

Town of Leicester Work Meeting August 11th, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

132 Main St. Leicester, NY 14481, US

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Karen Roffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Richard White, Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember Jason Yasso, Councilmember Karen Roffe, Councilmember Matthew Durbin, Councilmember Gerald Hull. Also present: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Amy L. Neumann, Highway Superintendent Russell Page.

Public Present: Ken Mock Jr., Rob Semmel, Lisa Semmel, Thomas House, John Yasso

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 28th Regular Meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Due to the Fire Department Meeting, Supervisor White Requested to move Cemetery item before Privilege of the Floor, Mr. Thomas House agreed.

1. Cemetery

The Board discussed the condition of the existing picket fence at the cemetery, for which \$5,000 had been budgeted. Quotes obtained included \$21,000 for vinyl fencing and \$12,975 for pressure-treated wood fencing, both for approximately 650 linear feet, plus \$3,500 for removal of the existing fence. The Board reached consensus to remove the existing fence, evaluate the existing tree line as a natural barrier, and reassess the need for a replacement fence thereafter, with maintenance ease being a key factor.

III. Privilege of The Floor

Thomas House addressed the Board regarding a request to reduce the speed limit on upper Jones Bridge Road to 40 mph for the full length to Pine Tavern Corner, noting the road currently has multiple speed zones and that speeding poses a safety risk to residents accessing driveways. The Supervisor acknowledged the matter had previously been routed through the regional traffic engineer and State Police process and committed to following up with the Town's Safety Board representative.

IV. Reports / Information

1. Supervisor's Reports for June

The Supervisor reviewed the six-month disbursement report. Most budget lines remain at or below 50% expenditure, consistent with the mid-year mark. Items flagged for follow-up included: an unexplained charge on the Route 36 Water line, Traffic Control contractual at 86%, Town contractual at 75%, refuse at 67% (expected to improve with the new lower-rate provider), and DB opt-out approaching 97%. The Supervisor noted the DA machinery equipment line is over budget but will be remedied by the incoming proceeds from the sale of the surplus grader. Overall, the Town's finances are in good shape.

2. Meeting With Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership

The Supervisor reported meeting with the Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership, which promotes the Genesee River Greenway and Regional Tourism. A representative will present to the Board at the next meeting on the 25th. The Supervisor also raised the possibility of pursuing grant funding for a canoe launch on the river within the Town.

3. Meeting With Racetrack Manager

The Supervisor met with the Racetrack Manager and reported no indication of operational changes. The Health Department issue appears to be a misunderstanding, and the Supervisor will follow up. The Racetrack gifted four passes to the Town; the Board noted that per Town policy, gifts are capped at \$75 in value per person, limiting use to one visit per recipient.

4. Surplus Dump Truck

Highway Superintendent Russell Page reported that the surplus truck is not yet ready for sale. Work is ongoing to acquire and fabricate a cab protector; a quote is expected from Brian Scott by end of week. Once that work is complete and the fuel transfer tank is mounted, the truck will be ready to surplus.

5. DEC Spot Check of The Gravel Pit

The Supervisor reported that the DEC conducted a spot check of the Town's gravel pit and found no violations or issues.

6. IRS Mileage Rate Boost

The IRS issued a mid-year increase to the maximum mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.76 per mile. The Board agreed to adjust the Town's rate from \$0.725 to \$0.76, retroactive to July 1, 2026, consistent with the organizational meeting resolution to follow the IRS rate.

Motion to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.76 per mile effective July 1, 2026, was made by the Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull. Motion Passed unanimously.

7. Moratorium On Data Centers – Local Law

The Board discussed pursuing a local law imposing a moratorium on Data Centers, noting that York recently passed such a law and that New York State has enacted a one-year moratorium. The Board reached consensus to proceed with a local law and directed the Supervisor to forward the matter to Town Attorney James Campbell for drafting, using existing language as a model.

8. Zoning & Planning Boards

The Supervisor raised the possibility of allowing the same members to serve on both the Zoning and Planning Boards simultaneously—with different Chairpersons—as a means of easing recruitment and improving efficiency. The Board agreed to refer the question to Town Attorney James Campbell to confirm legality before proceeding.

V. White Creek Solar

1. Second Pre-Construction Meeting

The Board confirmed the second pre-construction meeting for White Creek Solar will be held on Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 AM at Leicester Fire Hall.

2. Need Space For 80 People

The meeting will require space for approximately 80 attendees, with Wi-Fi and handicap accessibility. John Yasso confirmed the Leicester Fire Hall is available and equipped with Wi-Fi. The Supervisor will coordinate with him as the date approaches.

VI. Discussions on Budget

- See Above (Cemetery)

2. Records Management

The Supervisor reported that the County has identified a vendor willing to digitize Town records at no cost, returning documents in improved condition, with hard copies retained. The Board expressed support for pursuing this opportunity. The \$5,000 budgeted for records management would be redirected toward sorting, indexing, and organizing the records in conjunction with the digitization effort.

3. 2027 Requests

Department Budget requests for 2027 were distributed digitally. The Board will review them prior to the next meeting.

4. Tentative Budget Schedule

The Supervisor indicated that a Tentative Budget Schedule is in progress and will be presented at the next meeting.

VII. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the following budget transfers was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. Motion Passed unanimously.

VIII. PT/WTWD Update

The Supervisor reported that the draft agreement to have the County pay the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority (LCWSA) directly—bypassing the Town's books—is nearly finalized, which will allow the County to recoup its funds more efficiently.

IX. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Matthew Durbin. Motion Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Town Clerk Amy Neumann