

**TOWN OF LEICESTER  
WORK BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Leicester Town Board was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Leicester Town Hall located at 132 Main Street, Leicester NY 14481.

**Present:** Rich White, Town Supervisor; Councilmembers, Gerald Hull, Karen Roffe, and Matthew Durbin, Russell Page, Highway Superintendent, Amy Neumann, Town Clerk

**Excused:** Councilmember Jason Yasso

**Others:** Rich Neumann, Lisa Semmel, Rob Semmel, Renee Fanaro, John Yasso, Jo Barratt, Todd Lubanski.

The meeting opened at 6pm and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Supervisor White.

**Old Business:**

**Review Village Contracts, (Water, Fire, IMA):** Review for the Town Board to discuss next meeting. Mayor Briffa will be present at the next meeting. John Yasso, Leicester Fire Department will be doing a presentation.

**Tarpon Towers (Update):** The Tower is in place. No antennas currently in place.

**Highway Equipment Information Requested, Russ Page:** Russ Page did research and looked at the two transfers and they came from the money market account. Supervisor White requested Justin Bennett from Baldwins to help find where funds for equipment came from. Justin Bennett provided some Insite and said they were wanting to use ARPA Funds to offset the water deficit.

**Torture Tree Update, Russ Page:** Russell Page has been in contact and discussion with Arborist and Josh has donated his time done test on the tree and will do a report in February as a work meeting presentation.

Historian Karen Roffe gave details that the Torture Tree is the Largest Burr Oak in the State that they knew of and is in the New York State Records as a Champion Tree. Cabling of the tree has been done in the past and needs preservation and maintenance. Cemetery trees have come down and smashed stones. There is Botsford trust for the cemetery and may be able to use it for maintenance. Supervisor White said let's see if we can come up with a plan.

**New Business:**

**Youth Board, Renee Fanaro:** Presented Update on the Teen Youth Recognition is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Looking for quality applications for the validity of the award. Looking for 3-5 student information has been put on the Town Website. RFP Program Due January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and there are funds for organizations for equipment.

**Donations:** A Motion was made to approve the following 2024-year donations by Councilmember Matthew Durbin and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull.

<b>Mt Morris Public Library</b>	<b>AA7410 \$350.00</b>
<b>Concerts in the Park</b>	<b>AA7110 \$500.00 (November approved.)</b>
<b>York/Leicester Senior Citizen</b>	<b>AA7550 \$650.00</b>

**York/Leicester Field Days** AA7550 \$1000.00  
**American legion/Leicester** AA7550 \$350.00  
**York/Leicester Kiwanis, Star Park** AA7110 \$3500.00  
Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

**Abstract of Claims for Prepays \$29,364.12: -(Water Bills)**

A Motion was made to approve the Pre-Paid Abstract of Claims minus the water bills by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin.  
Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Supervisor White, state the water bills from York and the Village of Leicester to be turned over to LCWSA.

**Supervisors Subjects:**

**Planning Board Vacancy:** A Motion was made to reappoint Renee Fanaro to the Planning Board for 5-year term by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

**AKZO Committee Meeting:** Supervisor White states might have finalization in February.

**Training Rochester:** Supervisor White has Training in Rochester for Newly Elected this week starting Wednesday to Friday.

**Town Attorney:** Supervisor White had a meeting with James Campbell. Supervisor White asked if there were any comments or concerns from the Town Board or Public. There were none.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. at 7:23 pm.  
Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Amy Neumann, Town Clerk