

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy held on Thursday, April 23, 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 Johnson, Council
David Paddock, Council
Eric Stauffer, Highway Supt.

Absent: John Armitage, Council

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 April 9, 2020 on **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Farnholz 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:

08-2020: 2019 Budget Financial Review – Audit – Supervisor Farnholz and Councilman Barbeau will hold a phone conference with Auditor, Laura Landers to review 2019-year end audit financials.

09-2020: Email from Robert Fussell Sr. and Robert Fussell Jr. – Gas Well Access – Robert Fussell Sr. and Robert Fussell Jr. contacted Town of LeRoy to ask if there was interest in Town utilizing gas wells near the Highway Garage for cost savings. Supervisor Farnholz to contact NYS Association of Towns to discuss consideration and legality. Councilman Paddock to contact Robert Fussell Sr. and Robert Fussell Jr. to determine feasibility moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Transfer Station Contract -

Transfer Station contract with Casella [purchased from LT Disposal] expires in 2020 with the option of extending contract one additional year. Town of LeRoy will ask attorney to draft letter of intent for Town of LeRoy to exercise option of extension to June 30, 2021 with current terms and conditions. Highway Supt. Stauffer and Councilman Johnson will be reviewing service and costs moving forward.

2. Budget Update – Sales Tax Distribution – Impact w Covid19 –

Supervisor Farnholz reported first quarter distribution in 2020 at \$249,460 with increase compared to 2019 at \$247,735. Sales tax estimates moving forward with impact of Covid19 predict a decrease of between 25-35%. NYS Court Administration has closed all court proceedings through May 30, 2020 with no revenue received from court held proceedings. State reimbursements to local govt are uncertain. Town will be prepared to access reserves as necessary.

3. Emergency Declaration – Covid19 – Extension to May 30, 2020 –

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes to extend the State of Emergency for the Town of LeRoy enacted on March 19, 2020 and executed by Town Supervisor through May 30, 2020.

4. Commercial Solar Review –

Town Board to review draft to match language with residential solar code and bring back to Code Office to forward draft to Planning Board. Town Board will look for tentative adoption at June 11, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Front Window Decoration – 2020 LeRoy Central School Senior Pictures –

Town Hall window will be decorated with 3 x 5' banners of senior pictures to honor the 2020 LeRoy Central School Class through donation and at no cost to Town of LeRoy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Town Clerk:

Total fees collected for month of March 2020 at \$4,108.00 with \$3,813.66 remitted to the Supervisor.

Genesee County received final 2020 Tax Collection payment in the amount of \$148,174.71.

Three properties from the Abandoned Property listing remained unpaid and returned to Genesee County for collection. Town of LeRoy would need to repay the \$1,000 assessed fee to the county for any properties sold at auction.

Assessment:

Supervisor Farnholz reported assessment grievance will be held on May 26th through Zoom telecommunication program and as approved by State of NY.

Code:

Councilman Barbeau inquired of the status of the proposed sign permit language? Town Board will request final copy before Planning Board review.

Parks & Recreation:

Supervisor Farnholz reported applications will be accepted for summer recreation tentative to state guidance on ability to open parks and pool safely. The annual recreation booklet is on hold pending outcome of restrictions. Pool opening would take approximately one week to open if allowed by State of NY.

Building:

Supervisor Farnholz reported both elevator inspection service and HVAC service have submitted increase in rates and will review contracts.

Cemetery:

Councilman Paddock reported he spoke with Snyder Brothers and reiterated there would be no cemetery repair for 2020.

Transfer Station:

Councilman Johnson reported he reviewed revenue and expenses for 2019 and operation was \$1,229 over budgeted amount, which is a significant decrease from prior years and based on changes implemented. Tipping fees continue to be costly and next contract will probably see an \$8,000 to \$10,000 increase.

Ambulance & Fire:

Councilman Johnson reported meeting was held by Zoom telecommunication program and reported ambulance calls are significantly down.

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. Conference will be held on Saturday at 9:00 AM for anyone interested in joining. Meeting was canceled on April 18th and rescheduled for April 25th.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

On **MOTION** by Councilman Barbeau and seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed unanimously the following bills were presented for payment:

Abstract # 8	2019/2020	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL & Cap Proj H:	\$11,917.23	155~164
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$19,062.29	76~80
Water Fund SW:	\$4,628.12	5~6

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:00 PM for legal matter with Town Board and Town Clerk present. On **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously to come out of executive session at 4:03 PM with no action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, on **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously to adjourn at 4:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Canfield Town Clerk