

# *LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. 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:** Scott Evans, Vice President of Lake Erie College, and Gretchen Reed were present to explain the acquisition/donation of Pheasant Run Airport and vacant adjoining lot as well as interest in all of the airport hangers consisting of 21 airplanes and her home. Gretchen donated the property which includes her home. She retains a lifetime ownership of her home until she is deceased. She has also provided long term funding for the Pheasant Run property. Mr. Evans explained the current use for the next 3-5 years will be for class room aviation, arts, biology and sciences. They plan on hosting a students, alumni and friends event each spring and fall. As for future use, they do not plan on putting in an asphalt or concrete runway. An actual flight school is not in their short term plans. This would not be possible because of the cost, unless F.A.A. funding was available. The Trustees ask if the college would advise them when large events are being planned such as the spring and fall event.

Mr. Doug Crowley, Vice President of Concord/Leroy Area Chamber of Commerce introduced himself and stated that people could view their web site at Concord Leroy coc.com. Linda explained that she did attend their last meeting. As a township body, the trustees are not currently members of the Chamber. There is a \$75.00 fee to belong.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with corrections.

**Correspondence:** The Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District invited the Township Trustees to their 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at Grand River Cellars in Madison starting at 6:00 p.m.

Information regarding the Osborne vs. Leroy law suit concerning their sign on the N. side of I-90 was received.

A notice of application to the EPA for a commercial "restaurant" septic system from Alan Fray was received.

A notice from Time Warner Cable was received that they are terminating the institutional network and related services which was in our former franchise agreement.

Lakeland Community College will host an Energy Summit for Lake, Ashtabula and Geauga Counties on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 at 5:30p.m. The purpose of the Energy Summit is intended to help us get beyond some of the mythologies surrounding energy use and focus on data drive actions that maximize energy productivity.

Linda stated she received an e-mail complaint from a resident on Lester Dr. concerning the ditch and flooding. The road crew cleaned the ditch the best they could, however part of the problem is the septic plant at the end of the street, which is not Leroy Township's problem.

Metro Parks is hosting their annual canoe float on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> all trustees are invited.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported 26 calls since the last meeting. No certificates have been issued. Two variances were issued by the zoning appeals board. One conditional use application was received from Lake Erie College, two inspections have been completed. There are currently 21 violations open, 20 of which are illegal businesses) Seven violations have been closed so far this year.

Myron will re-visit the distillery on Brakeman Rd. again, however so far they are within the State requirements.

He also received another complaint from Wanda Chop about the farm next door. The Lake County Health Dept. also followed up on her complaint and no violations were found.

The Trustees stated they are in agreement concerning the adoption of the "state" resolution regarding sexually orientated businesses.

They also will review the zoning fees once they receive a copy of adjoining area township's fees.

**FIRE:** The Chief was working, Rich read his report. Thirty calls since the last meeting and 337 total year to date. The Chief's vehicle and the pickup have both been in for repairs. He requested Chad Tekavec been appointed as a probationary firefighter and Matt Hays be removed from probation.

Also assistance to firefighter's grant was received for \$9,000.00. The grant is \$4,500.00 from the state and \$4,500.00 our portion towards the purchase of the new radios.

The Chief ask for approval to order the new radios as soon as possible. They need to be ready to go on line as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, and would like to get the order in. The cost to the department is \$53,000.00.

The annual spaghetti dinner was not well attended this year. There were a couple other functions in the area as well.

The Night at the Races is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Hellreigels. Horses are \$15.00.

Tickets are available at the fire station \$22.00 per person, includes full buffet.

**ROAD:** Our portion of the work on Jennings Dr. is completed. Ronyak Brother's Paving has put down the first coat. The seal coat should be done this week.

Jason has broken his collar bone and is off for a couple weeks. Leroy and Bob are ditching and Mike is mowing. We received 1/2 of the grinding from Jennings Dr., and Allega has also given us several tons of grindings delivered to the lot behind the townhall. They were all free. We will use these for fill. Leroy is also doing some of the side road mowing which is required by the State to be done two times a year, spring and fall.

**CEMETERIES:** Danny Pike passed away. His burial will be this Tuesday.

Hopefully the stone which will hold the plaque of known burials will be moved to Paine Rd. Cemetery sometime this week, depending on weather.

**PARKS:** The recreation board is going to make their own calendars and use the photos from the photo contest. They are going to try selling them again as a fund raiser. This time they will be making the calendars themselves in an effort to save money. The next event is the Halloween party on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the community center.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Concord Community Center between the Lake County Commissioners and the area Townships.

Charlie stated he talked with AT&T. They have no plans of expanding their DSL service, nor does Time Warner.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rich VanPelt made a motion to accept resolution 11-18, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and necessary tax levies certified to the county auditor. Total inside millage, \$280,519.00, total levies, \$624,647.00, which includes \$137,966.00 road levy and \$486,681.00, fire levies. Chuck Klco seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye.

Rich made a motion to remove Matt Hayes from probationary status and appoint as a permanent part-time firefighter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie, all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to appoint Chad Tekavic as a probationary part-time firefighter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie, all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to approve purchase and ordering of the new system Motorola radios, not to exceed \$55,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all were in favor.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Chuck made a motion to approve transfer of interest for Aug. & September in the amount of \$6.97 into gas tax and motor vehicle. Seconded by Rich, all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to approve increase in fund 01, (01-F-06) parks, baseball by \$9,534.00, for a total appropriation of \$49,534.00, actual total amt. of receipts, and transfer \$9,534.11 into 01-f-08B, baseball carryover bal. for 2011. Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Also, at the request of the fiscal officer, Chuck made a motion to transfer within the road fund, \$1,613.00 from 04-a-04, \$2,000.00 from 04-a-05s into Fuel, 04-a-05f. Transfer from Fund 10A, 10-a-09a, \$20,500.00 into capitol equipment fire radios, and approve total appropriation of \$53,051.00 in that fund. This amount represents a balance of \$22,551.00 carried from 2008, transfer of \$10,000.00 in April and transfer of \$20,500.00 in September. Second by Linda. Poll of the vote: Klco aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 11-19.

Chuck made a motion to pay all bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all were in favor.

Next meeting: Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7pm.

Audience: Evelyn Ross ask who the cable company for Spring Court is. Answer, Zito Communications.

Also she ask why the Lake County Health Dept. only shows inspection of Leroy Little Store. Do they not inspect other businesses in Leroy? Charlie responded yes they do, that is part of their job. Leroy Township automatically pays for their services, the county auditor deducts a fee twice a year from our inside millage.

Motion to adjourn made by, Chuck, seconded by Linda, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chuck Klco

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer