

# February Regular Meeting

## Meeting minutes

**February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Deputy Supervisor, Jason Yasso; Councilmembers, Gerald Hull, Karen Roffe, Matthew Durbin; Highway Superintendent, Russell Page; Town Clerk, Amy Neumann.

Excused: Supervisor, Richard White

Others: Fire Commissioner/Cemetery Sexton, John Yasso; James Kane

### **Open meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Leicester Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Leicester Town Hall located at 132 Main Street, Leicester, NY 14481.

### **Pledge to the Flag**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **Excused Board Members**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso announced that Supervisor White was excused from the meeting as he was attending the New York Association of Counties meeting in Albany.

## **Reports to the Board**

### **Supervisors Financial Report**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso noted that the Supervisor's financial report was included in the board members' email and packet as well as the Budget Report.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Highway Superintendent Russell Page provided an update on road conditions, particularly focusing on an issue on Bryan Road. He reported damage to both the cadm and dirt portions of the road caused by tractor trailers hauling manure to a lagoon. Page explained that he had contacted the farm responsible and informed them that a bill would likely be coming from the town for the damage.

Page detailed his interactions with the truck drivers and farm management, noting that despite initial assurances that hauling would cease, it continued, causing further damage. He described the extent of the damage, including asphalt damage and deep rutting on the dirt road section.

Page also mentioned a previous incident of similar damage in the past and discussed potential long-term solutions, including the possibility of piping manure or improving the road infrastructure. He noted that the farm representatives indicated they would take responsibility for the damage.

Deputy Supervisor Yasso commended the highway department for their quick response in repairing the damaged areas.

Page concluded by informing the board that the dirt section of Bryan Road from Bush to New Road would be closed to all but local traffic the following morning due to the soft conditions.

### **Town clerk financial reports**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso mentioned that the monthly financial reports from Town Clerk Amy Neumann were included in the board members' packets.

### **Minutes of work meeting of 02/11/2025**

Town Clerk Amy Neumann brought to the board's attention that the minutes from December 17 had not been previously approved and requested that they be approved along with the February 11 minutes.

*Councilmember Karen Roffe made a motion to approve December 17 and February 11 minutes. Councilmember Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **Fire District Report February 24, 2025**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso noted that Town Clerk Amy Neumann had emailed a report from the fire district, which was included in the board members' packets.

A discussion ensued regarding the fire district. Fire Commissioner John Yasso provided updates on the potential transfer of equipment from Cuylerville to the fire district. He explained that Cuylerville was currently meeting to discuss the matter and that the fire district commissioners were hoping for a turnover of all equipment to the district, similar to what Leicester Village had done.

The board discussed the implications of equipment transfer or leasing, as well as the potential need to lease building space. Gerald Hull raised questions about which pieces of equipment the district might need to lease if Cuylerville did not decide to turn over the equipment.

John Yasso expressed his opinion that transferring all equipment to the district would simplify insurance and maintenance issues. The board also briefly discussed the possibility of reducing the fleet size if all equipment were transferred to the district.

## **Audit of Claims**

*Councilmember Gerald Hull made a motion to approve paying the vouchers. Councilmember Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **Other items**

Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso provided an update on the employee handbook project. He mentioned that he and Supervisor White had been in contact with the consultant company and were planning a phone conference for the following week to start drafting the handbook.

Cemetery Sexton John Yasso gave an update on the cemetery, discussing the condition of the picket fence. He mentioned that he had met with Supervisor White to discuss potential repairs or replacement options. They were considering looking into grants and using the cemetery endowment to fund improvements. John Yasso also reported on his recent work trimming trees and cleaning up brushes along the fence line.

Highway Superintendent Russell Page mentioned that an arborist who had previously worked in Boynton Parker Park had offered to conduct a survey and assessment of trees in the cemetery. Councilmember Karen Roffe agreed to contact the arborist to discuss the potential evaluation.

Councilmember Karen Roffe informed the board that she had arranged for the repainting of the historical marker in Village Park and was in the process of having markers from Boyd Parker and River Road refurbished as well.

## **Adjournment**

*Councilmember Karen Roffe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Matthew Durbin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Respectively submitted by*

*Amy L. Neumann, Town Clerk*