

Town of Leicester Regular Meeting, September 22, 2026

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2026, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

132 Main Street, Leicester, NY 14481, US

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

a. Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by those in attendance.

b. Board Members Present / Excused: Council Member Durbin excused.

Present: Town Supervisor Richard White, Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso, Councilmember Karen Roffe, Councilmember Dennis Prevost, Councilmember Ken Mock

Absent: Council Member Durbin (excused)

c. Others Present: Town Clerk, Town Attorney James Campbell

Town Clerk Amy L. Neumann and Town Attorney James Campbell were present.

d. Public Present

Members of the public Ken Mock Jr., Harry Clark, Deputy Justin Zajicek, LCSO, Amy Camp, Dennis Prevost, James Kane

2. Privilege of the Floor

a. LCSO – Community Policing Officer

Deputy Justin Zajicek of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit addressed the Board. He outlined the unit's services, including property checks, traffic monitoring, foot patrols, and the Teen Cadet Program for youth ages 14–20. He provided contact information and offered to leave informational materials. Town Clerk Amy L. Neumann received permission to post the Teen Cadet Program poster to the town website.

b. Amy Camp – Cemetery

Amy Camp, a Leicester resident of over 20 years, addressed the Board to request informal authorization for volunteer maintenance work at the Town Cemetery. Proposed projects included clearing debris from headstones obscured by grass and woodchuck activity, managing poison ivy, and cleaning moss and lichen from historic stones using methods consistent with National Park Service protocols. Town Supervisor Richard White welcomed the initiative but indicated he wished to consult Town Attorney James Campbell regarding liability and proper procedures, given that while the Town owns the Cemetery Land, individual plots belong to private families. Town Supervisor White agreed to connect Ms. Camp with the Cemetery Caretaker and a representative from the daughters of the American Revolution who had previously expressed interest in similar work.

c. Harry Clark – Star Road

Harry Clark appeared before the Board to raise concerns regarding property boundaries and drainage issues on Starr Road, where he and his nephew own adjacent parcels. Referring to a 1979 survey, Mr. Clark asserted that the centerline of the former abandoned road forms part of the boundary of his nephew's property, suggesting the Town may be responsible for a portion of land that has become overgrown and poorly maintained. He also noted that drainage patterns appear to have changed following recent Bridge construction, resulting in water washing

down his nephew's driveway. Town Attorney James Campbell clarified that establishing ownership would require a licensed surveyor to reconcile historical surveys with current conditions, and that an abstract of title would be essential. Town Supervisor White agreed to visit the site and investigate available records, including the abandonment file held by Highway Superintendent Russell Page before any further action or cost was incurred.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Motion to accept minutes of September 8th Work Meeting as written.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th Work Meeting as written was made by Deputy Supervisor/ Councilmember Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe. The motion carried.

4. Reports / Communications to the Board: For August

a. Town Clerk Financial Reports: Animal, Marriage, and Monthly Receipts

Reports were received. No questions from the Board.

b. Highway Superintendent Report

Report was received. No questions from the Board.

c. Code Office Report

Town Supervisor White noted that the Code Officer had not submitted a recent report and had not attended meetings. He stated he would follow up directly with the Code Officer.

d. Supervisor's Report and Budget Report for August 2026: Waiting

Town Supervisor White noted the report remains pending.

e. USDA Application: Continue to work on

Town Supervisor White reported that the USDA application for the Water District is still being finalized and is expected to be submitted within the next one to two months.

f. Fire Department requested donation for Halloween Party at Hall

The Board discussed a donation request from the Fire Department for its annual Halloween party at the Fire Hall. Last year's donation was \$200.00.

Motion to donate \$200.00 to the Fire Department for the Halloween Party was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and second by Councilmember Gerald Hull. The motion carried.

g. RG&E Request for Access to inspect Power Line Via Town Property at the Caledonia Road water tower.

Town Supervisor White presented a formal access request from RG&E to inspect power lines via Town property at the Water Tank on Caledonia Road. The access would be limited to foot traffic and four-wheelers, with no heavy equipment at this stage.

Motion to authorize Town Supervisor White to sign the access agreement with RG&E was made by Councilmember Gerald Hull and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso. The motion carried.

h. Letter of support for LVP to Genesee Transportation Council

Town Supervisor White informed the Board that the Genesee Valley Group (LVP) is applying for a grant related to safe bicycle movement along and around the Greenway and requested the Town's letter of support. Town

Supervisor White indicated he wished to first consult with the Village before formalizing membership, but the Board agreed to sign the letter of support. No formal motion was deemed necessary.

i. Potential Planning Board Member – Andy Muscarella?

Town Supervisor White noted that Andy Muscarella had not attended the meeting and that there had been no contact since a prior issue arose. He stated his continued interest in appointing Muscarella to the Planning Board.

j. Village has sent a proposed Intermunicipal Agreement

Town Supervisor White reported receipt of a proposed Intermunicipal Agreement from the Village. The agreement mirrors the one signed three years ago, with the only substantive change being the updated employee rate. Town Attorney James Campbell had reviewed it and offered minor comments. No action was taken at this meeting.

5. White Creek Solar

a. Updates: Meeting October 29th 10AM

Town Supervisor White noted that a pre-construction update meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 10:00 AM, with construction targeted to begin in December. He noted that meetings are recorded and available for public viewing via video conference. Resident James Kane formally requested that future meetings be scheduled at times more accessible to working residents. Highway Superintendent Russell Page advised the Board that White Creek Solar construction activity has damaged a section of shoulder on River Road and that repair will be needed before winter. Town Supervisor White directed Superintendent Page to obtain an estimate so that the matter could be submitted through the proper process for White Creek Solar to cover the cost.

6. PT/WTWD Update

a. Updates: Approval to sign Agreements – Finance and Tri Party Agreement

Town Supervisor White reported that the Finance Agreement and Tri-Party Agreement for the Pine Tavern West Town Water District have been finalized and reviewed by all parties' attorneys. These were addressed under Resolutions 0903-2026 and 0904-2026 (see Section 9 below).

7. 2027 Budget Discussion

a. Tentative Budget: Presented

Town Supervisor White distributed copies of the Tentative 2027 budget to Board members and Town Clerk Amy L. Neumann. He noted that at this time, it does not appear the town will need to exceed the tax cap. The Board was asked to review the budget and bring questions to the next meeting.

8. Town Attorney

a. Local Law Prohibiting Data Centers: Review and Set Public Hearing

Town Attorney James Campbell presented the draft Local Law establishing a moratorium on data centers. He advised the Board that if it proceeds with the moratorium, it must use the period productively—potentially through a committee—to review the existing code and determine whether amendments are warranted. The Board indicated its intent to move forward. A Public Hearing was set under Resolution 0901-2026 (see Section 9).

b. Local law to Override Tax Cap: Review and set Public Hearing

The Board agreed to set a Public Hearing on the Local Law to override the tax cap as a precautionary measure, in the event it becomes necessary in the final weeks of the Budget process. A Public Hearing was set under Resolution 0902-2026 (see Section 9).

9. Resolutions

a. 0901-2026 – Motion to set Public Hearing on October 13th on Local Law 02 of 2026 (Moratorium on Data Centers)

Motion to set a public hearing on October 13th on Local Law 02 of 2026, establishing a moratorium on data centers, was made by Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe. The motion carried.

b. 0902-2026 – Motion to set Public Hearing on October 13th on Local Law 03-2026 (Local Law to override Tax Cap) (Not expected to use at this time)

Motion to set a public hearing on October 13th on Local Law 03-2026, authorizing a local tax cap override, was made by Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe. The motion carried.

c. 0903-2026 – Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign Funding Agreement with the County of Livingston authorizing disbursement of AKZO Funding for WTWD

d. 0904-2026 – Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign the TRI-Party Agreement with the Town of Leicester/County of Livingston/Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority setting the procedure on LCWSA receiving Town of Leicester AKZO Funds for the regional portion of the WTWD.

Note: Resolutions 0903-2026 and 0904-2026 were combined into a single motion as the resolution drafted by Town Attorney James Campbell was found to cover both agreements.

Motion to authorize Town Supervisor White to sign both the Funding Agreement with the County of Livingston and the Tri-Party Agreement among the Town of Leicester, County of Livingston, and Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority was made by Councilmember Gerald Hull and seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe. The motion carried.

10. Audit of Claims

a. Motion to approve payment of Abstract #9 in the amount of \$276,448.33.

Town Supervisor White noted that the majority of this amount represents Highway Improvement expenditures.

Motion to approve payment of Abstract #9 in the amount of \$276,448.33 was made by Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso and seconded by Councilmember Gerald Hull. The motion carried.

11. Budget Transfer

a. Motion to authorize a Budget Transfer from the Leicester OLCWD to the Leicester Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$102,600.00. This includes the \$90,000.00 borrowed and \$12,600.00 (3.5%) in interest for the Four years this loan has been outstanding.

Town Supervisor White explained that this transfer repays a loan made approximately four years ago from the Old Leicester Cuylerville Water District to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, including \$90,000.00 in principal and \$12,600.00 in accrued interest at 3.5%, fully closing the outstanding obligation.

Motion to authorize the budget transfer of \$102,600.00 from the Leicester OLCWD to the Leicester Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jason Yasso. The motion carried.

12. Executive Session

Town Supervisor White requested the Board and Town Attorney enter Executive Session to discuss salary negotiations and the employment history of a particular person or person. The session was entered at 7:53 PM.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilmember Karen Roffe and seconded by Deputy Supervisor/ Councilmember Jason Yasso. The motion carried.

A Motion to exit executive session was made at 8:14 PM by Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember Jason Yasso and Seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe. No action taken.

13. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember **Karen Roffe** and seconded by Councilmember **Gerald Hull** Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amy Neumann, Town Clerk