

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 19, at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Heather Shelton, Chuck Klco, Rich VanPelt, and Sharon Rodgers.

Heather Shelton, chairman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Guests: None

Motion by Heather to pass on reading of the previous meeting minutes. Chuck 2nd, all in favor.

Correspondence: A letter from Lake Metroparks was received. They informed the Trustees that Lake Metroparks is pursuing a Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program grant through the OPWC. This program is dedicated to environmental conservation, including the acquisition of greenspace and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors. Their grant application requesting financial support for the acquisition and permanent preservation of the northerly section of the former Girl Scout Camp, a 72 acre parcel located east of the Kniffen Rd. and Leroy Center Road intersection, which is adjacent to Lake Metroparks Hidden Lake and Hell Hollow Parks.

Richard VanPelt made a motion agreeing to their grant application, 2nd by Heather, all were in favor.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 8 calls, no permits, and no requests for variances or conditional use permits. One inspection was completed and there are 16 remaining open. He currently has 28 businesses in Leroy Twp. under investigation. Myron stated he did close out two of them. This Friday he has a meeting with the Lake County Prosecutor to review his files of possible illegal businesses, and get an opinion from the Prosecutor of which ones we can proceed to close them, and which ones we need more information on. He will ask for help with putting existing businesses into various categories. Last week's two hearings regarding Osborne's illegal sign and building, was a no show again on Osborne's behalf. Myron feels Mr. Osborne is going to say he needs the building for his dad's hobby. Myron says it falls under accessory buildings. He will move forward after he gets Ron Osborne's application for the permit. Mr. Osborn has again appealed the ruling that his sign is illegal. Ron Graham is our representative when cases go to court. He is referred by the Prosecutor's Office. George Lassnick Jr. applied for a permit to erect a building on his property at Brakeman and Rt. 86. He wants to store his equipment in it. Myron said it would be considered a business and did not issue a permit.

FIRE: The Fire Chief reported 28 calls since the first meeting, year to date, 31. He has applied for a grant through the AFG, for a new exhaust system in the fire station, our portion would be \$2,700.00 He is still working on the 2015 AFG grant and our gear washer. The building needs some electrical work done.

The Fire Chief also presented a demo, 2015 HME fire engine he would like to purchase to replace our engine which is 26 years old. It is on state bid, and since it is a demo, is cheaper. The cost is \$271,500.00. Plus an additional 20-25,000.00 for equipment, (generator, nozzles etc.), we could put \$75,000.00 down, and have a 6 years lease to by loan. A new, not demo engine would be around \$300,000.00. Current financing is available through HME for 2.9%. Also Countryside Truck, who we will be buying the truck through will give us a free undercoating. The purchase of this engine is on our replacement schedule, financed with the .09 levy for equipment. The average life span of an engine is 20 years.

Rich VanPelt made a motion to purchase the 2015 HME engine in the amount of \$271,500.00. Chuck Klco seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Shelton, aye, Klco, aye.

ROAD: The men have been plowing snow. So far we have only used 1/5 of the cinders, which is a new material it is actually grit, which is what is left over after wash bank gravel has been screened. Heather ask Rich if he has found someone to work on the Gradall. She has the name of someone in Grand River who works on diesels. She will give the name to Rich.

CEMETERIES: Three burials in the last three months.

PARKS: Softball on line registration is open. The board is preparing for another season. The Leroy Heritage Association meets tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS: Two applications for the zoning boards and assistant zoning inspector have been received. Heather would like to interview them on Feb. 1st meeting. Heather made a motion to appoint Debbie Lefelhoc, Sharon's assistant to do our web site. She will receive a yearly stipen of \$420.00, also would like Nancy Kranstuber, the zoning secretary to learn as well. Nancy can then put any zoning matter on the web site. Chuck 2nd the motion, all were in favor. The Leroy School Board is holding a community meeting tonight at Leroy School from 7-9 to discuss the closing of Leroy School. Their reasons are low enrollment and the poor condition of the building. Chuck made a motion to send a letter from all three Trustees that they are not in favor of the closing of our school, 2nd by Rich, all were in favor. Heather will write the letter.

Motion by Chuck to pay Al Hunt \$20.00 for each cleaning of the townhall, which is currently twice a month, 2nd by Heather, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Jason Rodgers who is a 15 year employee on our road dept. has given his two weeks' notice. He will remain working until he has a definite start date for his new job. He also stated if available he will come in to help with plowing on weekends if needed. Jason also stated that he would like to be the assistant cemetery sexton, since he does have extensive knowledge of our cemeteries, and to assist G. Hausch our sexton, until such time as he could possibly become our sexton. Chuck made a motion to have Jason work past the two weeks until he notifies us of his actual start date, and to have him continue as part time for snow plowing if needed. Rich 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to put an ad in the paper and web site, looking for a fulltime road and service worker. Pay to be decided by experience. A CDL is preferred, but must be obtained within one year of employment. Heather seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Chuck stated we will also have to find a replacement safety officer.

Motion by Heather to table for the time being any change in assistant cemetery sexton, 2nd by Rich, all in favor.

Motion by Heather to table looking for a safety officer for the time being, 2nd by Rich all were in favor.

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

FISCAL OFFICER: Request approval for change in appropriations, baseball carryover was \$2,195.44, appropriation 10a17a which is our .09 equipment levy, \$359,015.11, which includes estimate of \$79,000.00 for 2016.

Motion by Heather to approve change in appropriations, 2nd by Rich, all were in favor.

Next meeting February 1, 2016, 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Heather, 2nd Rich, all in favor.

Next meeting:

Audience:

Motion to adjourn made by,

Heather Shelton, Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer