

TOWN OF LEICESTER, NY
WORK BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024, 7 :00 P.M.

OPEN MEETING: Pledge to the Flag was Led by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. The Work Board meeting held on Tuesday July 9th, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Leicester Town Hall located at 132 Main Street, Leicester, N.Y. 14481.

PRESENT: Supervisor, Richard White; Councilmembers, Jason Yasso, Gerald Hull, Karen Roffe, Matthew Durbin; Highway Superintendent, Russell Page; Town Clerk, Amy Neumann; Livingston County Water Sewer Authority Director, Jason Molino; Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Eric Weis.

OTHERS: John Yasso, Rich Neumann, Joe Newcomb, Heidi Newcomb, Lisa Semmel, Dennis Prevost.

Livingston County Water Sewer Authority: Director, Jason Molino – Explained to the Town Board the help they can provide to assist Town in water study: Draft Survey and Letter for timetable. Enough interest for informal survey. Town of Lima did this recently. Online survey or mail paper copy to customers. Depending on the response, if there is enough interest we would move forward with the map plan and report, and that would determine cost estimates as well. Before August 1st, First Letter and Second Letter in September with Results from Letters and Survey in October of 2024. Then we can move forward if it makes sense. A link and letter with QR code. First Steps.

Eric Weis, Similar path as before with Rt. 36 Water Project, there is a project we are doing in the Town of Bethany right now. The timing is based on the Grant Money that is available which is next June.

Councilmember Jason Yasso said he likes the survey, Councilmember Karen Roffe agreed.

Eric Weis said the Survey done at no expense to the Town. Then Survey Estimates will be to determine if affordable, map plan, report, and legal fees. The Town keeps track of all expenses then the expenses can be billed back to the district debt. Town Board feels should move forward with Survey. One response per property will be accepted.

A Motion to move forward with Survey with one response per property was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull.

Motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Approval of minutes: A Motion made to adopt the Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024, Work Meeting and May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting by Councilmember Gerald Hull, and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds / Boyd and Parker Park: No info tonight.

Benefits Package: Executive Session for two contracts coming up.

Village Contracts: Signed and waiting for village adoption.

Gutter Issues: In progress.

AKZO Settlement update: None.

Kauffman Utz Accounting: Started service for Town of Leicester Full-Service accounting and Payroll 7/1/2024. Town Supervisor, Richard White, thanked Town Clerk, Amy Neumann, for getting all the information that they had requested to being with the new accountant.

Daylon Swearingen, Town Signs: Waiting for quotes. Nothing new to report.

Attorney/Client zoom meeting 7/10/2024: Zoom link created for meeting with Fire Attorney, Mr. Pinsky, and Town Board only. The Town Clerk, Amy Neumann, sent the Town Board the link for that meeting for tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Supervisor, Richard White stated Meeting only for one hour and not public due to Attorney/Client privilege.

AFR – Filed 7/2/2024 (2 months late): with Extension 3 months late but filed and will get out to Town Board after Supervisor Richard White checks to make sure State accepted.

Handbooks: Last meeting spoke about handbooks and a Proposal from Company that Town Attorney Recommended. Company Public Sector HR Consultants LLC. Quote for \$5,700.00 and what that includes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sealing Back Parking Lot and Apron along with new Parking Lot Striping:

Seal a Deal Quote: \$1800.00 for sealing and \$375.00 for striping.

Fighting Irish Quote: \$1647.00 for all sealing and striping.

Motion by Councilmember Jason Yasso, Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin to accept quote up to \$1647.00.

Motion Carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0

Highway Superintendent Russell Page Pickup Truck Repair: 4-year-old pick up and this will be given as soon as received. Couple Thousand dollars already invested. Electrical problems.

BAN Renewal: Due in August. \$152,173.00 Budgeted \$35,386.00 Principal Payment and \$8,674.00 for the interest payment.

Percent: % 5.7 Interest on \$116,787.00 new Balance after this payment. Interest is a little high. Trending up interest rates. Supervisor Richard White would like to ask for the Boards approval to sign the renewal.

Councilmember Karen Roffe made a Motion to sign the BAN Renewal for one year and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Hourly Rate: Need to start paying for our recently retired employee insurance per contract. 1320 hours at hourly rate comes out to be \$37,000.00 for insurance. \$1,400.00 per month as the contract requires.

Lawley: Highway Superintendent Russell Page and Supervisor Richard White to sign and get back to Lawley as soon as possible. Electrical shut off switch and policy in place to have shut off at night when people leave. August 23, 2024, is the deadline.

Health Insurance: Highway Superintendent, Russell Page asked if the New Employee has been added to the Insurance Policy and has Edward Hauslauer been taken off? Also, we have removed Ed Hauslauer, and we took him off too soon so we must adjust one month, and June 1st will come out of Ed Hauslauer balance. New Employee has received all paperwork from town Clerk and has not received paperwork back on New Hire Paul Miller yet. He starts tomorrow July 10, 2024. Workers Comp is through County.

PRE-PAY CLAIMS: \$18,214.74 + \$240.00 = \$18,454.74.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull to audit and pay claims totaling \$18,454.74.

Motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Fire District: Resident Rich Neumann wants to know if there is an update on Combining the Fire Districts? Supervisor Richard White reported they are having a zoom meeting with the Attorney from Pinsky Law to answer some Town Board questions. Resident Rich Neumann asked if that is why the Town Board cancelled the meeting with the Village, Supervisor White clarified that the Village scheduled that meeting before the Town Board agreed to the meeting. Town Resident, Rich Neumann asked if there was a time limit on what decision is going to be made? Supervisor Richard White certainly hopes so. Town Resident replies, "So do I, \$44,000.00 worth of so do I!". Town Resident Rich Neumann, said, "This has been going on for a long time

so you can expect until a decision is made, you can be prepared I will be asking every meeting about the Fire District”. Supervisor White said, He will be prepared to have an answer, and he does not mind the tough questions however that will not mean that this process will be quicker because they will make the right decision. Councilmember, Gerald Hull said “Just because you are in a hurry, we need to do this right! Town Resident asked, “What would be a wrong decision?” Town Supervisor Rich white said we are trying to protect the Fire Departments biggest assets the Volunteers, preserve as many Volunteers as possible. Supervisor White wants everyone to be protected. Resident Rich Neumann said taxes are going to go up no matter what. However, it will be better to have one Fire Department not two, Tough decisions need to be made, no matter what. Supervisor White wants to make sure from a legal point we make the correct decisions.

Cell Tower: Town Resident Lisa Semmel asked is Tarpon Tower when will it be turned on and working discussion. Everything is up, but not on yet. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A Motion was made to enter executive session to discuss Employment Contracts at 7:45 p.m. by Councilmember Karen Roffe and Seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin.
Motion Carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Regular Session: A Motion made to return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. by Councilmember Jason Yasso and Seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe.
Motion Carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. by Councilmember Jason Yasso and Seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull.
Motion Carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Amy L. Neumann, Town Clerk