

# *LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 7 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

**Guests:** Boy Scout Justin Kish of Troop 58 presented his project for improvements for the Heritage Association's South Meeting House which consists of a sign and mulch area. This project is being done to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. He would like to complete it by the end of summer. He will be meeting with the Heritage Association.

Linda made a motion to accept his plan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, all were in favor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** A letter from Lake Tran was received asking the Trustees and anyone else interested, to complete a survey they provided. Copies will be available at the community center.

Linda received an e-mail from an area boy scout as to why our roads are so bad. She replied that 20% of Leroy area is Park owned. Our road improvement levy has been turned down three times. We are maintaining our roads as best we can.

Leroy Township Received a safety award from the Lake County Safety Council for 2011, and for 100% effort in preventing workplace accidents. The trustees complimented Jason Rodgers for his "safety work".

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported 18 calls and 5 permits issued since last meeting. Three inspections have been completed. Court date is set, July 17<sup>th</sup> for the removal of the illegal Osborne sign on Vrooman. The signs that were erected advertising the Nursery on Kniffen have been removed. The health dept. will not do anything about the abandoned, dilapidated house on Radcliffe. Chuck stated he has written a letter to John Rodgers at the county treasurer's office about the Radcliffe and Paine Rd. houses. There is money in the land bank grants available for demolition of dilapidated homes, and would he would like to apply for it.

**FIRE:** 35 calls since the last meeting, year to date 243. The new headsets for the tanker are in; these eliminate the background noise for ease of communication. The AFG grant has been applied for turn out gear and several other items. The new squad should be in this month.

Chuck ask the Chief what his opinion was on joining COG. The Chief thinks it's a good idea to get into it and explore the possibilities. It may be beneficial as we are a small entity. Our part would be a small amount due to our size. But it would benefit us when we need a large item. It could cost us \$5000.00 a year. There are a lot of things to consider and become involved and see how it would work. COG is discussing going after state money (innovation grants) for the planning. Rich made a motion to join COG, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-16.

Chuck stated he would like to see Thompson's Central Dispatch work with us when they do not receive a response within so many minutes to notify us for a response.

It is the owner's responsibility to fill in the hole left from the burn at Lyon's property on Valentine. Chuck ask that a letter be sent to Grady Lyons asking him to get the hole filled in.

**ROAD:** With help from the county we will do a single seal on Valentine Rd. This will help maintain the road as a detour when the county closes the road at the bridge for replacement of the bridge. Leroy Thompson will be closed for 110 days. The detour will be 86-166-528. So we know people will be using Valentine Rd. We were able to seal coat Lester Drive and parts of Piney Hollow this year. That was all of the funds we had available.

Our road mower which is 3 years old, and only 240 hrs of work has a gear that is broke in the head motor on the mower. The warranty was only for one year.

Chuck has been in contact with Alamo the maker of the mower. There must be some kind of defect. Alamo is stating they don't know why this would happen.

**CEMETERIES:** Letters have been sent out to those people that we were able to locate an address for who own lots in our cemeteries and have plantings, decorations etc., that do not conform to our rules and regulations. Those items will be removed by the township after August 1<sup>st</sup> if the owner has not removed them.

**PARKS:** The softballs annual pig roast was not well attended. It was a very hot day, and no one wanted to go out. The food was excellent, but most people wanted it to go so they could eat at home. The photo contest was not well received and Brandy is going to have a re-entry contest.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Regarding the question of the "Site Plan Review" fee, Don Crellin from the zoning board stated their intention was to have a set fee of \$500.00 to cover expenses of the board. Regardless if it was at their regular meeting or a special meeting. After some discussion, the fee of \$500.00 will be kept as it was written for "any site plan review", regardless if a special meeting or held at a regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chuck made a motion to give the four full-time employees a 2.5% raise. They have not had a raise for 3 years. Rich VanPelt seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-17.

The Township Trustees have no objection to the present members remaining on the Land Use Board, Evelyn Ross and Jeff Kenyon.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** At the Fiscal Officer's request a motion was made by Linda to transfer interest earned in Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax for the month of May and June be transferred from general fund into MV fund and Gas Tax fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, all were in favor.

Motion to pay all bills made by, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda, all in favor.

Next meeting: Monday, August 13, at 7 p.m.

Audience: Mark Timm asked if it is normal for a practice burn to continue to smolder two days after the home on Leroy Center was burned. The fire chief said yes, this is very common, it will continue to smolder for a while. It takes time for all of the heat to get out of it.

At 6:30 P.M. tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10, the township trustees will meet for the purpose of approving the 2013 budget.

Motion to adjourn made by, Chuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda, all in favor.

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Chuck Klco

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer