

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 7:00 pm., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Chuck opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Linda Burhenne, trustee and a notary public, administered the oath of office to Fiscal Officer, Sharon E. Rodgers, whose term commences April 1, 2012.

Guests: None

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: Informational letter was read from Robert Phillips, Geauga County Engineer regarding 2012 OPWC Elections and Township Representatives for District 7. Chuck Klco and Richard VanPelt will submit their names again.

Email from Mr. Urbanski and also from ODOT regarding a share holders meeting concerning the re-vamping of Vrooman Rd., and installation of a new bridge was acknowledged.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 9 calls since the last meeting. One permit was issued. Attorney representing Leroy Twp. vs. Osborne regarding their sign on Vrooman Rd., stating that the suite against Leroy Twp. has been dismissed. Myron will meet with the county prosecutor for the proper procedure to follow for removal of their sign, which does not comply with our zoning. A site review plan will be scheduled for next month for the variance request for an addition onto Capps.

FIRE: The Fire Chief reported 21 calls since the last meeting, year to date 118. The fire department will be burning two old homes, one on Valentine Rd., and one on Leroy Center. All of the necessary paper work is completed. The County MABAS is being re-vamped. The Chief asked for permission to increase the fees for EMS billing to be more in line with what insurance companies will pay. A basic call, increase from \$450.00 to \$650.00, an advanced call from \$600.00 to \$750.00, and a trauma advanced life support from \$700.00 to \$850.00 per call. Loaded miles should increase from \$11.00 to \$14.00 per mile. Pancake Breakfast is Sunday April 22nd, from 9-1.

ROAD: Gradall was broke down, but is now repaired and back ditching again. Some work has been done in Piney Hollow, playground in the park has been widened, and Celezic Dr. was graded.

CEMETERIES: Two burials this past week, one in N.E. Cemetery and one in Williams. The ground is still to wet to get onto the grassy area with a truck to clean up graves and fill any in. Hopefully it will all be completed before Memorial Day. Monument requirements for the new baby section need to be done. All winter decorations, as well as any PERSONAL items, other than what is allowed in the rules and regulations must be removed prior to Memorial Day, or they will be removed by the Township. This includes, lights, large planters, signs, items which are in the path, or mowing area.

PARKS: The annual Easter egg hunt was well attended. Over \$500.00 was taken in. The donations help cover the cost of recreation activities through the year. The annual community garage sale is Saturday, May 5th. Last day of registration is April 21st. Forms for registering can be obtained on line, or in the community center.

OLD BUSINESS: The letter sent by the trustees to the governor, and state representatives regarding oil & gas well drilling can be viewed on the township web site.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck made a motion to accept addendum to the Leroy Township Handbook, section 13.8.1b regarding cell phone use in vehicles, Rich seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-10

Rich made a motion to accept the increase in fees for EMS billing as requested by the fire chief. A Basic Life Support fee: \$650.00 per call, Advanced Life Support call, \$750.00, and a Trauma Advanced Life Support call \$850.00.

Also loaded miles increase from \$11.00 per mile to \$14.00 per mile. Any Leroy resident will not be charged for anything their insurance does not cover. Linda seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-11

FISCAL OFFICER: Linda made a motion to transfer .89cents from general fund into motor vehicle and 1.77 from general fund into gasoline tax at the request of the fiscal officer. Chuck seconded the motion, all were in favor.

At 7:30 PM., Linda Burhenne read the requested changes to the zoning text as recommended by the zoning commission and approved by the Lake County Planning Commission. Changes to definitions, section 2, changes to 13.2, zoning certificate required for agricultural use, however no fee will be assessed, section 14.10 renewal of permit for conditional use permit. Permit to be renewed after 5 years if no change has been done. If the permit was taken out, but not acted on, or the use changed, the permit will not be renewed.

Linda made a motion to approve the changes. Rich questions the wording in section 13.2 wherein it stated agriculture use of land. Rich made a motion to strike that sentence. Linda 2nd., All in favor. Therefore, Linda withdrew her original motion, and ask that the changes be accepted, striking the sentence where it states a permit for agriculture use of land. Rich seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-12.

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 16, 2012, 7pm.

Audience: Members of the community were present to give their views and objections to gas & oil well drilling in the Township.

Chuck stated that according to a recent article in the news paper, Lake County may not be a desirable area to drill. However, Leroy Township Trustees are leaving their options open to see what transpires in the future. There is "forced pooling", wherein if a driller has 90% of an area under lease, they can go to the state and force lease drilling under adjacent areas regardless of whether the land owner has signed a lease or not. Chuck stated the trustees are concerned of what the large truck traffic will do to our roads, including loggers and that is why we need to be able to have them post a bond when using our roads. This was also stated in the letter sent to the governor and our state reps. if we do not hear back from them in a month, we will re-send the letter.

Wanda Chop is concerned about the fault line which runs through Leroy Twp. and the fracking causing earthquakes. She also said we will need to be sure the EPA, or health department puts in air pollution monitors. A resident asked about above ground transmission lines, where is the fresh water coming from that they would use in fracking. The Trustees stated they haven't heard anything about transmission lines, which would carry the gas/oil. In the southern part of the state they are pumping the water out of the river. In our area it would probably come from Lake Erie. The Lake County Utilities Dept. has not been approached about this as far as the Trustees know. The probability of drilling here is not likely. Geological findings do not indicate that this is really a good area.

In order to have a well site, there must be 40 acres total and the drillers can expand outward two miles. Two miles is 1,280 acres.

The trustees reminded the residents that after 2003, any authority over oil and gas well drilling was taken away from local governments and given to the Department of Natural Resources. Their office is located in Akron.

The Trustees are not aware of any discussions the leasing companies have had with Lake Metro Parks. They have been two brine wells on the North side of I-90 on Vrooman Rd. for a few years now.

Definitions of the chemicals which are used in fracking was also read.

Concerns of air and water pollution was again stated as a concern by the residents.

When the Lake County Soil and Water Dept. sets up another meeting regarding the drilling, the trustees will post it on the web site and the sign on Vrooman Rd.

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

Chuck Klco

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer