

# Town of Leicester Work Meeting November 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

## Meeting minutes

Here are the detailed meeting minutes for the Town of Leicester Work Meeting on November 12, 2024:

### Open Meeting

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Budget Hearing Still Open

Supervisor Richard White noted that the budget hearing was left open from the previous meeting to allow more people to attend. He mentioned that there were the same attendees as before.

### Correspondence General Info

#### Dwight Kanyuck: White Creek Update and Local law Compliance 7:45pm

Supervisor White mentioned that Dwight Kanyuck would be arriving around 7:45 pm to give an update on White Creek and discuss a local law compliance issue that needed to be signed.

#### Paula Smith: Bathrooms at Park.

Supervisor White informed the board that he had sent everyone a letter from Paula Smith regarding the bathrooms at the park. He noted that the building was constructed around 1975 and finished by the town. He mentioned that it was stripped and likely had no historic value, with minimal to no asbestos concerns.

James Campbell, the town attorney, confirmed that if the building itself wasn't registered as historic, the town would be fine to move forward with any plans. He also mentioned that it would be very difficult to transfer or surrender the park to the state or anyone else, as it would require special legislation from the state legislature.

Supervisor White expressed his desire to keep the park, as it is the only town park they have. Karen Roffe suggested that the park and the Greenway could work in harmony together, even if owned by different entities.

#### Tim Archibald resigned from Traffic Safety Board -

Supervisor White informed the board that Tim Archibald had resigned from the traffic safety board. Russell Page agreed to fill the position as an alternate for the rest of the year until a replacement could be found.

Russell Page mentioned that recent meetings had not had enough attendance to meet a quorum, preventing them from voting. He also noted that the state representatives had not been attending meetings, which was problematic as many issues involved state roads.

Board members discussed the ineffectiveness of the traffic safety board, with many expressing frustration at the lack of action from the state on various issues.

#### Code Officer: Advertisement posted

Supervisor White reported that an advertisement for the code officer position had been posted. Amy Neumann confirmed that the position had been advertised with the county workforce development and labor department. No applications had been received yet.

#### Three Quotes on Torture Tree: Pruning per proposal

Supervisor White presented three quotes for pruning the Torture Tree:

The board discussed the quotes and the need to ensure prevailing wage requirements were met. Karen Roffe expressed support for accepting the lowest bid as long as their arborist was present during the work.

**Quote from Highway Department: Demolition of Bathrooms, reclaim lawn space and box out for Gazebo.**

Russell Page provided an estimate of \$8,500 for the demolition of the bathrooms, stabilizing and reclaiming the lawn area, and boxing out for a new gazebo. The board discussed the need to officially declare the bathroom building as surplus before proceeding with demolition.

#### Quote on water salesman: Limited sourcing – need to waive purchasing policy.

Supervisor White presented a quote for a new water salesman from Utility Technologies, LLC for \$8,755. He explained that they would need to waive the procurement policy due to limited suppliers. The new system would accept coins and dollar bills, potentially saving on the use of quarters.

#### County Highway contract Extension

Supervisor White mentioned that the county highway contract for snow and ice removal needed to be renewed. The contract had a slight increase of \$100 per mile.

#### Lawley Insurance Renewal

Supervisor White reported that the town's insurance renewal had increased by around \$1,000 overall, bringing the total to approximately \$27,000.

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the Lawley Insurance renewal. Jason Yasso seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### White Creek Solar Public Hearing in York 11/13/24

Supervisor White reminded the board that the White Creek Solar public hearing would be held at 6:00 pm the following night in York.

#### Actions

110124: Motion to accept low bid and authorize supervisor to sign the agreement to prune and stabilize the Boyd & Parker Bur oak known as the torture tree in the amount of \$5,700.00. (to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement)

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to accept the lowest bid and authorize the supervisor to sign the agreement to prune and stabilize the Boyd & Parker Bur oak known as the Torture Tree in the amount of \$5,700.00, to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement. Matt Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

110224: Motion to accept Highway Estimate and supervisor to sign estimate for Demolition of Bathrooms, stabilize and reclaim lawn area and box out for new Gazebo in the amount of \$8,500.00. (to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement)

Motion: Jason Yasso moved to declare the bathroom building at Boyd Parker Park as surplus property. Karen Roffe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Motion: Jason Yasso moved to hire the highway department to demolish the bathroom building and reclaim the soil, not to exceed \$10,000 at this point. Karen Roffe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

110324: Motion to use the Professional Services of Josh Galiley Master Arborist to oversee the Tree Pruning of the Torture Tree (110124) at a rate of \$110.00 hour. (to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement)

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to use the professional services of Josh Galiley, Master Arborist, to oversee the tree pruning of the Torture Tree at a rate of \$110.00 per hour, to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement. Matt Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

110424: Motion to accept lowest quote on Gazebo for Boyd Parker Park from Amish on Stagecoach Road in Conesus, 12 x 20 Stained with Rails and delivered, in the amount of \$3,370.00 delivered. (to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement)

Motion: Gerald Hull moved to accept the lowest quote on the gazebo for Boyd Parker Park from the Amish on Stagecoach Road in Conesus, for a 12x20 stained gazebo with rails, delivered, in the amount of \$3,370.00, to be funded by county ARPA reimbursement. Jason Yasso seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

110524: Motion to purchase new water salesman from Utility Technologies, LLC per the attached quote in the amount of \$8,755.00 (to be funded by Town ARPA Funds)

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to purchase a new water salesman from Utility Technologies, LLC per the attached quote in the amount of \$8,755.00, to be funded by Town ARPA Funds. Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 110624: Motion to have supervisor sign statement of compliance for White Creek Solar Project Submitted by Dwight Kanyuck and reviewed by James Campbell.

James Campbell provided an overview of the White Creek Solar Project compliance statement, which addressed four main areas:

Campbell explained that the proposed waivers were reasonable and consistent with state regulations. He recommended accepting the waivers as they substantially complied with the town's intent in their local code.

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the statement of compliance for the White Creek Solar Project submitted by Dwight Kanyuck and reviewed by James Campbell. Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 110724: Discuss budget changes if any, Motion to close the public hearing on the Budget.

Supervisor White discussed two changes to the budget:

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to close the public hearing on the budget. Gerald Hull seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 110824: Motion to adopt the budget as it stands.

Motion: Jason Yasso moved to adopt the budget with the two changes discussed. Karen Roffe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 110924: Motion to have Supervisor and Highway Superintendent sign extension for snow and ice removal contract with Livingston County.

Motion: Gerald Hull moved to extend the snow and ice removal contract with Livingston County. Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor White Aye, Councilmember Jason Yasso, Aye, Councilmember Gerald Hull, Aye, Councilmember Karen Roffe, Aye, Councilmember Matthew Durbin, Aye. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 111024: Motion to have Supervisor sign MOU:

Motion: Jason Yasso moved to have Supervisor sign MOU. Matthew Durbin seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 111124: Motion to have Supervisor sign Binder with Lawley Insurance:

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to have Supervisor White sign the binder with Lawley Insurance. Matthew Durbin seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 111224: Motion to Accept the Fire Budget and file with Towns Final Budget:

Motion: Gerald Hull moved to accept the Fire Budget and file with the Towns Final passed Budget. Jason Yasso seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### Pre-Pay Claims

Motion: Jason Yasso moved to approve the pre-pay claims in the amount of \$36,068.94. Karen Roffe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Executive Session

There was no executive session held during this meeting.

### Adjournment

Motion: Karen Roffe moved to adjourn the meeting . Jason Yasso seconded the motion.The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Neumann, Town Clerk