

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Prior to the public meeting a phone conversation was had between the trustees and the State Attorney General's Office. Discussion was had concerning the pending lawsuit regarding the salt bidding process and possible collusion.

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

Guests: None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: Rich Sr. stated he talked with the County Engineer, Jim Gills who informed him that the some of the construction vehicles will be using Paine Rd., entrance to Seeley Rd., instead of from Vrooman Rd. There will be increased traffic on that end of Seeley. A pre-trial date for the juveniles who did the damage to the township building is set for May 20th. We do not need to be present, but can be if desired. Charlie said he will attend.

A letter from the township insurance company was received stating that the damage to the concession stand from the frost which heaved part of the building is not covered under our insurance.

A motion was made by Chuck Klco for Leroy Township to continue as part of the Consolidated BAS, which will allow the Lake County Planning & Community Development to submit to the US Census Bureau any boundary and feature changes for any of communities in Lake County. Heather Shelton 2nd the motion, all were in favor. Agreement was signed by Rich VanPelt, Chairman, and sent to the Lake County Planning Commission.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 23 calls and one zoning permit issued. There are 12 open inspections, and one junk car violation.

Myron attended the pre-trial this morning concerning Osborne's sign at Vrooman and I-90. Our legal counsel recommended we dismiss the pending trial in August. Mr. Osborne has moved his sign back.

Myron is waiting for a ruling from the prosecutor as to how we can regulate signs. He also met with an assistant prosecutor and they went to view the supposed "farm" on Brakeman Rd., where we suspect the owners are living in their barn. Myron took pictures and will send them to the prosecutor.

Don Crellin of the zoning board stated that 252 questionnaires were returned and are being compiled by David Radachey of the Planning Commission.

Myron stated that the contractor is pulling the necessary permits to take down the old AMLA building.

FIRE: The Fire Chief reported 27 calls since the last meeting, year to date 240. Bob McGlone has resigned from the fire department. Kyle Friebertshauser who is an E.M.T. and firefighter from Mentor would like to join the fire department. Also Aaron Heyduk and Travis Willis are ready to come off of probation. The study of consolidating the county fire departments and services was funded by the state. The final results were found that it's less expensive how we currently operate, and that many services the fire departments already share. One main drawback is we currently have all part-time, except for one full-time. If consolidated we no longer would have any part-time firefighters.

The new turn-out gear came in today.

CEMETERIES: Nothing to report.

PARKS: The community garage sale went well. The Heritage Association also had a good sale.

OLD BUSINESS: Charlie ask Don Crellin to check his e-mail on the web site. He is still not getting peoples e-mail from the web site.

The Commissioners have received the letter wherein the Lake County Metro Parks will be taking over ownership of the Seeley Rd., from the top of the hill to Vrooman Rd. The next step will be a public hearing and the passing of the resolution stating such.

A complaint from a Seeley Rd. resident that traffic is going to fast down the road. Charlie confirmed that a lot of construction workers will be using Seeley Rd., from the Paine Rd. end. There is about 6 weeks until we do dust control.

NEW BUSINESS: Charlie made a motion to purchase a crack seal pump unit for \$2,995.00, with a limit of \$3,500.00 for pump & accessories This will make it so much easier to fill the cracks in our roads. It will be more efficient and much quicker. Rich seconded the motion, all were in favor.

There is no news on the asphalt plant at Vrooman and Carter Rds. Myron stated the Army Corp. of Engineers have approved the plans to mitigate wet lands, and they are waiting for the approval from EPA. They will then send the documents to Allega. Allega has a construction permit which is valid once he receives the documents from the Army Corp. of Engineers. His permit expires this June. Allega can, however, ask for an extension.

Chuck Klco made a motion to accept the 2015-16 winter salt contract through O.D.O.T., with the same tonnage as last year. Rich VanPelt 2nd the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Klco, aye, Shelton, aye. Resolution: 15-03.

Rich made a motion to hire as part-time probationary member of the fire department, Kyle Frieberstshauser, Charlie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rich made a motion to remove Travis Willis and Aaron Heyduk from probationary status to permanent part-time firefighters/E.M.T.s, Heather seconded the motion, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER: At the request of the fiscal officer, Chuck made a motion to approve transfer of funds, \$5.35 March, and \$5.02, April interest from general fund to investments. Also to transfer March interest from fund 01-to 02, .50 cents, fund 01-03, .95 cents, and April, fund 01-02 .45 cents and fund 01-03 .78 cents, 2nd by Rich, all were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m.

Audience: Heather stated that in talking with Jessica DeLong from the State, she can send all of the \$15,000.00, grant money to us. Don Jacobson will need \$3,000.00 to start the project. He is hoping to start June 4th, and be completed by Aug. 1st.

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

Richard VanPelt

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer