

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Town Hall, 48 Main Street LeRoy, New York.

Members Present: James Farnholz, Supervisor
John Armitage, Council
Stephen Barbeau, 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 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag and approval of the regular meeting of April 23, 2020 on **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Paddock and passed. Councilman Armitage – Abstained.

Meeting was closed to guests due to Covid19 pandemic and Declaration of Emergency filed through Genesee County Office of Emergency Management. Meeting was published virtually through zoom telecommunication medium.

CORRESPONDENCE:

10-2020: Oatka Festival – Oatka Festival will be canceled for July 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Town Board authorizes donation of \$500 to be applied towards 2021 festival.

11-2020: DePaul – Apartment complex finishing construction on Mill Street and relayed rental will be a lottery system. Town Board would request LeRoy residents have first chance.

12-2020: GCEDC Agreement – Town Board has spoken to Mark Masse to requested waiver in 2020 of \$50,000 for commercial park subsidy and will budget for 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Budget Update – Sales Tax Distribution – Impact w Covid19 –**
Genesee County Legislature voted to withhold sales tax payments to towns and villages in Genesee County. GAM had requested legislatures to wait on vote or research an equitable percentage. Town Board relayed profound disappointment in decision and added the needs of the residents of the Town of LeRoy were not met. Town to see impact in excess of \$700,000 in revenue loss and will be utilizing reserves and look to budget for any cost savings. GAM will meet on May 21st virtually to discuss same.
- 2. Sign Code Revision -**
On **MOTION** by Councilman Armitage and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Farnholz, Johnson, Paddock – aye; Councilman Barbeau – nay the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy will table sign code revision for further discussion until 2021.
- 3. Solar Code – Commercial –**
Town Board to review language changes at meeting of May 28th and forward revisions to Planning Board to be mirrored to the residential code.
- 4. Recreation – Summer 2020 – Suspend Season -**
Recreation programs fall under Phase 4 of reopening due to pandemic and timeline would be around August 30th. Both Town and Village Boards feel it necessary to suspend program based on information from the health dept.
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Barbeau, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye; following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes to suspend the 2020 Summer Recreation Program and Pool based on discussion with Village Board due to public health and financial challenges due to Covid19 Pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Recreation Salaries – Suspension –**
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Barbeau, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye; following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes to suspend salaries of Recreation Director and Assistant Director effective May 14, 2020 due to 2020 Summer Recreation Program being suspended due to Covid19 Pandemic.
- 2. Reopening – Phase Program through New York State –**
Supervisor Farnholz reported that Highway staff is at 50% per NYS directive and court office and building will be closed until May 30th and will seek clarification on reopening.
- 3. Mercury Inspections – Village DPW – Certif. Village Sewer Plant –**
Town of LeRoy will investigate training requirements for certifications at the Village of LeRoy Sewer Plant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway Supt.:

Highway Supt. Stauffer reported:

- Genesee Co. Highway Supt looking for five-year contract for county roads and plowing. Town Board to review contract and table for further discussion.
- Highway barn roof showing signs of rusting and will be looked at for repair.

Town Clerk:

Total fees collected for month of April at \$4,928.00 with \$4,591.13 remitted to the Supervisor.

Assessment:

Supervisor Farnholz reported Town of LeRoy will look to a two-year assessment on properties to avoid large impacts in values. Assessment grievance will be held on May 26th virtually through Zoom.

Code:

Supervisor Farnholz reported invoices will be sent in May to abandoned property owners.

Insurance:

Councilman Barbeau reported on checking with Tompkins Insurance about any rebates for vehicles and reimbursement on premium for pool not opening.

Utilities:

Councilman Paddock reported gas wells on Asbury Road owned by Robert Fussell are dormant and would need to be capped if not used, per DEC. Town Board to research further to find out if wells are producing in cold months and a written agreement would need to be in place prior to moving forward on decision.

Transfer Station:

Supervisor Farnholz reported he spoke with Attorney on compiling and forwarding a letter to Casella to extend contract for one additional year.

Fire:

Councilman Johnson reported next meeting will be May 19th at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the district office.

Ambulance:

Councilman Johnson reported there will be no meeting in May and will meet in June. Response calls are down 7% and revenue down 13% with patient payments up 25%.

Supervisor/GAM:

Supervisor Farnholz reported:

- Next GAM meeting will be held virtually on May 21st.
- Countywide weekly conference call will be held on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 am for pandemic updates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel with Town Board and Town Clerk present.

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Barbeau and passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 9:07 with no action taken.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

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

Abstract # 9	2019/2020	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL & Cap Proj H:	\$24,833.09	165~181 [incl prepay]
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$176.92	81~82
Water Fund SW:	\$2,233.00	7~8

With no further business to come before the Board, on **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Canfield Town Clerk