

Town of Leicester Work Meeting

August 12th, 2025

Meeting minutes

Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor White requested Councilman Hull to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge to the Flag

Councilman Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present/ Excused: All Present

All Board Members were present.

Others Present: Town Clerk

The Town Clerk, Amy Neumann, was present.

Public Present

Public attendees, Lisa Semmel, Rob Semmel, Dennis Prevost, John Yasso

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept Minutes of July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Supervisor White asked if all Board members had read the minutes of the July 22, 2025, meeting. All members confirmed they had reviewed them.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember Jason Yasso, seconded by Councilmember Karen Roffe, to approve the minutes from July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports to the Board

Complaint from Leicester resident: Stone Chip from Town Truck Tire

Supervisor White informed the Board about a complaint from a resident regarding a stone chip that came from one of the Town truck tires on Dunkley Road. The resident was upset, but Supervisor White explained that since it was a freshly stoned road, it was unfortunate but not the Town's responsibility if their tires pick up something from the road. Councilman Matthew Durbin recused himself from this discussion.

Supervisors Financial Reports: Supervisors Report and Budget Report

Supervisor White mentioned that his financial reports weren't available at the last meeting but were included for this meeting. He noted that he had just received the reports for the next meeting that day.

Pine Tavern Water District: Update if available

Eric Weis

Supervisor White reported that Eric Weis had called him with some ideas about the water district. Supervisor White invited Councilman Hull to join the meeting. Eric Weis proposed some changes and options for the Water District.

Supervisor White explained that because they couldn't get into the WIIA grant this year, Eric Weis was trying to figure out how they could get the Water District moving faster without the grant. This would require an additional \$2-2.5 million to complete even the basic section, which would be in addition to the \$4 million already proposed by the AKZO Settlement Committee.

Supervisor White mentioned that the County already has funding for their section of the pipe. The County plans to bring the pipe across Jones Bridge, down Wheelock Road to replace that pipe, up Perry Road, and out Gibsonville Road. The County will likely have their pipe installed a year before the Town is ready to do their District.

Councilman Hull expressed concern about using all of Leicester's AKZO money to get the project going this year, stating that if they waited another year and got WIIA grant money, they could provide water service to many more people by combining WIIA money and AKZO money. Councilman Hull noted that getting water over to this side of the river could potentially benefit Mount Morris, Letchworth Park, the Leicester Village, and possibly even York.

Councilman Hull explained that Eric Weis had presented five proposals, which would cost around \$7 million in addition to the \$4 million already allocated. He stated his preference to get at least two areas done rather than just one, and with WIIA grant money they might be able to get to the third area, which would service many more people in the community.

Both Supervisor White and Councilman Hull agreed that waiting for grant money made more sense, as the WIIA grants would pay 60%, effectively doubling or more than doubling the number of people they could provide water service to.

Resident Dennis Prevost asked about the timeline and plan for the new water line. Supervisor White and Councilman Hull clarified that the plan included bringing water from near Merrimack Farms, crossing the river at Jones Bridge Road, going up Wheelock Road, Perry Road, Gibsonville Road, and up to the reservoir.

Councilman Hull asked the other Board members for their opinions, and they all agreed it made sense to wait another year to get more funding.

Resolution 0801 of 2025

Motion to pass Resolution 0801 of 2025 establishing the Standard Workday for Town of Leicester Personnel

Supervisor White presented Resolution 0801 of 2025, explaining that it establishes the Standard Workday for each Town position. He noted that the Resolution must be posted for 30 days before calculations can be submitted to the state for Elected and Appointed officials. Supervisor White mentioned that the hour requirements had changed over the years, and now it's either 6 or 8 hours, not lower options that were previously available.

Roll Call Vote

Motion by Councilman Durbin, seconded by Councilman Roffe, to pass Resolution 0801 of 2025 establishing the standard workday for Town of Leicester Personnel.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Durbin: Aye Councilman Roffe: Aye Councilman Hull: Yes Councilman Yasso: Yes, Supervisor White: Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 0802 of 2025

Motion to pass Resolution 0802 of 2025 appointing Gregg Torrey as Leicester assessor for a six-year term

Supervisor White presented a letter from Current Assessor, Gregg Torrey regarding his reappointment as Assessor for another six-year term. Supervisor White expressed satisfaction with Gregg Torrey's performance, stating he has done a good job.

Roll Call Vote

Motion by Councilman Hull, seconded by Councilman Yasso, to pass Resolution 0802 of 2025 appointing Gregg Torrey as Leicester Assessor for a six-year term.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Durbin: Yes Councilman Roffe: Yes Councilman Hull: Yes Councilman Yasso: Yes, Supervisor White: Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department

Returned to work Monday, Light Duty

Supervisor White reported that Highway Deputy, Todd Lubanski, returned to work on Monday on light duty.

New Truck is here early; Waiting for time to have box installed

Supervisor White announced that the New Dump Truck had arrived early and was in the barn for anyone who wanted to look at it. They were waiting for a time to have the box installed. He mentioned it might be another year and a half before they could use it. There was one question about the frame compared to how it was specified in the order, and Highway Superintendent, Russell Page was getting an answer to that question.

Other items

No additional items were discussed.

Budget Preparation

Plan to meet department heads

Supervisor White stated his plan to meet with Department Heads to discuss their plans for the current and upcoming year, as well as their long-term plans. He invited Board Members to join these meetings if they had interest in particular Departments, noting that he planned to conduct these meetings within the next two weeks.

Review Budget report

Supervisor White provided the Board with a six-month budget report, noting that since they were halfway through the year, it should give Board Members a good idea of where they would be by year's end.

Leicester Cemetery: Mapping

Supervisor White encouraged Board Members to visit the Town Office to see the Cemetery Mapping program that John Yasso had created. He praised Yasso's work, noting that he had invested more time in the project than he had billed the Town for. Supervisor White described the program as "amazing" and Thanked John Yasso for his efforts.

John Yasso mentioned that he hoped to get more done on the Mapping Project during the winter months. The map was described as color-coded and comprehensive.

There was some discussion about cemetery plots, with Town Clerk, Amy Neumann noting they cost \$850. There was also conversation about fence repair at the cemetery, with Supervisor White asking John Yasso to get quotes for fence repairs so they could potentially repair a section each year.

John Yasso mentioned issues with people throwing artificial flowers and pots over the fence, creating cleanup problems.

Other items: Any added discussion from the Board or from the floor

Fire District Chairman, John Yasso provided an update on the Fire Department's Budget preparations, noting that the Commissioners would be working on it over the next month to meet submission deadlines, including scheduling a public hearing. He mentioned that they were trying to reduce their fleet of vehicles from six trucks to three and possibly replacing the three eliminated vehicles with one new truck, as their newest truck was already almost ten years old.

Traffic Safety Board Member Dennis Prevost mentioned that the Traffic Safety Board would be meeting the following month, and he had been asked to speak with a mail carrier who had almost been hit several times. The mail carrier wanted to discuss pushing the speed limit out past the Bridge on Route 20A. There was discussion about the limited number of residents in the area and the lack of crash data, which would make it difficult to justify changes.

There was also discussion about Speed Trailers the Town had purchased. One Trailer needed refurbishment, including scraping and repainting. Resident Rob Semmel mentioned he had numbers for getting the electronics refurbished if needed, at a cost of around \$160.00 to \$200.00.

Executive Session

Discussion of Information pertaining to the employment history of an employee or employee's

Motion by Councilwoman Durbin, seconded by Councilman Roffe, to enter Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Complaint

This item was to be discussed in Executive Session.

IRS Letter - Past employee

This item was to be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to Exit Executive session

Motion from Councilmember Durbin, seconded by Councilmember Roffe at 8:14 p.m.

No action taken.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Hull, seconded by Councilmember Roffe. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.