

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Heather Shelton, chairman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** Attorney Ron Graham representing Leroy Twp. Zoning.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture informed the trustees of a natural disaster designation of all three counties, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula, as primary natural disaster areas as well as contiguous counties, Cuyahoga, Portage and Trumbull. This disaster designation is due to losses caused by frost and freeze that occurred from May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 15, 2017. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loans. Please contact the US Department of Agriculture for further information. (202)720-7095.

**Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported 38 calls since the last meeting and four permits issued. Two Home occupation applications, one conditional use application, and Major's Waste and Francis Engineering still on hold. Myron is awaiting additional information from owner of BP for the Subway shop addition. There are 34 open inspections. The Osborne sign at Vrooman & I-90 is awaiting a court date pending their conditional use application. Myron returned their initial application as the information was not valid. Mahr Farm hearing is set for Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> for execution of a lien foreclosure on the property. The owner is still adding stuff onto his property. Myron has filed affidavit for home use of a barn, and also for storage trailers on the Mahr property. Attorney Ron Graham stated that the Judge wants to be satisfied that the owner is doing every opportunity to cleanup his property. Because of the large judgment and the fact that Leroy Township can take his property, he wants to be absolutely sure that the owner has been given every opportunity to clean up the place. Supposedly even his attorney has been helping him. The owner will not allow Myron onto his property to inspect or take pictures. Currently Mr. Mahr's attorney is out of town. The storage containers are a violation.

A letter from JJJ Properties should be received this week regarding their progression. R.D.P. Motor Sports has filed a request for a conditional use permit. Twenty-eight letters have been sent out to residents regarding their home occupation. One affidavit was issued today for junk cars on Lester Dr. Also a complaint from a neighbor on Lester regarding a pond and stream that keep flooding his yard from an adjacent property owner. We are investigating to see if there is anything Leroy Twp. can do on private property to alleviate this problem.

**FIRE:** Fire Chief Frank Huffman reported 48 calls since the last meeting, year to date 403. The pickup 2417 has been repaired and will now be able to pass an E-CHECK. There will be an audit coming up of our FEMA grant for 2014. Chief has all of the information ready to e-mail to them. Frank also informed the Trustees that he will be stepping down as fire chief on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He works full-time for the Painesville Township Fire Dept., and will soon be taking on the responsibilities of fire chief. In the meantime, Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Shoff will be overseeing Leroy Fire Dept.

**ROAD:** Charlie reported patching has been done on Shirley, Piney Hollow, and Mildon. Shirley Drive received 90% patching done when our distributor broke down. Hopefully we can get the clutch repaired soon. It is very old, and parts may not be available.

Next will be Seeley and Chadwick dust control once the distributor is fixed. We have been conducting interviews for the full-time position open on the road dept. We are doing the best we can, with what we have taring and chipping the roads. The tar & chip, (tar put down followed by limestone) will seal the cracks in the roads and make them in better shape. This is the recommended method from the Lake County Engineer's Dept.

**CEMETERIES:** One footer done, and one funeral this Wednesday.

**PARKS:** Heather reported that the fall garage sale went well. We had 40 participants. We will be thinking of possibly changing the date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September to avoid the annual sale at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds, as well as the craft show at Lake Farm Park. Trick or Trunking is Sat. October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the community room. Breakfast with Santa will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-11 a.m. at the fire department. We are still in desperate need of volunteers on our rec board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Regarding the Meeting House, accounts have been set up at Carter Lumber and Hardwood Lumber Company so that Abner Herschberger can charge his supplies and they will send us an itemized bill. There is one more credit application we need. In the next couple of weeks Chapman Electric will put in the buried electric to the Meeting House and possibly the well pump. Rich took down the electric post which ran power to our sign in front of ODOT. We will move it closer to the sign.

The Trustees presented Jerry Hausch with a recognition resolution for her service of over 30 years on the Lake County Planning Commission. She will now be the historian of the Lake County Planning Commission.

Heather Shelton made a motion to appoint Rudy Velsko to the Lake County Planning Commission to finish the term of Randy Zondack through 2018. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor. Heather made a motion to appoint Sue Hanna to the Lake County Planning Commission to replace Gerri Hausch. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Klco, all were in favor. Both Rudy and Sue hold positions on the Leroy Twp. Board of Appeals.

Heather also received a letter of interest from Dan Himmelman to serve on the Leroy Board of Zoning Appeals. Dan has been a Leroy resident for 21 years and resides on Proctor Rd.

Heather made a motion to appoint Dan Himmelman to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Rich VanPelt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

Heather made a motion to approve the Tax Budget for 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich VanPelt, all were in favor. Poll of the vote: Shelton, aye, VanPelt, aye, Klco aye. Resolution 17-17. Chuck made a motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief, Frank Huffman effective Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Heather made a motion to approve transfers of interest for the month of August, \$31.21 from G.F. into investments, transfer from investments into G.F. 12.61. Transfer from Fund 01, \$5.27 into 02, Fund 01, \$7.34 into 03. Transfer loan on the Mack Truck of 26,589.52 from 04a14 into Funds, 15a01, \$20,203.03 and \$6,386.79 interest into 15a01. Transfer loan on the Backhoe, from fund 03, \$24,219.11 into Funds 15A01, \$22,323.66, and interest of \$1,895.45, into 15A01A. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Klco, all were in favor.

Motion to pay all bills made by Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich, all were in favor.

Next meeting: Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.

Audience: Mrs. Gucciardo wanted to know why the zoning meeting was canceled last week. Heather said we are stream lining our meeting dates and will merge any information into the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be the last meeting of the year due to budget restraints.

Allega bought 80 feet of property from the B.P. to improve their driveway and make it accessible to the fire department.

Attorney Ron Graham said that photos show the Mahr Farm has made some progress in moving some of the junk in his yard. Some tractors have been moved from the fence line. He also stated that the Judge has never gave this much money as a judgment in a zoning violation so he is giving him every opportunity to clean up his property. We do have the judgment in the amount of \$15,000.00, but the Judge has not executed the judgment. Even if the judge does execute the judgment, Leroy Township stands at the bottom of the list on any collections. Other liens, income taxes, real estate taxes, etc. take precedence over us. We do not know if there are any. We would have to hire a title company to do a title search. We can't do this ourselves.

Motion to adjourn made by, Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie, all were in favor.

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Heather Shelton, Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer