

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, 48 Main Street LeRoy, New York.

Members Present: James Farnholz, Supervisor
Stephen Barbeau, Council
John Armitage, Council
John Johnson, Council
David Paddock, Council

Eric Stauffer, Highway Supt.

Recording Secretary: Patricia A. Canfield, Town Clerk

Others Present: Eileen Dries, Richard Prinzi, Charles Hull

Supervisor Farnholz called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag and approval of the minutes of the organization and regular meeting of December 26, 2019 on **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed. Councilman Barbeau – abstained.

GUESTS:

Richard Prinzi, Harris Road –

Mr. Richard Prinzi addressed the Town Board regarding the moratorium on commercial solar farm installation. He stated he has been working with a solar company from Colorado for investment of his property located on Route 5 inclusive of 58 acres. The solar company representative relayed to Mr. Prinzi that he spoke to code office and there was no objection.

Town Board had no knowledge of project and explained that the moratorium was enacted to allow the Town and Planning Boards time to compile language for such installation. Project would not be allowable at this time, as there is no current code in place for any type of commercial solar farm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Genesee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption –

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Paddock to adopt the Genesee County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented - with no roll call; and after further discussion -

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Barbeau, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**

[with amendment of eliminating item no. 1] and written as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of LeRoy

Adoption of 2019 Genesee County Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Genesee County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS, proactive mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Genesee County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF LEROY:

- 1) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre and post disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 2) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 3) Will continue to support of the Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee and Planning Partnership as described within the Plan.
- 4) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 5) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 6) Will provide and update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.
- 7)

2. Sign Code Review –

Town Board to review sign code language for revisions or changes to bring back for meeting of February 13, 2020 discussion moving forward.

3. Three + One Investment – Town and County Tax Collection –

Supervisor Farnholz reported the suggestion from Three + One representative was utilizing tax collection funds into a short-term investment with NY Class Funding. Once Town and Fire warrants are fulfilled, all remaining collection funds are disbursed to Genesee County. Town Board would ask for approval in writing from Genesee County Treasurer and Comptroller prior to any consideration of same.

4. Solar Code Requirements –

Supervisor Farnholz asked Town Board to bring back to meeting of February 13th goals for solar code. Any concerns with commercial solar energy to be turned over to the Planning Board for direction going forward.

Town of LeRoy has received interest from solar company to purchase 25 acres on West Bergen Road past the electric grid station. Town Board would like to host a presentation on the process and hearings inclusive of public safety, set-backs, height restrictions and cost for removal and/or cleanup of site.

5. Water District No. 11 – East Bethany LeRoy Road - Bid Results –

Supervisor Farnholz reported the lowest bid of \$101,700 was \$14,000 over the projected engineering costs for installation and will contact engineer, Eric Wies for feedback and direction moving forward.

6. Vacant House Registry – Abandoned Properties –

Town Board enacted “Vacant House Registry” tax surcharge of \$1,076.00 to be included on those houses deemed under the registry as vacant by code office on the 2020 Town and County tax bill. Two houses were purchased at auction and Village Board raised concern of being a deterrent to home purchasers. Town Board relayed the registry was set up to take zombie properties that are vacant or abandoned after a certain period of time and bring into code compliance for sale and occupancy.

7. Frost Ridge Campground – Liquor License Request –

Town Board reiterated they would not be in opposition of any request for application to New York State Liquor Authority, as the issuing agent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Board 2020 Goals –

Town Board to compile items/goals for fiscal year 2020.

Supervisor Farnholz addressed needs/goals of:

- Information Tech - Met with Tony Testa for IT needs and will have a formal assessment completed by Genesee County IT to determine capacity of current system relative to computer programs for the future.
- Town Hall Building – Cosmetic repairs and building needs.

2. Town of LeRoy Highway Agreement – Expenditure of Highway Funds – Section 284

Highway Law -

On **MOTION** by Councilman Barbeau and second by Councilman Johnson and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Councilman Armitage, Barbeau, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:** [12]

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorize Town Board signatures on the Town of LeRoy Highway Agreement Section 284 as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway:

Highway Supt. Stauffer reported on sales quote from Basil Chevrolet for 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD CC 4WD Regular Cab Truck.

Approval to Purchase 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD – State Bid -

On **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and second by Supervisor Farnholz and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Councilman Armitage, Barbeau, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes the purchase of 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD CC 4WD Regular Cab Truck with all quoted equipment from Basil Chevrolet for \$45,358.00 under New York State Bid and as per 2020 budget.

Clerk:

Tax Warrants for 2020 paid to Supervisor for \$529,403.00 and LeRoy Fire District for \$668,747.00. Remaining tax collection to be paid to Genesee County Treasurer.

Parks & Recreation:

Supervisor Farnholz reported advertisement for Recreation Director vacancy was listed in LeRoy and Genesee Valley Pennysaver with multiple applications received for position.

Insurance:

Supervisor Farnholz reported insurance policies reviewed with representative Michael Tucci from Tompkins Insurance.

Transfer Station:

Supervisor Farnholz reported a village resident inquired about utilizing the transfer station for recycling purposes only and the necessity of purchasing a landfill card for \$30.00. Currently, all residents must have a valid landfill card to enter facility for any service and procedure will remain with no change.

Fire Commission:

Councilman Johnson reported the Fire Commissioners have requested better communication in the event of any road closings. Also, inquired about the property located at 13 Lake Street next to Walgreens listed under the vacant building registry and will discuss with Code Officer, Jeff Steinbrenner.

Ambulance:

Councilman Johnson reported:

- 50th Anniv of ambulance – 27 employees – 6 full time.
- Answering mutual aid calls for Mercy EMS.
- December 2019 at 107 calls – 99% coverage.
- Implementing new billing system.
- Firemen could be on call if requirements met.
- Budget 2020 \$560,000 with \$8,965 memorials and \$99,000 CD.

Supervisor/GAM:

Supervisor Farnholz reported on GAM:

- Last GAM meeting discussion on new state mandated jail - cost of approximately 60 million to begin construction late 2020 for opening in 2022 – 4 pod facility housing women - possibility of ICE utilizing empty beds if available.
- Town of Batavia renovating town offices and inquired if any communities would like to share court facility.
- Phase III Genesee County Water Project – Investigating bringing water West from Lake Erie.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

On **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Supervisor Farnholz and passed unanimously the following bills were presented for payment:

Abstract # 2	2019/2020	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL & Cap Proj H:	\$102,083.24	30~49
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$70,329.17	8~24
Water Fund HG:	\$708.75	2

With no further business to come before the Board, on **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Canfield Town Clerk