

# *LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2013, at the Leroy Township Hal

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

Linda Burhenne, Chairman, opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** None

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Correspondence:** A notice was received from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, notifying the trustees that all liquor permits will now expire on October 1, 2013. In order to maintain their liquor permit, all permit holders must file a renewal application.

The Lake County Engineer's office will hold a pre-construction meeting on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., at their Blackbrook Rd. office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss all 2013 county roads pavement markings.

The Fiscal Officer advised the trustees that through our insurance company, we have received the M.O.R.E. safety grant for \$500.00. Our safety officer applied for this grant and it will be used for safety education, and equipment.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported 25 calls since the last meeting and 2 permits issued. There are currently 21 open inspections. In addition, there are 34 reported "illegal businesses" operating in Leroy. He has sent a letter to Francis Engineering regarding his business on Rt. 86. Myron and the Lake County Prosecutor will be meeting to review the illegal business list and what steps to take next. There are probably ½ dozen or so that will meet our home occupation definition. There is still one junk yard, and one junk vehicle violation he is working on. In addition, the illegal sign at Vrooman and Rt. 90, that Mr. Osborne has put back up, is on going. Myron will be meeting with the Lake County Prosecutor to review this also. The landowner of the property in Piney Hollow has been notified to replace the old cover over the existing basement on the property. The current one is rotted and a safety hazard.

The next zoning commission meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**FIRE:** Frank Huffman reported 57 calls since the last meeting. Year to date 349. An application to join the fire department was received from Joe Echart. He is currently a Willowick resident; however, his family just bought property in Leroy and will be moving here. Also, Kyle Atwell, has met the requirements to be promoted from probationary part-time to permanent part-time. Dorothy Rowan has requested to attend an intensified training for EMS, September 1- to September 27<sup>th</sup>. Madison Township will pay ½ of her training, and Leroy will pay the other ½ from our EMS grant. The Chief also informed the Trustees that he has moved Tim Vlach to the position of Captain. The Chief will be giving written tests on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the open position of lieutenant. He will advise the Trustees of the new lieutenant and request that both Tim Vlach, and the new lieutenant be sworn in at October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The issue with low weekend coverage has been worked out. The chief stated he needs to set minimum standards for how many hours our part-time firefighters are required to work each month. Chuck suggested he check with the Lake County Prosecutor to review this procedure.

**ROAD:** Chuck reported that the men have fixed the washout on Callow Rd., where the 2006 flood took out the road. It has cost the township between 10-12 thousand dollars from the flood damage this past 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Chuck will try to see if we qualify for any emergency funding. Taylor Rd. project is done. The one-way sign on Celezic is down. People are driving very fast on Celezic, and need to slow down. The round a bout is preceding on schedule. It should be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. The state will then come back in the spring for the final seal coat. Leroy Center & Vrooman will be opened up in two weeks. Rt. 86 will then

be closed. Rich was off the week of the fair. Jason had surgery. We have had our part-time help mowing. The second side road mowing will be started soon.

**CEMETERIES:** Gerri Hausch reported we have had 14 funerals so far this year. There was one cremation this past week, Dave Szuhay, Sr. She also stated how much better the cemeteries look with all of the “stuff” removed from the gravesites.

**PARKS:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual garage sale is the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Next event will be the Halloween party.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The C.O.G. meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> discussed their first project, replacement of the air truck. The total cost will be \$260,000.00. Leroy’s portion will be 9,500.00. Frank Huffman confirmed it has to be replaced. The next meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

The removal of the two abandoned homes, Seeley and Radcliffe is moving very slow. The Lake County Land Bank has not removed a house yet. The people on Kniffen told Chuck they are not the same people as the Vivod’s who own the Radcliffe house. The Bank will own the land of both properties for any liens that are on the properties. Because of regulations, these homes have to be torn down, they cannot be burned.

Don Crellin has posted the plans JJJ Properties has for the corner of Vrooman and Carter Rds.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rich VanPelt made a motion to appoint J.A. Eckhart as probationary firefighter/emt. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor. Rich made a motion to remove Kyle Atwell from probationary status to permanent part-time firefighter/emt. Chuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rich made a motion to approve \$712.50 for Dorothy Rowan to attend continuing education class, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, all were in favor.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Linda made a motion to approve transfer of interest for August in the total amt. of \$8.32, from GF into investments. Transfer of 1.16 interest from GF into Motor vehicle and transfer of 1.08 from GF into Gas Tax. Chuck seconded the motion, all were in favor. At the request of the Clerk, Linda made a motion to transfer from 03B02 materials into 03A14, Issue II, for our portion of Taylor Rd. hill site. Amount of transfer is \$8,000.00. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion to pay all bills made by, Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich, all in favor.

Next meeting: Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

Audience: Don Crellin ask who will maintain the center portion of the round a bout. Chuck said that has yet to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by, Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck. Motion to open into executive session for reason of personnel, was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck. At 7:55 p.m., motion to adjourn executive session and open back to regular session and adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, all were in favor.

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Linda Burhenne

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer