

Town of LeRay

Town Board Minutes

October 9, 2025

Call to Order

Proceedings of a Town Board Meeting held at the LeRay Town Municipal Office on October 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Supervisor Carpenter who led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Regular Meeting

Leland J. Carpenter – Supervisor, Melissa L. Verne – Town Clerk, Nathan Toutant – Director of Finance/Clerk to Supervisor, Board Members in attendance: Samuel Biondolillo, Michael Gracey, Merle Otis, Patrick O'Donnell, James Burrows – Town Attorney, Debbie Biondolillo – Planning Board Chairperson, Lee Shimel – Zoning Enforcement Officer, William Vargulick – Town Assessor – **Absent**, Bruce Shawcross – Highway Superintendent, Mike Altieri – Town Engineer – **Absent**, Tony Goodrich – DANC, Lindsay Hess – DCO
Also in attendance: Tim Barber – BCA

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2025, were reviewed by the Board Members. A motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Comments from the Floor

**A Public Hearing was scheduled @ 4:10 p.m. to consider a Local Law to override the tax cap for the upcoming fiscal year.
This Public Hearing will not be needed as the Town does not need to override the tax cap for the upcoming fiscal year.**

Report from Town Dog Control Officer – Lindsay Hess

DCO Hess submitted her monthly report.

Report from DANC – Tony Goodrich – Absent

Mr. Goodrich gave his monthly report.

Report from Highway Superintendent – Bruce Shawcross

Mr. Shawcross gave his monthly report. The new GPS has been installed in all trucks. The fence is also installed at the Town Barn.

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Otis to buy the Bobcat toolcat in the amount of \$98,258.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Report from the Town Engineer – Tim Barber

Mr. Barber reported on the water project status.

Report from the Zoning Enforcement Officer – Lee Shimel

Mr. Shimel reported on zoning and reported that the property owner of 25587/686 US Route 11 with the Unsafe Building Structures have had no response to his letters.

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Otis to have BCA get a survey for Asbestos for the 25587/686 Route 11 property.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to have BCA get plans and specs to do the demolition on the two (2) identified unsafe structures on the property 25587/686 Route 11 and secure the other three (3) structures.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Report from the Town Assessor – William Vargulick – Absent

Report from Planning Board

Mrs. Biondolillo reported on Planning projects.

A motion was made by Councilman O'Donnell and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to set a Public Hearing for November 6, 2025 at 4:10 p.m. to hear comments on a Local Law to establish a town wide six (6) month moratorium on all renewable energy facilities and battery energy storage systems.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Report from the Town Clerk – Melissa L. Verne

	Cash Balances as of September 30, 2025		Current Month Abstract 10	
General Fund	\$	1,970,125.55	\$	66,518.93
Highway Fund-Town wide	\$	995,566.65	\$	12,469.44
Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$	285,910.88	\$	76,845.33
Expendable Trust	\$	794.54	\$	0.00
Consolidated Water District	\$	2,177,935.94	\$	21,469.44
Water District # 3	\$	7,612.62	\$	32.00
Sewer District # 1	\$	939,231.78	\$	7,029.15
Sewer District # 2	\$	84,989.45	\$	1,413.79
Sewer District # 3	\$	(14,639.31)	\$	2,432.49
Sewer District # 4	\$	422,184.74	\$	387.41
Capital Project # 3 (Sewer Dist. 1)	\$	135,715.80	\$	0.00
Capital Project # 4W (Water 2 Imp)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Capital Project # 5 (Highway Fac.)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Trust & Agency	\$	213,699.78	\$	4,514.06

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Otis that Abstract #10 vouchers 1262-1371 in the amount of \$193,112.04 be paid from the above accounts.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo that the board pass a resolution to relevy water and sewer charges onto the 2026 Town and County property taxes as follows:

Owner Name	Water Balance	Sewer Balance	Total
Braun, Pinches		192	192
Clark, Ronald I	5.54	13.71	19.25
Tweedy, David	70.28	83.27	153.55
Wilson, Shannon	45.73	65.92	111.65
Black River Medical Center	11.43	65.92	77.35
Gaffney, Joseph	0	259.56	259.56
Young, Walter	114.37	225.33	339.70
Stansbury, Tyler	45.73	56.31	102.04
Shamey, William	0	1.92	1.92
Gutierrez, Larry	160.06	190.50	350.56
Mooney,Hui Sun	68.59	131.76	200.35
Kane, Phillip	0	129.92	129.92
Culbertson, Carl	0	65.92	65.92

Culbertson, Carl	91.46	114.48	205.94
Giannetti, George	178.60	220.06	398.66
Erie Blvd. Hydropower LP	0.11	2.04	2.15
Nguyen, Anh	30.49	65.92	96.41
Cole, Jeffery L.	0.15	0.67	0.82
Velasquez, Luis A	26.68	65.92	92.60
Covey, Matt & Sarah	56.00	74.92	130.92
Baker, Starlet	64.79	84.92	149.71
Day, Douglas	45.73	65.92	111.65
World Turner, Carolyn & Jason	1.22	1.92	3.14
Navarra, David	45.73	65.92	111.65
McNulty, Richard & Becky	2.33	2.97	5.30
Fraser, Kathleen	22.87	65.92	88.79
Robinson, Lorene	15.24	65.92	81.16
Derohwer, Christopher	30.49	65.92	96.41
Decker, Robert	68.60	89.15	157.75
Maciag, John	24.04	0	24.04
Drive Davidson	7.62	15.60	23.22
Nguyen, Judy	34.30	0	34.30
KCX Realty LLC	76.22	0	76.22
Washington Street Manor LLC	2.22	4.56	6.78
Washington Street Manor LLC	1.33	2.73	4.06
Washington Street Manor LLC	0.33	0.68	1.01
Z Plaza LLC	1,475.68	2,904.14	4,379.82
LeRay 300 LLC	336.91	698.08	1,034.99
Washington Street Manor LLC	0.44	0.91	1.35
Plourde, William	53.35	0	53.35
Abdelhamid, Munierah	43.60		43.60
Griffith, Thomas W.	22.70	77.30	100.00
Lake, Randy	3.81	64.89	68.70
Madore, Amanda	91.46	100.43	191.89
Marrero, Jose'	72.41	149.87	222.28
Kalford, Amber/ Harris, Richard	133.39	134.42	267.81
Stackel, Marcy	1.55	2.03	3.58
Czajkowski, Kristine	1.00	1.89	2.89
Dehner, Blake & Lisa	1.00	0	1.00
Volk, Andrew	43.14	0	43.14
Martin, Chelsea & Bond, Christopher	2.08	2.91	4.99
Boldt Jr, Donald	3.81	0	3.81
Waterman, Dana	38.11	0	38.11
DeCillis, William	146.13	169.05	315.18
King, Ashley	72.41	0	72.41

Heiler, Terrence	0.56	0	0.56
Osborne, Joseph	95.28	0	95.28
Aquilar, Diego	64.79	0	64.79
Converse, Paul	1.67	0	1.67
Deren, Arthur	213.43	0	213.43
Deren, Arthur	213.42	0	213.42
Petersen, Barry L.	3.81	0	3.81
LaFave, Lee	80.35	0	80.35
DeLong, Alex	26.68	0	26.68
Fye, Vincent	60.98	0	60.98
Ballard, Holly	45.74	0	45.74
Battles, Justin	26.68	0	26.68
Branon, Terrance	0.11	0	0.11
100 Keys Properties LLC	38.11	0	38.11
100 Keys Properties LLC	26.68	0	26.68
100 Keys Properties LLC	99.09	0	99.09
100 Keys Properties LLC	15.24	0	15.24
McConnell, Chris	53.35	0	53.35
Harmer, Harry	29.73	39.77	69.50
Schloeder, Paul	0.22	1.92	2.14
29671 County Rd 50 LLC	0	109.50	110
Foster, Kennedy	198.17	0	198.17
	5,185.35	7,015.29	12,200.64

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman O'Donnell and seconded by Councilman Gracey to relevy demolition charges on the 2026 Town and County property taxes of \$28,505 onto tax parcel # 55.00-1-1.5, 30429 County Route 46 for non-payment to the town.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Gracey to relevy cleanup charges on the 2026 Town and County property taxes or tax parcel # 56.00-2-17, 32421 County Route 30 for non-payment to the town.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to set a Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m. for November 6, 2025 to hear comments on proposed Ambulance Contracts for the year 2026 as follows: Black River Ambulance Squad \$55,400 and Evans Mills Volunteer Ambulance Squad \$62,000.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to set a Public Hearing for November 6, 2025 immediately following the Public Hearing for the Ambulance Contracts to hear comments on proposed Fire Contracts for the year 2026 as follows: Black River Fire Department \$139,172 and Pamela Fire Department \$22,658.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to approve the 2026 Tentative Budget as Preliminary.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Otis to set a Public Hearing for November 6, 2025 immediately following the Fire Contracts to hear comments on the Preliminary Budget.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to have Supervisor Lee Carpenter sign the 2025 Youth Contract with the Village of Evans Mills and pay them \$8,000 per their contract, upon receiving a copy of the 2025 youth program report.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman O'Donnell and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to sign the 2025 Youth Contract with the Village of Black River and pay them \$7,000 per their contract, upon receiving a copy of the 2025 youth program report.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Otis to proceed with the Ecode update for online codes.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman O' Donnell to adjourn this meeting, at 5:12 p.m.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	5	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Respectfully given:

Melissa L. Verne

Melissa L. Verne, LeRay Town Clerk