MONTHLY MEETING; TOWN OF LEON; February 8, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Leon, Cattaraugus County, New York was held at the Town Hall, 12195 Leon-New Albion Road, Conewango Valley, NY on the 8th day of February 2023.

PRESENT: Fred Filock --- Supervisor

Lynn Milliman --- Councilman

Jackie Ellis --- Councilwoman - excused

Calvin Milliman --- Councilman

Doug Keppel --- Councilman

Joel Fiebelkorn --- Highway Superintendent

Sheila Fiebelkorn --- Clerk

Jeff Holler --- Code Enforcement Officer

Residents - 0 Guests - 3

Supervisor F. Filock called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attorneys Dale Robbins and Kelly Johnson from Robbins and Johnson, PC addressed the Town Board to introduce themselves and discuss their credentials and experience/background with representing other townships. Their hourly rate is $250.00 per hour.

Resolution 28-2023

**TOWN OF LEON ATTORNEYS**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman D. Keppel, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to use Robbins and Johnson, PC for Town of Leon attorneys.

One of the highway workers addressed the Town Board to discuss concerns about the current laundry service. The uniforms are not coming back to the employees weekly from Aramark per the contract. He also asked about the possibility of receiving a clothing and boot allowance instead of using the laundry service. He asked to clarify the vacation accrual policy too. At this time, vacation accruals will remain as it has been in the past. Highway employee vacation days need to be used by the end of the year and will accrue in January annually. From now on, when a new employee is hired, their vacation will accrue on their anniversary date and need to be used by their next anniversary date annually.

Resolution 29-2023

**CLOTHING AND BOOT ALLOWANCE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**

On a motion by Councilman C. Milliman, seconded by Councilman L. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to pay $150.00 annually for boot allowance per employee upon receipt of ANSI approved boots. Also resolved to pay $300.00 annually for clothing allowance per employee payable in January to highway employees.

Resolution 30-2023

**VACATION ACCRUAL FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman D. Keppel, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved that from now on, vacation accruals will renew on the highway employee’s anniversary date annually and need to be used by the anniversary date annually.

**CLERK REPORT**

Collected $273.00 for certified copies, transfer station tickets, marriage license, dog license, and a fishing license. $94.28 for local shares was submitted. Tax collection continues. A check for full amount of town tax warrant was given to the Town Supervisor in the amount of $522,493.00.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Snow plowing when needed. Repairing equipment and potholes when needed. Newly hired employee is doing well. Still waiting to hear more information on new International truck that has been ordered.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Town Clerk and Justice annual audits have been completed. Justice was reminded to make payments of fees and fines to Town Supervisor in a timely manner. Discussed needing a drug and alcohol policy for the Town of Leon. The Town Supervisor will write a draft by the next board meeting. Also discussed reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each board meeting from now on.

Resolution 31-2023

**TOWN CLERK AND JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AUDIT FOR 2022**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman D. Keppel, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the 2022 Town Clerk and Justice Court’s records audit as presented.

Resolution 32-2023

**PURCHASE PRINTER AND SERVICE AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman C. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to purchase an Axiom printer installed and 3 year service agreement, which can be broken anytime with a 30 day notice, for $2,550.00 using ARPA funds.

Resolution 33-2023

**PURCHASE 2 ACER COMPUTERS AND 3 MONITORS**

On a motion by Councilman C. Milliman, seconded by Councilman D. Keppel, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to purchase 2 Acer computers and 3 monitors for $2,361.33 installed from Eagle Zip using ARPA funds.

Resolution 34-2023

**OPPOSE GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S BAN OF GAS STOVES AND OTHER FOSSIL HEATING EQUIPMENT**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman C. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved to oppose Governor Hochul’s ban of gas stoves and other new fossil heating equipment.

Resolution 35-2023

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilman L. Milliman, seconded by Councilman C. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved that the January 2023 regular board meeting and organizational meeting minutes be accepted as submitted.

Resolution 36-2023

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion by Councilman D. Keppel, seconded by Councilman C. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved that the January 2023 Financial Report be accepted as submitted.

Resolution 37-2022

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion by Councilman D. Keppel, seconded by Councilman C. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved that the bills be paid as follows:

General $ 6,085.95 Highway $ 28,862.74 Light District $0 Fire District $ 41,596.00

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

6 calls, 2 inspections.

Resolution 38-2023

**MEETING ADJOURMENT**

On a motion by Councilman D. Keppel, seconded by Councilman L. Milliman, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 F. Filock, L. Milliman, C. Milliman, D. Keppel

Nays 0

Resolved that the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Sheila Fiebelkorn, Leon Town Clerk