

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Rich VanPelt, chairman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Guests: The Riverside Local School District Treasurer presented the trustees with an updated five year forecast and financial report.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: Attorney General, Mike DeWine responded to the Leroy Township Trustees inquiry concerning the recent sharp increases in the price of road salt in Ohio. He stated his office is currently in litigation with salt vendors Morton and Cargill in an antitrust case alleging that prior salt price increases were the result of anticompetitive activity by these companies. Also they are continuing to monitor road salt prices carefully.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 4 calls and one permit issued since the last meeting. The Board of Appeals approved the continuation of a conditional use permit for Allega's storage of road materials for one more year. Allega is still waiting for approval from the the Army Corp. of Engineers for a portable asphalt plant at their site on the corner of Vrooman and Carter Roads. This is a permitted use on the industrial zoned area on Vrooman, however cannot access it from Carter Rd. Myron stated there is no legal way to stop this type of activity, the area is zoned lite industrial. This type of portable asphalt plant is a brand new type which emits no pollution and therefore the type of plant has been approved by the EPA. There is one currently operating in Cuyahoga County Bob Greene from the fire department inspected the open basement in the Piney Hollow Subdivision. The owner has been notified of the hazard, and is to get back to Myron about his intentions to cover it.

The Zoning Commission met last Monday and worked on the comprehensive plan update. Don stated they will put out a survey/questionnaire letter probably by the end of the 1st quarter of 2015. David Radachey is working on a vision statement. The board would like to see some input to the plan from our area groups, like the recreation board, the historical society, and the trustees. The next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7pm. All groups are invited to attend. Constructive input would be appreciated. Currently the fee for an appeals is \$250.00 which covers the filing fee and one meeting. We have five board members @\$40.00 per person, per meeting, plus the secretary, mailing fees, and legal notice fee. Therefore the fee we currently charge does not cover the entire cost of a meeting. A special meeting fee is \$400.00. Myron stated there should be an "other" fee that is not covered under our list of fees.

FIRE: The Chief was absent, Rich Sr. reported 19 calls since the last meeting and year to date, 437.

ROAD: Charlie thanked everyone who voted for the road levy. This will certainly help with our much needed road repairs. He will be meeting with Metro Parks tomorrow regarding the park end of Seeley and Hell's Hollow. The men have been plowing snow. Trying to go light on salt and cinders, hills and intersections only. Charlie ask the school treasurer if he could let the bus supervisor know that when school is canceled to notify the road supervisor.

Dennis Keeney stated his end of Leroy Center was not plowed.

CEMETERIES: No report.

PARKS: Christmas tree lighting ceremony is Sunday, December 7 at 7 p.m. This will be held at the community center. Santa, cookies, and hot chocolate will be available.

OLD BUSINESS: Heather presented the final quotes for the repairs to the backside of the Leroy Meeting House. Her recommendation was Don Jacobson Custom Moulding & Millwork. His total price including \$2,640.00 for replacing any rotted wood with red cedar is \$14,137.00. This would leave a \$900.00 buffer in the grant money for unexpected expenses. Therefore, Heather made a motion to accept Don Jacobson quote in the amount of \$14,137.00, Chuck seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Klco, aye, Shelton aye. Resolution 14-23.

Heather emphasized that only rotted wood would be replaced that could not hold paint. This does meet the Department of Interior's recommendation of repair existing, or "with a product as close as possible".

NEW BUSINESS: Heather stated that Mike Gerl is resigning from the Board of Appeals effective 12-31-14. She will contact the alternate, Brian Crouse to see if he is interested in moving into Mike's position. Also Chuck Caldwell's 5 year position on the Zoning Board is up 12-31-14. Heather will contact him to see if he wants to remain on the board.

FISCAL OFFICER: At the request of the fiscal officer, Rich made a motion to approve transfer of .88 cents from GF into MV, and .23 cents from GF into GT. Chuck 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, December 1st at 7 p.m.

December 30th will be the organizational meeting for 2015 at 7 pm

Audience: Nothing.

Motion to adjourn made by, Rich, 2nd Heather, meeting adjourned.

Richard VanPelt Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer