

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Guests: Adam Thomas representing Wishguard LLC, a leasing company which is looking to obtain property leases from area residents and the township for oil and gas well drilling was the guest speaker. This is deep well drilling into the Utica Shale. Their company negotiates with the oil and gas drilling companies and sells the lease to them. They would like an area of 640 contiguous acres. If the well is successful they can extend the area to 1,240 acres. A minimum of 40 acres is needed to house the actual well site. They can drill with a minimum of 320 contiguous acres. This is a five year lease. They are currently paying home owners \$1,600.00 per acre for the 5 year lease, however would be willing to pay 1,700.00 to lease the township property. After the 5-year lease is up, there will be an opportunity to extend the lease, if the well is profitable @\$2,250.00 per acre. The lessee also receives 15% of the gross royalties, which is split between the 640 acres by a percent of the acres leased per owner. There are currently 3 wells in southern Ohio. The township will deliver a copy of the lease to the Lake County Prosecutor to render an opinion. The township is only interested in leasing the gas & oil mineral rights, not to house an actual well site.

Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was passed until the next meeting.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:None

OLD BUSINESS: Chuck talked to the Lake County Treasurer's Assistant regarding the treasurer's letter concerning a "land bank". There would be no cost to the community. There would be a board to oversee it with 8 board members. A land bank takes foreclosed property, purchasing it from the foreclosure company by the Port Authority originally, and then the Land Bank would take 5% of the delinquent tax costs to fix the property and re-sell. Linda stated she does think Lake County has an issue with foreclosed property, and that this would interfere with private individuals purchasing same. She is not in favor of this. Rich stated he would discuss this with the Treasurer, John Crocker and get more information on exactly how it works.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda made a motion to accept the temporary appropriations for 2012 as presented by the fiscal officer, Rich seconded the motion.

Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-02

Chuck presented Resolution 12-03, requiring drillers and loggers to be required to post a bond on township roads. Linda seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. The amount of the bond will be determined.

Chuck Klco presented Resolution 12-04, commending Boy Scouts, Mat Lee, Andrew Lee, Francis Dworning, Josh Winton and James Winton, on obtaining their Eagle Scout award thru community service. Rich seconded the motion.

Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye.

FISCAL OFFICER: Chuck made a motion to transfer the balance of \$690.05 balance left in the capitol equipment radio fund back into the fund 10-A from which it was originally transferred. Linda seconded the motion, all in favor. Chuck made a motion to transfer \$1.05 from general fund into motor vehicle and \$1.48 from general fund into gas tax, this is interest earned in these funds in December. Linda seconded the motion, all in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7pm.

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

Chuck Klco

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer