

# *LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2011, at 7pm., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Chuck Klco, Linda Burhenne, Richard VanPelt, and Sharon Rodgers.

Chuck opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** Rick Pomplas, Kathy Watson and Anna M. Fisher were present to inform the audience of the need for the 5.97 mill township school levy. Mrs. Greig from 8187 Callow Rd., requested the trustees write to the Lake County Soil and Water stating they have no objection to her naming the pond on her property "Greig's Pond". Sharon will send letter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** Notice from Attorney Abe Cantor's office that the Osborne case involving the sign on Vrooman road will be going to trail.

The testing on Taylor Rd. of pavement core samples is completed. We are waiting for the Engineer's office to report if there is enough surface to grind and re-apply.

Leroy Township will join the group retrospective rating plan for the year 2012. There is a possible savings in the premium we pay to the Bureau of Worker's Compensation based on the group's claims. A possible .39 percent savings for 2012 could be received. At worst case scenario a maximum cap of .15% increase could be paid. Only those township's with minimal, or no claims have been chosen to join the group retrospective rating plan. This will be a year to year evaluation by Frank Gates/Avizent, our MCO for worker's comp.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Because of budget cut backs, there will be no zoning commission meeting this month. Next month sexually orientated business and zoning fees will be discussed.

**FIRE:** The Fire Chief reported 14 calls since the last meeting. The backup squad was in for brake repairs. After careful consideration and reviewing all options, the fire chief would like to purchase our new ambulance from Burgess Ambulance, who has the state bid contract. The cost for a diesel is \$130,000.00, as opposed to a gas engine at 120,000.00. However the life time usage and maintenance of the diesel he feels will be much better, after consulting with several individuals about a gas vs. diesel engine. The money will come from the .9 mill fire levy which is for equipment only. He will bring all of the information to the next trustee meeting and ask for approval to purchase at that time.

Burgess Ambulance does not want our old squad. It is 17 years old. Frank will sell it outright. Our first line squad is now 8 years old.

The Night at the Races has been canceled due to lack of ticket sales.

The new radios have been ordered. We will receive two WTs and two mobile units through the EMA (emergency management). They apparently received money from the Perry Nuclear Power Plant for fire departments which are located within the 10 mile radius.

**ROAD:** The ditch is done on Radcliffe at Brakeman Rd. Hamden will install the new culvert pipe thru their Issue II funding.

Sealcoat is finished on Jennings Dr. The men have started getting the trucks ready for winter. We have about 6 culvert pipes to install and some ditching needs done yet. Seeley needs graded as well as Celzic.

**CEMETERIES:** The monument stone has been installed at Paine Rd. Cemetery. The flag pole will be installed. Charlie is working with Bill Wing for the power pole and light for the flag pole. An Eagle Scout has done most of the work at the cemetery, getting donations of the flag pole, bench, and making a nice area for the monument stone which will hold a plaque with all of the known burials. Two graves were sold in Williams Cemetery.

**PARKS:** Brandy is expecting a baby at the end of November. She will do the Halloween party, but needs someone to take over the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The Township Halloween party will be Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm at the community center. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Because of area residents concerns about the acquisition of Pheasant Run Airport, Linda called the FAA located in Detroit. Their liaison stated that they college is not eligible for grant funding. However if they cold get private funding, there are no regulations thru the FAA concerning their use of the property. The township needs to regulate this thru their zoning.

Mr. Hemly would like to keep our township newsletter going and has volunteered to pay for it, as long as he could advertise his business. Charlie spoke with the assistant county prosecutor. If Mr. Hemly wants to do this, it has to be done solely by him, without the township's participation.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 350 needs six new tires at a cost of \$300.00 each. Jason is trying to get them pro-rated. The Backhoe is threadbare on the front and needs two new tires now, at the cost of \$275.00 each. Next year it will need back tires. Motion by Charlie to purchase tires, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all in favor.

Motion by Rich to purchase 10 more sheets of plastic plywood for the cemetery at a cost of \$2,485.95, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie, all were in favor. This was built into our budget for this year. It saves a lot of money in the long run, as we currently use regular plywood, which absorbs water, bends and cracks.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** To comply with the 2009-2010 audit, the fiscal officer requested approval by the trustees for transfer of \$55,180.00 from the fire and road levy funds into the debt service fund. (This is for the payment of the loan for fire truck and road truck, transfer in 2009. This covers findings 10-0003 & 10-004. Charlie made a motion to approve the transfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all were in favor.

Motion to pay all bills made by, Charlie, seconded by Linda, all were in favor.

Next meeting: November 7, at 7pm.

Audience: Evelyn stated the Zoning Appeals granted a conditional use permit to Lake Erie College for Pheasant Run Airport. There are five conditions which must be met. Mrs. Reed still owns all of the airplanes located there. She also maintains control over the airstrip.

Motion to adjourn made by, Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich, all in favor.

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Chuck Klco

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer