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A State Comptroller's Office audit has found issues with some Le Roy Fire District travel, meal and refreshment spending. The district's board has responded in the meantime.

Audit Criticizes Le Roy Fire District Spending

LFD Board questions language and findings

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LE ROY — A state audit is criticizing the Le Roy Fire District for what it describes as thousands of dollars' worth of unnecessary spending.

The department, in its response, seeks to clear up and explain some of the findings in the group auditing.

The State Comptroller's Office on Tuesday released its findings of an audit examining Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2025. It asked if "Le Roy Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners ensure travel, meal and refreshment purchases were adequately supported and appropriate District purposes?"

The report examined 134 travel, meal and refreshment purchases made by the department totaling $23,530. It found 117 of those totaling $22,508 were, contained errors or non-exceptions.

The report said $17,000 worth of those purchases, totaling 74 percent of all such purchases during the audit period, were "unsupported or inappropriate District expenses."

Within the reviewed purchases, the audit found "incomplete travel or refreshment purchases totaling $13,888 according to the Comptroller's Office, which it says "lacked sufficient documentation."

The audit also said 44 instances of purchases totaling $6,006 did not have evidence of approval or complete supporting expense vouchers, while an additional 44 had incomplete meal and refreshment documentation totaling $2,200 did not provide what the Comptroller's Office considers to be adequate documentation to show they were a legitimate purchase.

Lastly, 32 travel-related purchases totaling $2,926 for meals and lodging apparently exceeded the district's travel policy limits for costs of lodging and per diem for all allowances.

In all, the comptroller's office reported the following three conclusions:

- Travel, meal and refreshment purchases were not adequately supported with documentation.
- Travel, meal and refreshment purchases were not always for a proper district purpose.
- Certain purchases were not consistent with the district's spending policy.

Based on those findings, the Comptroller's Office recommended the Le Roy fire board take the following steps:

- The Board should conduct a thorough and deliberate audit of all claims before payment to ensure they are adequately supported with documentation, including requesting itemized receipts for any meals or refreshments, and that they comply with the district's travel policy for proper District purposes.
- The Board should adopt written policies and procedures for non-travel-related meals and refreshment purchases that define allowable purposes, documentation supporting documentation and approval and attendance requirements.
- The Board should, before approving claims, ensure that travel claims comply with the District's written policies for proper District purposes.

The report concluded the following:

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The Batavia location of Taco Bell on Clinton Street in Batavia, Wednesday. Developer Indus Hospitality Group plans to build a Taco Bell restaurant on Le Roy Road.

Le Roy Approves New Taco Bell

Council members vote 4-1 in favor of new restaurant

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Discussions over such construction and a somewhat controversial public hearing earlier this month, the issue of a new Taco Bell restaurant in Le Roy resolved with hardly a whimper, yet.

Following a civil public hearing, the Le Roy Planning Board approved plans for the construction of the new Taco Bell at 7185 N. Main Rd., on a conditional site approval of a special use permit based on full compliance with the requirements of the site plan review law.

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