

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Guests: Rich Radcliffe, a member of the Riverside Local School Board, spoke to the Trustees and the audience of a possible school levy in November. He also mentioned that a new bond issue might be put on the ballot. The 30-year bond issue expires this year. Leroy school is next on the list for repairs, as well as Riverside High School building which needs a new roof. The school system has a balanced budget since last year, as well as through next year. After that however, more funding will be needed to maintain things as they are now.

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

Correspondence: The Lake County Chamber of Commerce invited the trustees to their next meeting on April 18th from 6-8 pm at the Mentor High School.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Mark Timm reported 10 calls and five e-mails regarding zoning were received and answered since the last meeting. Myron has received numerous calls regarding the re-zoning of areas South of I-90 from 1.5 acres to 3 acres. The Leroy Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on March 19th at 7 p.m. to hear Allega's appeal for a zoning variance at 6001 Vrooman Rd. They have applied for a variance to Leroy Zoning, Section 9, prohibited uses, regarding storage of building supplies. Osbornes sent in paper work requesting a variance for their sign on Vrooman at the I-90 Vrooman Rd. entrance ramp.

FIRE: Trustee VanPelt reported for the fire chief who was at a trauma symposium at Metro Life Flight. There were 15 calls since the last meeting, year to date, 107. The Chief would like to sell our old W.T.s, which total 25 to Motorola for \$35.00 each. He would also like to donate our old defibulator to the Lake county Swat Team. The Lake County Health Foundation has donated a new 12 lead DeFib machine to Leroy Fire Dept.

The trustees stated they would like the chief to check on-line to see if he can sell the W.T.s for more. Also, questioned if there was a rescue squad somewhere that could use the defibulator, instead of the SWAT team. Rich Sr. will pass this on to the fire chief. The Pancake Breakfast is May 5th from 9-1

ROAD: Charlie reported the men have been patching some holes, and getting the tractor ready to do some side road brush removal. Mike Petroff, our part-time employee has been hired by the Geauga Park District. This is a part-time position. We are not sure at this time if we will need to replace him. The Lake County Engineer sent a letter of certification, certifying 22.21 centerline miles for Leroy Township. Chuck made a motion to accept the certification, 2nd by Rich VanPelt, all were in favor. The Fiscal Officer will return the signed certification to the Lake County Engineer's office.

CEMETERIES: Nothing to report.

PARKS: The annual township Easter egg hunt is Sunday, March 24th at 1 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda, Chuck, and Rich attended the C.O.G. meeting. The bi-laws were re-done with many things removed and language added how an entity could remove themselves from the group, and how to dissolve the COG if needed. Linda said for now Leroy will remain a member of C.O.G. On their current agenda is replacement of the county air truck. The air truck is available for all departments to use if needed.

Chuck stated he attended a meeting of the Lake County Land Bank. Leroy Township Trustees have submitted two structures in Leroy Township, which are uninhabitable, abandoned, and a safety issue. This is the house at the corner of Paine and Seeley Rds., and the other on Radcliffe at the corner of Brakeman. The cost to demolish would be paid for by the Land Bank, and they in turn would put a

lien on the property to re-cover their cost. The next step is to have a title search done on both properties. Leroy Township would cover this cost, and be reimbursed by the Land Bank. The owners of the property will then be notified of the intent to demolish the structures.

Therefore, Chuck made a motion to approve resolution 03-03, declaring the structures at 13760 Seeley Rd. owned by Michael and Barbara Hilston, and at 13844 Radcliffe Rd. owned by Richard and Peggy Avivod, uninhabitable, unsightly, and a safety issue, and asking the Land Bank to demolish the two structures. Any costs incurred for this process will be placed against the property owner in the form of a lien on the property. Rich VanPelt seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Burhenne, aye, Klco, aye, VanPelt, aye. Chuck will hand deliver the letter from the fire chief as well as the resolution to the Land Bank.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich made a motion to appoint Thomas Panichi, and Mike Celiga as part-time probationary firefighters. Chuck 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to purchase a Kubota, zero turn mower for the cemeteries at a cost of \$9,500.00. Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER: Nothing.

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

Next meeting: Monday, March 18, 2013, regular meeting and meeting of the Leroy Records Commission to approve a new retention schedule, at 7 p.m.

Audience: Frank Cvelbar from Trask Rd. inquired as to why the zoning commission is asking to rezone only part of Leroy Township South of I-90 to 3 acres. He feels all of Leroy Township should be re-zoned to 3 acres. The trustees stated that the board is following the Leroy Twp. Comprehensive Plan, which calls for the re-zoning to be done in stages, and not the entire township.

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

Linda Burhenne, Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer