

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

Present were, Fire Chief, Frank Huffman, who presented his new officers, Craig Wilhelm, Sr. Lieutenant, Mike Toman Lieutenant, Bill Malovrh, Lieutenant, Mike Shoff, Captain, and Tim Vlach, Executive Captain.

The above officers were sworn in by Sharon Rodgers, fiscal officer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: A letter from Attorney Abe Cantor was read advising the Trustees of an objection filed by Osborne's attorney regarding his illegal sign at Vrooman and I-90.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 11 calls and 2 permits issued since the last meeting. Eight inspections have been completed. No variances or conditional use applications have been received. He has a list of 36 possible illegal businesses, which is being investigated. Myron has asked our prosecuting attorney what the next step is he should take regarding this possible illegal businesses. There is one junk vehicle violation still open. There is no court date set yet regarding Osborne's illegal sign. Concerning Allega's business on Vrooman & Carter Rd., the Army Corp. of Engineers wants an entrance, exit drive opened up Carter Rd. The Trustees and Zoning want it to remain on Vrooman Rd. Carmen Allega wrote a letter which Myron gave to the Trustees. He would like to get Lake County Soil & Water involved in hopes they may support our request. The Army Corp. of Engineer's wants it moved because of "wet lands". Myron will mail the letter to the Army Corp. of Engineers, which Carmen Allega has written if the trustees agree with it. The preliminary plans for the lot split of the old Stein property has been approved by the Lake County Planning Commission. Myron said he obtained many of the possible illegal businesses being operated in Leroy Township from the State we site of vendor's licenses.

FIRE: The Fire Chief reported 17 calls. Year to Date, 470.

ROAD: One truck is ready in case of snow. Some patching is still being done as well as ditching. Charlie stated we will receive a little less than \$14,000.00 from the E.M.A. for this past July rainstorm.

CEMETERIES: All is quiet.

PARKS: The Halloween party was well attended. Everyone had a good time. The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony is Sunday, December 1st a 7 p.m. Santa, crafts, cookies & hot chocolate will be served.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda received a response from representative, Ron Young. Perhaps there is come capitol funds money to help with repair of the meetinghouse. Charlie is getting prices from two contractors for hardy board and trim to be same as the original.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich VanPelt presented a Resolution 13-23, recognizing Mike Fearing's twenty years on the Leroy Township Fire Dept. Chuck seconded the motion. Poll of the vote unanimous.

Following the regular meeting of November 18th, will be the annual audit committee meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER: Sharon pointed out that the BWC refund, originally thought to be totally refunded into the general fund, was for the year 2011, and actually had to be split between the fire fund and general fund. These funds represent the appropriations from which the money was originally from. \$4,953.98 in general and \$8,082.81 in Fire.

Linda made a motion to approve transfer of 8.59 interest earned in October into investments, and to transfer 1.49 from fund 01 into 02, and .84 from fund 01 into 03. Chuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, November 18th at 7p.m.

Audience: Several area residents were present to voice their concerns and disapproval of a high-level bridge over the Grand River to replace the existing one on Vrooman Rd. Pat Bork presented a list of signatures objecting to the bridge. Pat Greene, Ron Filson, Judy Johnson, Lee Filson, and Dan Philips spoke objecting to the bridge. Jennifer Wood stated the Trustees should write a letter opposing the high-level bridge. Ken Dempsey, representing the American Indian Nations spoke regarding the rights of his past ancestors, and the fact that there is a known Indian burial ground nearby.

Linda Burhenne told the audience that she has attended every meeting regarding the high-level bridge.

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

Linda Burhenne

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer