

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 7 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Guests: Several Leroy residents were present to voice their concerns and questions regarding oil & gas well drilling and fracking of the wells. Chuck explained that the township has no control over oil/gas wells. The State of Ohio took away any rights the local governments had and it is all overseen by O.D.N.R. Chuck stated the governor's office is looking at the current rules and regulations concerning oil & gas well drilling and plan on putting into the language infrastructure concerns. The County Engineer's Association and County Commissioner's Association is working with the State on these concerns. The resident's concerns were the overall change in the landscape, air and water pollution, noise and lighting control. The residents would like to have a public informational meeting concerning this. Charlie stated he would contact Dan Donaldson from Lake County Soil and Water to set up a meeting. Linda told them to communicate with their state representatives and to write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources, and the governor. The Trustees stated they would compose a letter of the residents concerns as well. The Trustees are well informed about the leasing, oil and gas drilling as well as being concerned about the impact on our roads. Several tanker trucks are needed to supply water at the drilling sites. The water would most likely come from a Lake County Water Supply.

A question was ask about two dilapidated homes in Leroy Township. The one being at the corner of Paine and Seeley, which burned, and the other one at the corner of Brakeman and Radcliffe which has been abandoned for years. The Fire Chief stated the house at Paine and Seeley is currently in a dispute over ownership. The bank is trying to state they do not own it, and the former owners abandoned the house when they could no longer meet their mortgage and state they do not own it. Once actual ownership is decided, then the process for demolition can move forward. As for the house on Radcliffe at Brakeman Rd. intersection, the township, thru zoning has been trying to have it declared a nuisance and public health hazard. The county health department has been out several times, and each time would not declare it uninhabitable and a public health hazard. Therefore the township's hands are tied and we can't demolish it. The township is well aware of its condition and the feral cats that live there. However without authorization from the health department we can't demolish it. The owners will not agree to it, because it would cost them money. The trustees will ask the zoning inspector to once again contact the health department about it.

Allega will have a concrete plant on their property next to the B.P. station on Vrooman. This area is zoned light industry. Allega has the contract with the state for the resurfacing of I-90. Also their property to the South may be their asphalt plant.

Osborne's property on the N. side of I-90 has had two injection wells for approximately 10 years. This is also under the direction of Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Lake County Soil & Water Division. The Trustees stated if SUMA, the property next to the injection sites is having a problem with their water, they should report it.

A resident asked about the semi trucks hauling full loads down Carter Rd. Charlie stated this was reported in the past and a couple of them were fined. The route they have to take is Vrooman to Rt. 86. They can return empty via Carter Rd.

A resident ask how large an election sign can be. The Ohio Supreme Court stated election signs fall under "free speech" and can't be regulated by zoning.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Correspondence: The annual mileage report was received from ODOT. Leroy Township has 22.21 miles of roads. Chuck made a motion to accept the mileage report, 2nd by Linda, all were in favor. Signed copy to be returned to ODOT>

A letter was received from the Lake County Planning Commission in reply to our zoning commission's text amendments to sections 2, 13.02, 14.10 and 17. The planning commission made several suggestions to the text changes. Therefore, the public hearing of Monday, March 12th at 7pm, will still be held, however due to the suggestions of the planning commission any changes in the zoning language will probably be tabled.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Mark Timm, our assistant inspector gave his report. He has done a site review for a zoning permit on Taylor Rd. and has received 5 calls regarding zoning. He has issued no permits. The paper work is complete for the addition onto the kitchen at Capps. The Board of Appeals meeting will probably be set for sometime in May.

FIRE: The Chief reported 15 calls since the last meeting. Year to date, 76. Leroy did respond to Chardon for the shooting at the school. The new squad is in production. The pancake breakfast is Sunday April 22nd. Bob McGlone has returned from active duty in the military, he was injured in Afghanistan and suffered several injuries. He has recuperated, but they are keeping him on "active duty" until all of his medical issues are done. He would like to return to the fire dept. when he is fully recuperated.

ROAD: The grindings we received for free have been screened. They are now the equivalent of #411. Buy renting a screener and removing all of the big chunks, it cost us approximately \$1.50/ton as opposed to \$17.51/ ton, the current cost of 411. The screened material can be used for patching and minor repairs. The men have switched over one truck from winter use to summer use. We have not purchased our full amount of salt according to our purchase agreement under the state bid contract. Rich stated we need to purchase the balance of our portion this spring. We will have plenty to start the next season with. Rich, the road supervisor is also working on the EPA admissions grant, which is available for purchase of new admissions compliant vehicles. Of the total amount available, there is \$300,000.00 per county. This amounts to about one & ½ trucks per county, (which includes all local governments). In order to be awarded, the grant goes by points. There has to be at least a 5 year service life left on one of our current vehicles, and the vehicle may have to be completely destroyed. There is a great deal involved with this grant. Rich is still looking into it.

CEMETERIES: We had our first infant burial in the new baby section. Apparently the owner wants an upright head stone. Rich Sr. will find out exactly what he is asking for, and make a ruling.

PARKS: The Easter egg hunt is Sunday, April 1st, in the park, or community room, depending on the weather. The rec. board meeting is this Wed. at 7pm in the community room.

OLD BUSINESS: Wish Guard, an oil and gas leasing company has made an offer to Leroy Township of \$1,700.00 per acre. Leroy twp. has approximately 43 total acres. It would not be an actual well site. The Trustees are going to wait before they make a decision, based on what the state comes up with. The County Prosecutor is reviewing the actual lease, which contains a "no injection well site, and also would have added, "no actual drilling site". This is for the lease of oil and natural gas in the Marsalis shale.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck made a motion to have C & G Snowplowing and Landscaping mow the ball fields again this year. (The softball league has requested to have them back) The cost is \$169.00 per cut, (14) cuts, including weed eating, and \$125.00 per application of weed killer, done by a certified pesticide person. Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to support the 5-year Solid Waste Management District Plan Update, Resolution 12-08, 2nd by Linda. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye.

FISCAL OFFICER: Linda made a motion to approve transfer of interest from general fund for the month of January, \$1.03 into M.V., & \$1.80 into Gas Tax, for the month of February, .89 cents into M.V. and \$1.71 into Gas Tax. Rich seconded the motion, all were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, March 19, at 7p.m.

Audience: Chuck stated there is a meeting tomorrow from 10am to 12 pm, of the stake holders regarding the new Vrooman Road Bridge project.

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

Chuck Klco

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer