

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, 48 Main Street LeRoy, New York.

- Members Present:

James Farnholz, Supervisor
John Armitage, Council
William Fox, Council
John Johnson, Council
David Paddock, Council
- Absent:

Eric Stauffer, Highway Supt.
- Recording Secretary:

Patricia A. Canfield, Town Clerk
- Others Present:

Laurie Mancuso, Eileen Dries

Supervisor Farnholz called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag and approval of the minutes of September 11, 2025 on **MOTION** by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

Village of LeRoy – Police Protection Annual Contract – Town Outside -
Item Tabled.
2.

LeRoy Food Pantry – Rental Agreement – Annual Contract –
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Fox and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes extending the LeRoy Food Pantry Contract Rental Agreement Annual Contract inclusive of all language effective October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, with rental at \$1.00.
3.

Board of Assessment Review – Re-Appointment – Eileen Sherman –
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy re-appoints Eileen Sherman to the Town of LeRoy Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030.
4.

Agriculture Land - Large Scale Solar Project – Opposition –
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLUTION OPPOSING LARGE-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS THAT OVERRID LOCAL LAND USE AUTHORITY AND IMPACT AGRICULTURAL LAND IN GENESEE COUNTY
WHEREAS, current and planned large-scale energy projects are significantly altering land use Patterson and the rural character of Genesee and surrounding Counties; and
WHEREAS, Genesee County, as New York State’s fourth largest agricultural producer, has already experienced the conversion of a substantial portion of its farmland to industrial -scale solar energy infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, this accelerating trend results in the permanent loss of prime agricultural land, placing long-term food production capacity, rural economic stability and environmental stewardship at increasing risk; and
WHEREAS, developers of large-scale solar projects frequently seek waivers from the State of New York in order to bypass County, City, Town and Village comprehensive plans, zoning laws, and other locally enacted land use regulations, including those adopted in accordance with New York State Town Law and other applicable statues, meaning such projects often cannot proceed without overriding or circumventing local legal authority; and
WHEREAS, these projects are consistently sited on highly productive farmland that has historically supported the local economy, food security, and the rural heritage of the region; and
WHEREAS, the conversion of such land to industrial energy production represents an irreversible loss of valuable agricultural resources; and
WHEREAS, the use of state level siting mechanisms to override or circumvent local laws and planning documents, including comprehensive and agricultural protection plans, effectively strips municipalities and resident of their right to self-determination in land use matters; and
WHEREAS, such actions undermine the authority of local governments and erode the principle of “home rule,” threatening democratic participation and the ability of communities to plan for their own futures; and
WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 4 of the New York State Constitution declares that it is a State policy to conserve, protect, and encourage agricultural lands, mandating the legislature create adequate protections for agricultural lands; and
WHEREAS, Town of LeRoy has an interest in application of Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, which states:
Declaration of legislative findings and intent...the declared policy of the state is to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural land for production of food and other agricultural products. It is also the declared policy of the state to conserve and protect agricultural lands valued natural and ecological resources which provide needed open spaces for clean air sheds, as well as for aesthetic purposes.
The constitution of the state of New York directs the legislature to provide for the protection of agricultural lands. It is the purpose of this article to provide a locally initiated mechanism for the protection and enhancement of New York State’s agricultural land as a viable segment of the local and state economies and as an economic and environmental resource of major importance.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of LeRoy formally opposes any and all large-scale solar projects that override or disregard local land use policies, zoning regulations, and comprehensive plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this opposition os based on the projects’ clear and irreversible harm to agricultural lands, their circumvention of local laws, and the broader threat they pose to the integrity and autonomy of municipal planning authority in Genesee County;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of LeRoy supports legislative efforts to restrict the development of large-scale solar projects on prime soils and soils of Statewide significance, and demands that the |Farmland Protection Working Group created by the Renewable citing law be immediately convened to address the issue of the loss of a critical mass of farmland in Genesee County;
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town of LeRoy joins with Genesee County in demanding that all current and future solar energy projects.

5. **Speed Limit Study Request – East Bethany LeRoy Rd [TE9] –**
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Paddock and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
WHEREAS, there is currently a speed limit in the Town of LeRoy on East Bethany LeRoy Road of 55 mph and
WHEREAS, it has been suggested by a resident that the speed limit be lowered to 40 mph due to a large number of walkers, runners and bicycles on said road; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy approves the request to the Department of transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to lower the maximum speed limit to 40 mph.
6. **Town Court – Position Creation – Clerk –**
On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes the appointment of Beth Hiscutt as part-time Clerk for the Town Court Dept. at a rate of \$27.21 per hour on an as needed basis with no benefits or vacation/sick/personal accrual.
7. **2026 Budget – Tentative –**
The 2026 Town of LeRoy Budget has been filed with the Town Clerk.
8. **Joint Meeting – Town and Village Boards –**
Town of LeRoy will host a Joint Meeting on October 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 48 Main Street, LeRoy for the discussion of proposed consolidation.
9. **Bob Adams Automotive, Lake Street – Owner Jamie Merica –**
Owner, Jamie Merica is looking for additional land/space to expand his automotive business.
On **MOTION** by Councilman Armitage and seconded by Supervisor Farnholz and passed unanimously with voting as follows: Council Armitage, Fox, Johnson, Paddock and Supervisor Farnholz – aye the following **RESOLUTION:**
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of LeRoy authorizes to draft a letter of support to Mark Macey from Genesee County GCEDC for consideration of sale of two or three acres of land owned by GCEDC at the corner of West Bergen and Lake Road to Jamie Merica owner of Bob Adams Automotive to promote growth and allow expansion of his current business operation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation:

Supervisor Farnholz reported that the proposed project to convert the community pool to saltwater will not be feasible due to difficulty maintaining health standards of pool water. Pool lines will need to be sleeved to prevent leaking along with other upgrades.

Fire Commission:

Councilman Johnson reported the fire dept. is looking to complete a residual test on water pressure at the interchange zone.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:

On **MOTION** by Supervisor Farnholz and seconded by Councilman Fox and passed unanimously the following bills were presented for payment:

Abstract # 18	2024/25	Voucher #
General Fund A, B, SL :	\$11,386.69	449~462 [incl. online/prepay pay]
Highway Fund DA & DB:	\$25,170.43	138~145
Water Fund SW:		

With no further business to come before the Board, on **MOTION** by Councilman Paddock and seconded by Councilman Armitage and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:56 PM.
Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Canfield Town Clerk