

# *Village of Leicester*

## **April 19, 2021 Board Work Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Briffa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor:** Barry Briffa

**Trustees:** Mike Constantino, Tom Frantz, Don Jacobs, Ken Rizzo

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Kirstie DeGraff

**Residents:** None

**2021-2022 Budget:** Mayor Briffa directed everyone to the proposed budget asking for review of each line item. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff noted that the Water Fund will be presented as a balanced budget for the first time in several years however the General Fund will be presented with an appropriated fund balance and every expense will increase that amount. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff also noted we are still waiting on the \$250,000 SAM Grant funds from DASNY for the Route 36 project.

**Municipal Agreement with Town:** Mayor Briffa directed everyone to the proposed Intermunicipal Services Agreement Between the Town of Leicester And Village of Leicester. There was discussion on the legality of the equipment rental fees being added to the agreement for the first time. It was agreed Mayor Briffa would research options.

**Village Hall:** The group reviewed the list of repairs Trustee Constantino and Trustee Rizzo comprised on the Village Hall. There was discussion on the feasibility of siding versus painting given the budget constraints. Mayor Briffa will work on bids for the building repairs.

**Park Gazebo:** Mayor Briffa noted he approved the quote from John Kalenak Painting & paper Hanging for \$900 to prep and paint the gazebo including materials. There was discussion on fixing or re-roofing first. Mayor Briffa will get quotes on the different options for the roof first.

**MRB Group:** There was discussion on why we are still getting invoices for services when the Route 36 Water Main replacement has been completed. Mayor Briffa noted that the Town got a grant for water meter replacement and that he has spoken with Laurie Fox at MRB and she didn't think we would be interested but they are still working with DASNY on the grant funding for the Route 36 project. There was discussion on the overall dissatisfaction with the engineering firm.

**South Street Fence Damage:** Mayor Briffa noted that the fence is scheduled to be repaired.

**Jones Bridge Road Drainage:** Trustee Jacobs reminded the group that the project needs to be addressed this year. It was noted that there are grant funds available and that it might need to be a joint application with the Town given how the drainage flows.

**Animal Control:** After some discussion, Trustee Constantino motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs to accept Howie Green's letter of resignation as Animal Control Officer effective March 17, 2021 [Motion Carried 4-0]

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### **Animal Control Resolution:**

On a motion by Trustee Constantino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jacobs [Motion carried 4-0]

WHEREAS, the Village of Leicester does not have the capabilities or sufficient means to enforce local dog control ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston currently owns and operates a dog control facility within the county to provide the available manpower and equipment to appropriately enforce the Village's dog control ordinances,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the Village of Leicester will allow Livingston County to provide services the Village for Animal Control within Leicester Village Local Law.

**Community Building:** Mayor Briffa noted that he showed the building Friday to a potential investor and that ARC would like to renew the lease under the current terms for an additional year. It was noted that the income on the rent was breaking even on the expenses of the building. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff noted she would review the actual utility expenses to see if they are in line with the estimated that was projected in the lease agreement given six months ago.

**Genesee Valley Arts Grant:** Mayor Briffa noted that Janet is working on the concerts. Clerk-Treasurer DeGraff noted that there is added expense this year with signage, masks, sanitizer, etc due to Covid and noted that Janet was seeking donations and was hoping the Town was willing to help with funding as well.

**Starr Park Property:** Mayor Briffa noted that that back half of the park behind St Thomas Aquinas church was offered to the Village due to the Diocese of Rochester taking over the property and not wanting the property. The Village was given first right of refusal. After some discussion, and the fact that the property was complete land-locked, Trustee Constantino motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rizzo to refuse the offer to take the property [Motion carried 4-0]

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Board of Trustees Meeting April 26, 2021 pm at 6:30 pm the Fire Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Rizzo motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Constantino to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. [Motion Carried 4-0]

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kirstie DeGraff  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Leicester