

Call to Order

Proceedings of a Town Board Meeting held at the LeRay Town Municipal Office on June 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taylor at 4:00 p.m. who led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Regular Meeting

Ronald C. Taylor – Supervisor, Melissa L. Verne – Town Clerk, Nathan Toutant – Clerk to Supervisor, Board Members in attendance: Samuel Biondolillo, John Eisenhauer, Michael Gracey, Lee Carpenter, Joseph Russell – Town Attorney, Jessica Jenack – Community Development Coordinator, Lee Shimel – Zoning Enforcement Officer, William Vargulick – Town Assessor, Dan Young – Highway Superintendent, Mike Altieri – Town Engineer, Steve Marshall – DANC. Additionally present- Deborah Biondolillo, Deborah Lamora, Pat O'Donnell and Katarina Carey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on May 12th, 2022, were reviewed by the Board Members. A motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

The minutes from the special meeting held on May 24th, 2022, were reviewed by the Board Members. A motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Gracey.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

Comments from the Floor

Supervisor Taylor asked if there were any comments from the floor. Supervisor Deborah Lamora from the Town of Philadelphia spoke to the board about seeking interest in water supply to the Town of LeRay residents on the Townline Road. The Town of Philadelphia is in the planning stages of expanding their water district to the Townline Road and would like to include those residents on the Town of LeRay side of the road. Ms. Lamora and an engineer from GYMO spoke on what it would take to do this. The next step is for the Town of LeRay to send out an interest survey to those residents residing on the Town of LeRay side of Townline Road.

Proposed Local Law #4-2022- Section 158-99 of the Municipal Code of the Town of LeRay

The Town Board reviewed the Comments from the Jefferson County Planning Board and listened to Chairperson Biondolillo’s additional comments. The Board deemed the changes insignificant and proceeded with approving Local Law #4-2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to approve Local Law #4-2022, Section 158-99 of the Municipal Code, as amended.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

Proposed Local Law #5-2022- Section 158-94 and 158-102 of the Municipal Code of the Town of LeRay

The Town of LeRay Planning Board reviewed proposed Local Law #5. Chairperson Biondolillo gave the Town Board proposed changes to Local Law #5. The changes are significant and Mr. Russell will draft a new Local Law #5 for July’s Meeting for the Board to review. The Board will set a new public hearing in July after reviewing the new wording for the proposed law.

Report from Jessica Jenack, Community Development Coordinator

Mrs. Jenack had no new projects to report on. Monday, June 13th, 2022, was the next Comprehensive Planning Board meeting. MS4 meets quarterly and the next meeting will be in September.

Report from Dan Young, Highway Superintendent

Mr. Young gave his monthly report on the work that the Highway Department has completed. Mr. Young has no news on the pricing for pickup trucks, but he was assured that The Town will be put on their waiting list and there is no commitment to buy as the trucks are in high demand. Potentially paving the Highway Garage parking lot June 24th.

A change order for the LeRay Highway Facility Project was presented to the Board and discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Gracey to accept the change order for the LeRay Highway Facility Project as presented.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

Report from Mike Altieri, Town Engineer

Mr. Altieri discussed the Highway Garage being almost complete, final punch list is being gone through, possible ribbon cutting in the works.

Mr. Altieri spoke on illuminating the flag decal on the LeRay II water tower as The Board had discussed, the proposed amount is \$8,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Eisenhauer to illuminate the flag decals on the LeRay II water tower.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A letter was presented to the Board requesting a time extension for the Leray II Water Improvements project.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Gracey to grant the Time extension for the LeRay II water Improvements project at no cost to the Town.

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| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A letter on sewer capacity was reviewed for Tommy's Carwash Project ensuring sufficient capacity to handle the sewer flows for this project.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Carpenter to authorize Supervisor Taylor to sign the sewer capacity letter addressed to Paula Jacobs of NYS DEC.

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| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A letter was put before the Board from Advocate Drum making the Board aware of funding available to the Town for utility services projects. Mr. Altieri said the Town can submit all water and sewer projects as they fit the criteria for funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Carpenter to have BCA put in an application on the Town's behalf, to Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP) for all Town of LeRay's water and sewer projects.

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| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

Statewide Aquastore Inc. provided draft designs for the dedication plaque to be put on the LeRay II tank project were reviewed by the Board. Option #3 was preferred by the Board and a suggestion was made to have Nathan Toutant, Clerk to the Supervisor put under Mr. Taylor's name on the plaque. This was not put to a vote.

Report from Steve Marshall, DANC

Mr. Marshall repaired a water main on Route 11, Calcium in front of William Makuch's trailer park. Mr. Marshall delivered notices to residents notifying them of water service interruption. 2021 Annual Quality Water Report sent to Town to distribute. Many miscellaneous repairs, 6 final reads, and read water district 4 for billing. Mr. Marshall informed the Board of his retirement by September 2022. Mr. Marshall will have his replacement come to the July Board meeting to introduce him.

Report from Lee Shimel, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Mr. Shimel gave his monthly report on those requesting zoning permits. Potential use for parcel on Route 3 that has been vacant.

Report from Bill Vargulick, Town Assessor

Mr. Vargulick gave his monthly report. Mr. Vargulick asked Mr. Russell a legal question on a grievance revaluation.

Report from Melissa L. Verne, Town Clerk

| | Cash Balances as of May 31, 2022 | | Current Month Abstract 6 | |
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| General Fund | \$ | 2,703,211.79 | \$ | 65,348.84 |
| Highway Fund-Town wide | \$ | 491,592.17 | \$ | 12,964.85 |
| Highway Fund-Town Outside | \$ | 707,837.79 | \$ | 164,538.83 |
| Expendable Trust | \$ | 787.41 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Consolidated Water District | \$ | 1,735,141.29 | \$ | 6,268.54 |
| Water District # 3 | \$ | 13,015.98 | \$ | 273.00 |
| Sewer District # 1 | \$ | 229,041.73 | \$ | 952.22 |
| Sewer District # 2 | \$ | 38,266.52 | \$ | 130.93 |
| Sewer District # 3 | \$ | 26,463.26 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Sewer District # 4 | \$ | 301,483.58 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Capital Project # 1 (Taylor Rd) | \$ | 113,017.24 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Capital Project # 2 (Water Dist. 4) | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Capital Project # 3 (Sewer Dist. 1) | \$ | 119,143.03 | \$ | 10,321.23 |
| Capital Project # 3A (Sewer Dist. 4) | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Capital Project # 4W (Water 2 Imp) | \$ | 202,737.15 | \$ | 485,718.13 |
| Capital Project # 5 (Highway Fac.) | \$ | 290,393.28 | \$ | 132,203.53 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ | 21,897.00 | \$ | 4,180.01 |

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Carpenter that Abstract #6, vouchers 816-922 in the amount of \$882,900.11 be paid from the above accounts.

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| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Carpenter for Request for Proposals (RFP) for dog enumeration to be done.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A letter was presented to The Board from Stephanie Marnell, the President, of Friends of Evans Mills Organization. Mrs. Marnell was writing on behalf of the organization to request funds for the Village of Evans Mills Centennial celebration, as The Town had offered a donation previously.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Carpenter to grant the request from the Friends of Evans Mills Organization, for funds in the amount of \$3,000.00, for their Centennial Celebration in September of 2022.

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| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

Report from Nathan Toutant, Clerk to the Supervisor

NCC Systems installed the silent alarms (panic buttons) in the building this month that were previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Clement, with Clement Striping and Sealing whom striped our Town parking lot, will warranty our lines done on our parking lot last year.

The Board reviewed the Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the Independent Investigator for the Town of LeRay.

A motion was made by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to accept the proposal from Ian Gilbert at an hourly rate of \$125.00 to conduct the Independent Investigation for the Town of LeRay.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | | | |
| Ayes: | 4 –Biondolillo, Gracey, Eisenhauer, Carpenter | Nays: | 0 | Abstained: | 1 – Taylor |
| The motion passed. | | | | | |

The Board reviewed the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Property Line Fence for the Highway Garage.

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Carpenter to accept the proposal from Yankee Fence at a price of \$30,750 to build a property line fence for the Highway Garage.

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| Ayes: | 4 –Biondolillo, Gracey, Eisenhauer, Carpenter | Nays: | 0 | Abstained: | 1 – Taylor |
| The motion passed. | | | | | |

Katarina Carey, a resident of the Town of Leray, wrote a letter to The Board regarding a Dangerous Dog situation. Mrs. Carey showed up to the Town Board meeting after 6:00 p.m. and asked to address The Board. Mrs. Carey explained to The Board her concerns, as she was not satisfied with the ruling at their hearing on May 25th, 2022. It was learned that the owners of the dogs in question had since moved to Watertown, out of the Town of LeRay, so they are no longer in the Town’s jurisdiction. Councilman Eisenhauer told Mrs. Carey that he would forward her email, with her letter and any pictures attached to the appropriate people in Watertown in hopes that this situation could be resolved and authorities there made aware that the owners have Dangerous Dogs.

Report from Joseph Russell, Town Attorney

Mr. Russell drew up a purchase agreement for well drilling on the Lake property.

A motion was made by Councilman Eisenhauer and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to use \$29,400 for the purchase price in the purchase agreement between the Town of Leray and BL Real Property LLC.

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Eisenhauer to enter into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss a proposed contract for water with the Village of Evans Mills and employment history of a particular person.

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A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Carpenter to enter back into Regular Session at 6:57 p.m.

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| The vote went as follows: | | | |
| Ayes: | 5 | Nays: | 0 |
| The motion passed. | | | |

A motion was made by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Gracey to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully given:

Melissa L. Verne

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LeRay Town Clerk