

LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2011, at 7 P.M. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Guests: None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with a correction.

Correspondence: A response from ODOT was received with regards to a speed study at the 5-points intersections of Rt. 86. They advised that the minimum length of a speed zone must be 0.5 miles. They noted that the character of SR 86 quickly returns to that of a typical rural highway outside the 5-points area. These prevailing characteristics appear to favor the retention of the current statutory speed limit of 55 MPH. However, the district 12 planning office will conduct a speed zone study as requested. This will be done within the next 90 days and we will then receive their analysis of the study.

The Lake County Engineer's office sent their recommendation for the Jennings Drive reconstruction project after reviewing all bids. Ronyak Paving is recommended.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 28 calls and 9 permits issued since the last meeting. A conditional use permit was approved for JJJ Properties use of the land next to the BP station on Vrooman Rd. One variance request has been received for sideline footage. A variance for a wind turbine sideline from the required 75 ft. to 54 feet has been requested. A total of 32 inspections have been completed, two violations closed, and 16 property sales so far this year. The N.E. District Planning & Zoning session was a good class. Myron has been working with Ben Neylon from the Prosecutor's office on a letter to be sent to Osborn regarding their large sign N. of the Vrooman Rd. I-90 bridge. There is an appeals hearing coming up for the side lot clearance for a barn on Indian Point and for the side lot clearance for a wind mill.

FIRE: The Fire Chief reported 60 calls since the last meeting, YTD 258. Dorothy Rowan has requested payment for a pediatric conference on September 16th in the amount of \$95.00. Jim Hizley has resigned from the fire department. A \$3,000.00 EMS grant has been received for equipment. The 2010 AFG, (assistance to firefighters grant) in the amount of \$9,500.00 was received and a thermal imager has been purchased. The Chief reported as a way to offset lost revenues, many fire depts., are looking at increasing the fee to the current approved rates by Medicare. This would be approximately \$12,000.00 more a year for our fire dept. based on prior runs. Residents are not charged for any remaining balances that their insurance company does not cover; nor would they be charged if they have no insurance. A copy of a written agreement for the establishment of a Lake County East Cooperative Government for purchases, based on per capita use was presented to the trustees for their review. This may be a long the same lines as the State Auditor's idea of shared purchases and services. They have chosen Lake County as a "trial" county to see if it would be feasible.

There will be a blood drive at the community center on August 19th.

Rich Lesak's retirement party will be on July 30th at DeRebutis Party Center. Tickets are available, call Chief, or Vickey at the fire dept. Rich has served a total of 30 years between Thompson Twp. Fire Department and Leroy Township Fire Dept.

ROAD: All of the patching that we had money for has been completed. The cost of tar is 1/3 higher this year over last. Issue II Jennings Drive reconstruction project will be started next. Ditching and culvert replacement will be done by our department. A culvert pipe on Callow will be replaced this week. A pre-construction meeting over Geauga County's Issue II project for repairs to Radcliffe Rd. will be held this coming Monday at the Geauga Garage. They are also repairing Leroy's portion, all we have to do is some ditching for them.

Part-time, George Vojtush's last day was this past Friday, he was hired to help with patching only. Bob won't be done until we finish our portion on Jennings Dr.

CEMETERIES: Cemeteries are being kept up with part-time. Several more head stone footers have been repaired.

PARKS: No report on how the softball's pig roast did. The next rec. board event is this fall's garage sale on September 10th.

OLD BUSINESS: Jason reported that the old tractor and parts of the road mower that he put on govdeals.com sold. The highest bidder was Jef Jones, for \$3,802.00.

Charlie made a motion to sell to the highest bidder, 2nd by Linda, all were in favor. Govdeals.com will handle the transfer of money and the bill of sale.

Charlie made a motion to accept the Lake County Engineer's recommendation to award the bid contract for Jennings Drive Reconstruction Project to Ronyak Paving in the amount of \$141,923.75. Linda seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 11-16.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich made a motion to approve sending Dorothy Rowan to a pediatric seminar on September 16th at a cost of \$95.00. Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Chuck Klco made a motion to approve resolution 11-15, 0.9 mil continuous road levy for road improvements to be on the November 8th ballot. Rich seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye.

Rich presented a resolution noting Rich Lesak's 16 year accomplishments and service to the residents of Leroy Township. Rich retired in May. Linda seconded the motion, poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Rich's retirement party is Sat. June 30th at DeReburtis party center.

Tim Toman, owner of Capps Tavern ask for approval from the trustees for his application for a Sunday liquor license. The approval for his request was signed by all three trustees. Charlie said this will now go on the ballot in the district only where Capps is located for residents to decide.

Another Eagle Scout has approached Chuck for a project in Leroy. A new sign and flower bed would be nice at the meeting house; however the problem would be who would keep it up. Perhaps something not requiring maintenance could be done.

Safety Officer Jason Rodgers presented his safety inspections and recommendations via a letter to the Trustees. It was noted that two of the bleachers in the ball park need to be removed. The frames are broken. Also the center post of the pavilion on the north side needs replaced it is rotten. He will get quotes from Mark Cutlip. Mark fixed one of them last year. New batteries for the exit signs in the community room are on order. The first aid kit in the road garage has been replaced with a better larger one that can be mounted on the wall. He would like to consider purchasing an AED from the safety budget in 2012. Chief stated to talk to him first; he can probably purchase one at a good price.

Also a safety class on use of prescription drugs and the illegal use of bath salts will be held on August 8th. It will be held at the fire station at 9am. All employees are urged to attend. The class is free to the township.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Sharon requested approval for transfer of interest. Linda made a motion to approve transfer from general fund of \$1.86 into Motor Vehicle and \$1.90 into Gas Tax, 2nd by Charlie, all were in favor.

Motion to pay all bills made by, Chuck 2nd by Rich, all in favor.

Next meeting: Monday, August 22nd, 7pm.

Audience: Nothing.

Motion to adjourn made by, Chuck 2nd by Linda, all in favor.

Chuck Klco

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer