

Town of Leicester Work Meeting;

November 11, 2025

Meeting minutes

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Supervisor Richard White called the meeting to order. All Board Members were present except for Councilman Matthew, who called in to be excused. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Others Present:

Ken Mock, John Yasso, Rob Semmel, Lisa Semmel, Rich Neumann.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board addressed confusion regarding Minutes from previous Meetings. They first approved the Minutes from September 23, 2025, with a motion made by Councilman Hull and seconded by Councilman Roffe, passing unanimously. The Board then approved the Minutes from October 28, 2025, with a motion by Councilman Yasso and seconded by Councilman Roffe, also passing unanimously.

Other items:

New Code Officer Candidate: Start as general labor

Supervisor White reported on Meeting with the New Code Officer Candidate. The Board will start him immediately as general help for the first two months, as he won't be certified until the first week of February. Supervisor White noted that the candidate is halfway through certification, and everything is progressing well. The plan is to officially Appoint him at the Organizational Meeting, though he won't be able to officially sign anything until he receives his certificate.

Supervisor White expressed his desire to elevate the Town's Code Enforcement Standards, noting that while the current Officer Sean has done well, he would like to see more aggressive enforcement on certain matters. Multiple Board Members interviewed the Candidate and were pleased with him, describing him as "very solid." There was brief discussion about the balance between being firm and understanding in Code Enforcement, with Board Members agreeing the New Candidate seems aware of that balance. Supervisor White also mentioned he would expect the New Code Officer to attend more Board Meetings and provide better Monthly Reports.

Horse around Farm Perry Road: Another Bus pulled in over the weekend

Supervisor White informed the Board that another Bus had been pulled in over the weekend at the Horse Around Farm on Perry Road. He noted the Buses have no license plates. Supervisor White was cautious about putting too much detail in the public record but indicated there are surrounding issues that need to be addressed through several different approaches. He mentioned that Residents have expressed concerns about the eyesore when driving by.

2026 Tax Levy Report

Supervisor White reviewed the Tax Levy Report, reminding the Board that when Tax Bills come out in January, there will likely be complaints even though the Town stayed within the Tax Cap. He noted that the Fire Department couldn't stay within their Cap this year, and the County's Portion will be "Quite a bit higher." Supervisor White emphasized that the Town is just one small part of the overall Tax Bill and that everyone is doing their best.

Iron Roots Letter - Scam

Supervisor White briefly mentioned receiving a letter from Iron Roots expressing interest in buying the Town's Gravel Pit, indicating it was considered a scam.

Court has submitted letter that it's ready for their audit

The Court submitted a letter indicating their Records are open and ready to be audited, which is typically done in January. Supervisor White explained they would need to split up the audit responsibilities since there are three audits to complete - the Court, the Supervisor's Records, and Town Clerk's records. With Councilman Durbin usually conducting the Court audit with Councilman Roffe, someone will need to substitute for him. White asked Board Members to let him know if they had particular interest in any specific audit.

LCWSA - Relevy of Unpaid Water Bills:

Supervisor White presented the list of Unpaid Water Bills from Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority that they want to Re-levy to the 2026 Tax Bills. The Route 36-1 section totals \$1,234.92 with penalties, and the Leicester-Cuylerville portion totals \$6,247.81.

Resolution 1101-2025: Authorizing the LCWSA Unpaid Water Bills to be levied to the 2026 taxes as listed. Motion approved unanimously via Roll Call Vote: Councilman Roffe - Yes, Councilman Hull - Yes, Councilman Yasso - Yes, Supervisor White - Yes.

Appointment of Fire Commissioner for a Five-Year Term:

The Board discussed appointing Josh Dickens for a Five-Year Term on the Leicester Fire Commission. Supervisor White confirmed he had reached out to Josh, who was willing to continue serving. Supervisor White had also spoken with Mayor Briffa and did not anticipate any issues with Village approval. Board Members expressed strong support for Dickens, describing him as "Awesome" and "Very Good."

Resolution 1102-2025: Appointing Josh Dickens to a Five-Year Term on the Leicester Fire Commission. Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote: Councilman Roffe - Yes, Councilman Hull - Yes, Councilman Yasso - Yes, Supervisor White - Yes.

Resolution From Congressman Nick Langworthy: By partisan Bill Supporting Freedom of Choice for Home Energy Sources:

Supervisor White brought up the Bipartisan Freedom of Choice Bill that Congressman Nick Langworthy had requested support for, which had been discussed at the previous meeting. There was consensus to support the resolution.

Resolution 1103-2025: Supporting Congressman Nick Langworthy's Bipartisan Bill Supporting Freedom of Choice for Home Energy Sources. Motion approved unanimously via Roll Call Vote: Councilman Roffe - Yes, Councilman Hull - Yes, Councilman Yasso - Yes, Supervisor White - Yes.

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

John Yasso, Fire Commissioner, mentioned that the Fire District's current Treasurer had submitted notice that she would not continue in the position after the first of the year. He indicated they are now looking for a New Treasurer, jokingly mentioning there are "good benefits" including "dealing with all these smiling faces."

Executive Session: If needed

No executive session was required.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilman Yasso, second by Councilman Hull, and unanimous approval at 7:11 p.m. A comment was made that the meeting's brevity was "a new record."