrazio responded that it's pending in court.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Florence Condidorio pointed out that it was difficult getting her wheelchair into the side door of Village Hall due to a lip in the threshold. Mayor Rogers said he would see what could be done about it. Trustee Yacuzzo mentioned there are aluminum plates that could fit over something like that.

Mrs. Condidorio asked about the questions she and her husband had emailed to the Village and if there was a timeline for them to be answered. Mayor Rogers responded that they were gathering the plans and studies and would post them on the Village website for everyone to see as soon as they could get them together.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trustee Tetrault – He had noticed a lot of dead trees in the Village and asked if there was money in the budget to plant new trees? Mayor Rogers agreed that they planned to reinvest in trees, specifically on Wolcott St. Trustee Yacuzzo said he'd talked to DPW Superintendent Lathan who said he was looking into it.

Trustee Bonacquisti – nothing.

Trustee Yacuzzo – nothing.

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Mayor Rogers – he and Trustee Yacuzzo met with Alma Brown, the Administrator for the Main St. Grant and felt that lower Main St. (Bank St. to the bridge) would have a nice face lift when it was done. They intend to apply for a grant for upper Main St. (Bank St. to the Village Hall) later.

Mayor Rogers thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons was made by Trustee Bonacquisti, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried. Mayor Rogers asked that the Board, Chief Kellogg, and Clerk-Treasurer Carmel attend this session. Session entered at 7:31pm.

Trustee Yacuzzo made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:50pm, seconded by Trustee Bonacquisti. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried. No action was taken during executive session.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS – Motion to pay bills was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti and seconded by Trustee Tetrault. On a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

General Fund – ACH and check numbers 24310, 24312, and 24555-24600, totaling \$829,523.07

ADJOURN – There being no further business, a motion was offered by Trustee Bonacquisti to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Yacuzzo and on a call of votes: Trustee Bonacquisti – Aye, Trustee Tetrault – Aye, Trustee Yacuzzo – Aye, Mayor Rogers – Aye, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Carmel,
Clerk-Treasurer