

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Courtroom 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

Supervisor Farnholz called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag and approval of the regular meeting of March 12, 2020 on **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously.

Meeting was closed to guests due to Covid19 pandemic and Declaration of Emergency filed through Genesee County Office of Emergency Management.

CORRESPONDENCE:

07-2020: Frost Ridge Campground Liquor License – No action taken by Town Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commercial Solar Code Review –

Planning Board along with Code Officers are compiling language for Town Board review. Councilman Barbeau relayed definitions are included in the residential language. Town Board will review draft and include items for consideration to be forwarded to Planning Board and Code Office to work toward final draft for adoption to Town of LeRoy Code.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Covid19 Virus Pandemic -

a) Town of LeRoy Budget Considerations Revenue Loss –

With local, state and federal governments closing all non-essential businesses in attempt to slow spread of virus, revenue source will see significant decrease in state aid and sales tax. Town Court will be closed minimum 60 days with considerable loss of revenue to budgeted amount. Recommendation will be to access revenue reserve source in the upcoming months. Town Board will defer any payments as allowed and look to departments for excess funds. FEMA Webinar held on April 2nd to determine any federal reimbursement for overtime expenses or equipment usage which would only be allowed as an aid in Covid19.

b) Genesee County Revenue Loss –

Supervisor Farnholz spoke with Genesee County Manager who relayed Genesee County will enact a hiring freeze along with postponing new jail construction and other building projects with anticipation of significant revenue loss.

c) Town of LeRoy – Food Pantry –

Supervisor Farnholz spoke to Genesee County Manager Jay Gsell and reported local food pantry provided food for 15 families in need and on April 13th will hold food distribution working closely with local police and school.

d) Playgrounds/Parks –

Highway Dept. has removed basketball rims and fenced off playground equipment to deter usage by groups. Hartwood Park has seen increased usage by exercising groups that will need to be addressed regarding social distancing practices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway:

- CHIPS Funding remains in-tact at this time.
- Zero turn mower was delivered and picked up for repair.
- Highway Garage doors will be locked to prevent anyone outside from entering.
- Highway Dept. will be staggering shifts to keep within health guidelines provided.

Town Clerk:

Tax collection for 2020 is completed locally with all paid and unpaid bills returned to Genesee County on April 13th for final settlement.

Inquiries received about obtaining marriage licenses without being able to access town hall. Clerk seeking guidance from state and local clerks to put a system in place that allows issuance while following social distancing policies.

Assessment:

Supervisor Farnholz reported there will be no townwide re-assessment for 2020 due to covid19 pandemic. Town Board would like to move to a two-year cycle to reduce dramatic swings in assessments.

Code:

Councilman Barbeau asked for report of abandoned properties completed by Code Officer Jeff Steinbrenner and Clerk to provide names of unpaid tax bills from registry.

Parks & Recreation:

Supervisor Farnholz reported Recreation Director, Luke Weaver will be moving forward advertising for lifeguards and park personnel. Program will be determined by ease of social distancing and based on such will dictate what programs will be included for 2020 season. Pool opening will be dictated by Genesee County Health Dept with tentative opening last week of June.

Cemetery:

Councilman Paddock reported he will contact Snyder Brothers to inform them there will be no stone repair in 2020.

Transfer Station:

Supervisor Farnholz reported card punch was suspended for two weeks due to the covid19 pandemic and utilized the honor system. Transfer Station is open Saturdays 8 to 2 PM and will once again be punching cards for refuse disposal. Transfer Station will be closed for brush on Wednesdays until further notice. Casella's has purchased LT Disposal and will serve as removal per contract agreement.

Ambulance & Fire:

Councilman Johnson reported next meetings will be held by telecommunicating through Zoom.

Supervisor/GAM:

Supervisor Farnholz reported Genesee County is holding a conference call with emergency management regarding updating on covid19 pandemic with any changes or modifications to orders and updates as received. Anyone interested in listening can be connected through phone and access codes to participate. State of Emergency needs renewal every thirty days for compliance.

Business Council:

Councilman Barbeau reported there are no meetings scheduled at this time.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

On **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously the following bills were presented for payment from March 26, 2020:

Abstract # 6	2019/2020	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL & Cap Proj H:	\$16,949.37	123~137 [All Prepay]
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$10,627.80	62~68 [All prepay]
Water Fund SW:	\$9,900.00	4 [Prepay]

On **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously the following bills were presented for payment from April 9, 2020:

Abstract # 7	2019/2020	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL & Cap Proj H:	\$11,467.02	138~154 [incl. Prepay]
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$11,592.94	69~75
Water Fund SW:		

With no further business to come before the Board, on **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously to adjourn at 3:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Canfield Town Clerk for Mary Fee, Deputy Clerk