

**TOWN OF LEICESTER
SPECIAL MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING
WATER RATE INCREASE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Work/ Public Hearing meeting of the Leicester Town Board was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Leicester Town Hall.

Present: Jason Yasso, Deputy Supervisor; Gerald Hull, Karen Roffe, and Matthew Durbin Council Members; Russell Page; Amy Neumann, Town Clerk.

Absent: Dave Fanaro, Town Supervisor.

Others: Jason Molino, Livingston County Water Sewer Authority, Kimberly Burger, Linda Ellis, Rob Semmel, Lisa Semmel, John Leach, Kathy Montermarano, Joe Montermarano, Rich Neumann, Barb Dutton, Tamara Gullo, Tony Gullo, Todd Lunbanski, Samantha Bodrotti, Michael Mallaber, Ed Hauslauer, Chad Valentino, Stephanie Valentino, Jon Barratt, Fay Barratt, Dixie Christiano, Dan Christiano, Jack MacAnay, Dean Pendergast, Sandra Pendergast, Russ Page, Jerry Scaccia, Clara Scaccia, Ken Rizzo, and two other signatures that were illegible.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor, Jason Yasso.
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Deputy Supervisor, Jason Yasso.

The Deputy Supervisor, Jason Yasso declared the Public Hearing for the Water Rate Increase open for duration of the meeting. Deputy Supervisor, Jason Yasso asked if anyone had something to contribute or questions to please state name clearly for the meeting. Hearing is open for Public Comment.

There were many questions and answers between the public in attendance, the Town Attorney and the Town Board as well as Jason Molino from Livingston County Water Authority.

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso thanked the public for their attendance and comments and questions.

Insurance Claim: The Town Board would like the Town Attorney to investigate a claim to be paid for through Town insurance. The Town Attorney will follow up with this request. Town Attorney said the turn around can happen in a week.

Close Public Hearing: A Motion was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe to close the public hearing at 7:41 pm. and seconded by Gerald Hull to close public hearing.
Motion Carried, Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Water Rate Increase: A Motion was made to table the water rate increase by Councilmember Gerald Hull and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin.

Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Cell Tower report from Town Attorney, James Campbell: Received the proposed ground lease from Tarpon Towers, anchor tenant will be Verizon. 6-year conversation and at \$1000.00 per month and 2 percent increase annually and they will be building their own Tower with 5-year contract with 6 possible 5year extensions. Co locators on same tower would increase the rent by \$250.00 per co locator exceptions are 911 and EMS that doesn't pay. Hope to hear back shortly. You would by resolution authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the lease and is subject to a permissive referendum.

The Town Board would like the Town Attorney to continue the process forward.

Deputy Supervisor asked if there was anything else to come before the Town Board. Hearing none he Thanked the public for coming and knows this was a frustrating situation for the public and for the Town Board as well but good to hear from the public on these matters.

Adjournment: A motion to was made by Karen Roffe, and Seconded by Jerry Hull to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Respectfully Submitted by
Amy Neumann, Town Clerk