

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular/Public Hearing Meeting of the Leicester Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Leicester Town Hall.

**Present:** David Fanaro, Supervisor; Matthew Durbin, Karen Roffe, Gerald Hull, Councilmembers; Russell Page, Highway Superintendent; Amy Neumann, Town Clerk.

**Absent:** Jason Yasso, Councilmember.

**Others:** Renee Fanaro, John Yasso, Lisa Semmel, Rob Semmel.

**Minutes: January 10, 2023 Work Meeting and January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting:** A Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes presented by Councilmember, Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember, Matthew Durbin.  
Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

**Highway Superintendent, Russell Page:**

**Surplus Items:** A Motion was made to surplus items properly by Councilmember Gerald Hull, and Seconded by Councilmember, Karen Roffe.  
Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

**Highway Floor, Office, Break Room, and Bathroom:** Jaz Cam would like to have asbestos tests done before moving forward at Towns cost. Paradime, John Nardozi.

**2016 Wheeled Excavator** \$155, 000.00, 3800 hours. Trade in value of ours \$35,000.00. Supervisor Fanaro requested the hours on machine to be forwarded to the Town Board and Town Supervisor. Purchased in 2006.

No update from Town Attorney on the Lanes in Cuylerville as per Town Supervisor. Trees are dead. Town Attorney away right now.

**HIGHWAY SUPT. REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2023**

- Some snow and or ice removal. (Eleven days out of the past thirty-five)
- Working on some sign replacement.
- Equipment service and repair.
- Cleaned the shop, created a list of items to surplus.
- Hauled in a couple salt orders replenishing the stockpile.
- Had a NYMIR inspection.

- Had some cold patching of potholes.
- Had some more streetlight outages to submit.
- Starting to compile road projects and quotes for the summer season.

### **“WATER BUSINESS”**

- Routine daily/monthly water check and testing.
- Had a few water service stakeouts.
- Had a meeting with Jason Molino from the Liv. Co. Water Authority, councilman Hull and Town highway/water staff. Went over water operations data. Reviewed results from the prior action item list and created more action items. Working on that list to include Walking watermain, checking creek, streams and ditch lines for any unusual appearance of water, listening to hydrants and valves, checking vacant homes and lots, documenting/mapping curb boxes, valves and services.
- Pulled a fire hydrant on Covington Road that was leaking and repaired.
- Guys attended a water class put on at the Liv. Co. Health Dept. and another class put on at GCC in Batavia.
- Broke down the old water meters and sent them to the scrap yard.

### **Code Enforcement Report, Sean Sullivan:**

1/11/2023 – 2/13/2023

1/23/2023 Provided a 911 address to Andrew Cutting who is building a new home located at the new address of 2702 Peoria Road, tax parcel ID: 79.-1-31.2 (pending final approval from the County) Heather Ferrero instructed me on how to use the formula to determine the new address.

1/28/2023 Responded to a fire at the home of Gary and Shirley Peffers 4689 York Road. The fire was confined to the chimney. I sent Gary and Shirley a letter with the procedure for getting their wood burning appliance back online.

1/30/2023 Researched the property owner of 2094 Perry Road. None of the phone numbers that I came up with were working. I sent an email to Bernadette Drake regarding the barn that has come down in the right of way on Perry Road. To date I have not received any correspondence from here. I will send a letter regarding the issue.

1/30/2023 Spoke with Bruce Seeber regarding procedure for a subdivision.

1/ 13/2023 Spoke with Eric Butler regarding a demolition of a house located at 1789 Bush Road.

1/23/2023 Spoke with Kevin O’Donoghue (Welch and O’Donoghue Land Surveyors) regarding procedures for a simple subdivision of the property located at 5196 South Street.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sean M. Sullivan

CEO Town of Leicester

**Old Business:**

**NYMIR/Discussion:** The updated checklist will be followed up by the Highway Superintendent, Russell Page.

**NYSEG Lights:** LED Lights, Supervisor Fanaro emailed back with intent to move forward. Up to 9 months but we are on the list to get this process started. Supervisor Fanaro will keep Town Board informed.

**New Business:**

**Historian, Karen Roffe Annual Report:**

## **LEICESTER TOWN & VILLAGE HISTORIAN 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2022 Summary:**

This year has been another busy year with opportunities to enhance Leicester history. In 2021 I had submitted grant applications to the Pomeroy Foundation Transportation Marker Program for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. I spent countless hours researching in order to meet their requirements. This year I was awarded two grants totaling \$2,800.00 for two Historic Markers for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. On November 5th a Dedication Ceremony was held in Cuylerville.

In October 2021 I was contacted by Professor Michael Orberg from the SUNY Geneseo Center for Local and Municipal History concerning a Grant program to provide a student intern and there would not be any cost to the Town. I requested an intern to help create a photographic inventory of the Town of Leicester photographs. The internships would start in the Spring of 2022 and the student would work for 150 hours on a project. I applied for a intern and was assigned William Allen, a third year Honors history major. From January to May we met at least three days a week. I selected twelve categories, and the photographs were scanned, assigned a number, and a data sheet was created for each photograph. A database of nearly 1,000 photographs was created.

I wrote an article "Oh the Traffic" for the Village Newsletter.

Jack Christiano's Eagle Scout project enhanced Boyd Parker Park by providing benches, re-setting the walkway at the Torture Tree and landscaping.

Some of the ongoing projects are to consolidate the Town Obituary files and, to continue to restructure the Historian files. The new filing cabinet is certainly appreciated.

Requests for information as well as donations to the Historical files continue.

### **Educational – Conferences:**

- DPSNY Webinar Photographs in the Archives - digitizing your photographic collections.

### **Events – Programs:**

As the Leicester Historian I continue to be involved in history-related activities to ensure that our history is recognized as an important contribution to Livingston County heritage. I have attended the following events.

- Docent at the Livingston County Historical Museum.
- Served on the Leicester Mural Committee.
- Attended the Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony for Jack Christiano.
- Attended the Dedication of the Leicester Mural.
- Attended Memorial Day Ceremonies.
- Attended a Native American Storyteller Program at the Geneseo Library.

### **Research – Projects:**

On a weekly basis advertisement, events, obituaries, real estate notices, and articles concerning Leicester are collected from on-line, newspapers, and other sources and are added to the history files.

- Research on-line
- History of early residents and Native American History
- Continue to consolidate and improve historical records.
- Photograph current changes in Leicester such as buildings, businesses, and signs.
- Consolidate the obituary records and create a user-friendly database.
- Organization and consolidation of the Leicester and Cuylerville Departments records.

### **Correspondence:**

Requests for information on Leicester History by telephone, mail, internet, and “on the streets” are constant. I have met with genealogists and researchers. The requests have included:

- Congregational Church in Cuylerville
- Goodell & Boies Families
- John Collar Family
- Slocum Family
- Bush Roadhouse owned by Eric Butler
- Teeple Family
- Emery Whitefield Allen
- Dale Family
- William Gould Family
- Miller Family
- Chadwick Family
- Sterling Salt Mine
- Starr Park History

## Donations and Acquisitions:

- Photographs - Jim Shaugnessy
- World War 2 photographs of Richard Roffe - Mark Roffe
- Community Dairy cottage cheese stamp - Honeoye Falls Historic Society
- American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book (1917) - Norman Patrick
- Monroe and Livingston County Book (1917)
- Biographical Review of Leading Citizens of Livingston and Wyoming County NY (1898)

## Future Goals:

Records management is a high priority. The older Historic Marker signs are badly in need of refurbishing, and I hope to have them restored in 2023. There are many topics I would like to write papers about. I have discovered to my surprise that people are unaware of Leicester history such as the existence of the Sterling Mine, Horatio Jones, Mary Jemison's life in Leicester.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen A. Roffe  
Leicester Town & Village Historian

No grants this year currently.

**FIVE STAR BANK Interest Rate:** Supervisor, Dave Fanaro said Five Star offered 3.75 % no with no specific returns.

**NY CLASS:** Would like to do a presentation for the Town Board. The interest of 4.45% from NY Class Supervisor would like to see what they have to offer. The supervisor would like to see what that process would be and re-introduce the NYCLASS to this current board.

**NOCO:** Presentation in first or second Tuesday of next month.

**Financial Reports:** A Motion to accept the Town Clerk Report and Monthly Receipt Sheet Reports was made by Councilmember Matthew Durbin and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull.

The supervisor likes the format of the new abstract and the checks are being done in house for vouchers. The Budget Report and Supervisors report has not been completed yet by EFPR Solutions to date. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

**Audit Bills:** A Motion was made to audit the bills and pay bills by Councilmember Matthew Durbin and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull.

ARPA	\$230.28
Prepaid	\$2,851.37
Prior Year	\$2,962.44
Regular	\$121,791.01
Total	\$127,835.10

Total

Town Clerk/Comptroller Signature

Amy L. Neumann

Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0

Supervisor Fanaro added that the ARPA FUNDS will be increasing for Town Distribution and what it can be used for. \$20,000.00 He was thinking of securing the roof system on the old bathroom at Boyd and Parker for ARPA for the Park Enhancements. With the stipulations this would meet criteria for funds. Park and Building on the Historical registry. We have to spend money first then be reimbursed.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. by Councilmember Karen Roffe, and Seconded by Councilmember, Matthew Durbin.

Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Neumann, Town Clerk