

Town of LeRay

Town Board Minutes

November 13, 2025

Call to Order

Proceedings of a Town Board Meeting held at the LeRay Town Municipal Office on November 6, 2025. This meeting was a continuation of an adjourned meeting of a regular meeting on November 6, 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 - **Absent**, Nathan Toutant – Director of Finance/Clerk to Supervisor, Board Members in attendance: Samuel Biondolillo, Michael Gracey, Merle Otis – **Absent**, Patrick O'Donnell, James Burrows – Town Attorney, Debbie Biondolillo – Planning Board Chairperson, Lee Shimel – Zoning Enforcement Officer, William Vargulick – Town Assessor, Bruce Shawcross – Highway Superintendent, Mike Altieri – Town Engineer , Tony Goodrich– DANC, Lindsay Hess – DCO
Also in attendance: Tim Barber – BCA

Comments from the Floor

Hydrosorce Associates (HSA) discussed the Hydrogeologic and Water Quality Evaluation of the Carey and LeRay Tank II sites.

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to accept the final report from Objective #1 as presented in the HSA Consulting Proposal and move forward with Objective #2 Townwide Hydrogeologic Evaluation to Identify Candidate Locations for New High- Yield Well Source Development.

The vote went as follows:			
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Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
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The motion passed.			
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A Public Hearing for the LeRay Town Board to review the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 remained open from the November 6, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to close the Public Hearing.

The vote went as follows:			
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Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
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The motion passed.			
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A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Gracey to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	4	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to go into Executive session for ongoing litigation at 4:09 p.m.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	4	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to come out of Executive session back into Regular session at 4:25 p.m.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	4	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

Report from Town Dog Control Officer – Lindsay Hess

Report from DANC – Tony Goodrich – Absent

Mr. Goodrich gave his monthly report.

Report from Highway Superintendent – Bruce Shawcross

Report from the Town Engineer

Mr. Barber discussed project status updates for the Consolidated Water District Extension.

Report from the Zoning Enforcement Officer – Lee Shimel

Report from the Town Assessor – William Vargulick

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to go into Executive session for ongoing litigation at 5:30 p.m.

The vote went as follows:		
Ayes:	4	Nays: 0
The motion passed.		

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to come out of Executive session back into Regular session at 5:37 p.m.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to accept the settlement offer from Splash Car Wash, tax parcel # 64.20-1-35, 26428 Johnson Road, to freeze the assessment value at \$1,300,000.00 for 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029, except in the case that the property sells during the settlement period, the Town Assessor will reassess for the next assessment year.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Report from the Town Clerk – Melissa L. Verne

	Cash Balances as of October 31, 2025		Current Month Abstract 11
General Fund	\$	2,539,697.24	\$ 74,733.35
Highway Fund-Town wide	\$	1,020,517.57	\$ 83,935.37
Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$	170,434.40	\$ 6,979.77
Expendable Trust	\$	794.67	\$ 0.00
Consolidated Water District	\$	2,204,794.77	\$ 59,757.44
Water District # 3	\$	22,778.92	\$ 32.00
Sewer District # 1	\$	990,140.72	\$ 98,203.84
Sewer District # 2	\$	99,316.93	\$ 2,691.64
Sewer District # 3	\$	-5,009.30	\$ 12,434.50
Sewer District # 4	\$	361,687.12	\$ 10,319.69
Capital Project # 3 (Sewer Dist. 1)	\$	135,756.15	\$ 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	\$ 4,588.06

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Otis that Abstract #11 vouchers 1372-1508 in the amount of \$353,675.66 be paid from the above accounts.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Report from Nathan Toutant, Director of Finance/Clerk to the Supervisor

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to approve the changes by Public Sector HR to the Employee Handbook and the Controlled Substance and Alcohol testing policy as presented.

The vote went as follows:			
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Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Supervisor Carpenter and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to retain Public Sector HR at the new hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Otis to authorize Supervisor Lee Carpenter to sign the New York State Application for Approval of Plans for Public Water Supply Improvements for the LeRay Commons Project on Route 11.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Councilman Biondolillo to appoint Steven Russell to the Planning Board with a term to expire December 31, 2029, this would fill the vacancy left by Kerry Young.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

A motion was made by Councilman Gracey and seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to adjourn this meeting, at 5:48 p.m.

The vote went as follows:			
Ayes:	4	Nays:	0
The motion passed.			

Respectfully given: (Prepared via audio/notes)

Melissa L. Verne

Melissa L. Verne, LeRay Town Clerk