

# *LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Linda Burhenne opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Correspondence: NEO Sustainable Communities Consortium** will be holding a series of public meetings from Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Our regions meeting will be at Lake Erie College, Morley Music Hall at 6 pm. on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting is to receive feedback on the draft of proposed regional vision. This is an opportunity for N.E. Ohio communities to explore the region's long-term development patterns and what we want for the future of our region.

The Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce small businesses kick off will hold a meeting in November, which Linda Burhenne will attend.

A letter from ODOT notifying the Trustees of an Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing for the Vrooman Road Bridge and roadway improvement project will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at the Lake County Business & Learning Center, 1981 Blaise Nemeth Road. This is an open public meeting. Public comments may be submitted in writing, thru a court recorder or public comment time from 7-9 p.m.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Mark Timm, assistant zoning inspector reported 18 calls since the last meeting and four permits issued. There will be two public hearings by the Leroy Zoning Board of Appeals on October 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm. One is for a variance sideline clearance for a dog run, and the other is a request to permit the selling of firearms from a home in a residential area.

Linda ask Dennis Keeney, member of the zoning board about the letter, which was received from the Lake County Planning Commission suggesting that all old subdivisions be left at 1.5 acres. Dennis said the board would be discussing this at the public hearing on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Don Crellin is preparing the letter to be sent out to all residents affected by the zoning change of 1.5 acre lots to 3 acre lots.

**FIRE:** Richard VanPelt, Trustee gave the chief's report. There were 33 calls since the last meeting. Year to date 431. The officer promotions are currently in the interview process. They all should be done by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ROAD:** Charlie reported the men have been doing side road mowing, ditching, and working in the cemeteries. Regarding the round a bout, the entire area will have the final paving done, around the last week in October. Before it can be entirely opened, the lighting has to be put up. It was thought that the final paving would have to wait until spring, but the engineers feel the road is solid enough to do the final paving now. The center part will be turned over to us in the spring.

**CEMETERIES:** Several footers have been poured.

**PARKS:** Linda reported The Recreation Board will hold a meeting prior to the October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween party which starts at 5 pm. at the Community Center.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Charlie read the letter which was sent to ODOT with a copy to our county engineer requesting a speed study for the area of 86, up to a quarter mile leading to the round a bout. Also for the area of Leroy Thompson Rd., by the creek.

Regarding the two abandoned homes, Charlie has talked with the county prosecutor and the county land bank. The house on Radcliffe has back taxes due of four years, and the owner cannot be located. We will need a court order to demolish it. The house at Paine & Seeley Rd. will be torn down once Chase Bank gives us the "ok" to do it. The cost of demolition is approximately \$8,000.00, plus

the test for asbestos. The cost is put on the tax duplicate as a lien on the property, which will be collected if the property is ever sold.

Rich VanPelt said he has not heard back from the person he thought may give us an estimate for re-siding the old meeting house. We have received one from Mark Cutlip and one from Spangler. Charlie is trying to get another estimate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Linda made a motion to recognize November as small business month and present the resolution to the Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Poll of the vote: Burhenne, aye, Klco, aye, VanPelt, aye. Linda will present it Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

Linda wanted to inform anyone who signs a gas lease; they need to be sure their title is clear prior to the signing. There is a limited window to clear the title for the leasing company. If not done, your lease is void. Make sure your title is clear prior to signing. You may have to hire someone to research the records.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** At the request of the fiscal officer, Linda made a motion to establish fund 05-Cemetery Fund and approve appropriations of \$17,192.84, for future expenses through the end of the year. Establishing fund 05, and making all cemetery receipts and expenses, a separate fund from general fund is per State Auditor. Rich VanPelt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Poll of the vote: Burhenne, aye, Klco, aye, VanPelt aye.

Linda made a motion to transfer interest of 8.59 into investments, transfer 1.46 from 01-02 fund and .75 cents from 01-03 fund. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, October 21, at 7 pm.

Audience: Questions from residents concerning the Lake County Sheriff's coverage of Leroy Township. The Trustees informed her they did not put a levy on the ballot for coverage. Several reasons were given, one levy would have been for approx. a six mill levy, the other for a .9, which would not have given Leroy any more coverage than they currently had at that time. Charlie stated the county sheriff's office has received a safety grant, which will put a patrol car in Leroy 6-8 hours. We also have the presence of the State Highway Patrol. Questions regarding the siding of the old meeting house were asked. Linda stated she has contacted every possible organization for help. There is not any money available. To consider residing it with wood siding or restoring it is not possible. The cost is exorbitant. There has been a new roof and furnace put in the building not to long ago. We are keeping our options open; however, something has to be done quickly to keep the building. Gerri Hausch ask Linda to check with the Dr. Fazio and Jim Storre foundations for possible funding. An Adam Miller from Millersburg Ohio has purchased Camp LeJnar. He paid approximately two million dollars for the 423 acres. He probably is going to have it timbered.

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

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Linda Burhenne

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer