

## LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

### MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Chuck Klco and Heather Shelton, Trustees; Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer; and Ron Graham, Attorney at Law.

**Guests:** None.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July 1, July 12, and July 22, 2019 meetings were read and approved.

Chuck stated that there is a new levy on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot for the road department. He stated that we are the second lowest in taxes of any government in Lake County. He also stated that only 14-15 % of your taxes come back to Leroy, we haven't had a raise in Road Dept. funding in 15 years and the material costs have increased substantially in that time.

**Correspondence:** We had an email from the attorney representing Leroy Township in the case where JJJ is suing ODOT for the placement of the state's new building going up on Vrooman Road. We will meet with our lawyer on August 15 to go over our position.

#### **Department Reports:**

#### **ZONING: Activity July 1-August 5, 2019**

36 Incoming Calls

6 Zoning Certificates Issued - 2 dwelling, 1 pool, 1 solar panels, 1 addition and 1 deck

Permit Inspections Completed 0

Permit Inspections Open 27

#### Major open violations and activities

- Osborne Sign & Material, Affidavits filed. Court date Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Pending all bankruptcies.
- Mahr Court Trial set for August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Jodi Drive: Removal of junk started, 80% complete. Probation officer agreed to extend cleanup deadline until August 19, 2019 which Myron feels he will meet.
- Manfroni new home permit withheld until riparian and Soil & Water issues are resolve. New bridge prints being reviewed by Lake County Engineers and our Fire Dept.
- Myron stated no signs can be put in the roundabout as it is State property.
- A Trask Road property had recreational vehicles to close to the road.
- JJJ Properties filed Declaratory Judgment, Preliminary & Permanent injunction on new construction.
- Request for all documents re: above.
- Preparing follow up letters for 5 remaining non-responsive businesses.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Total Number of Calls since last meeting: 45**

FIRE	4
EMS	25
HAZARDOUS COND.	1
SERVICE CALL	5
GOOD INTENT	9
FALSE ALARM	1

### **Total Year-to-Date: 362**

The full-time firefighter written test is scheduled for August 7, 2019. There are 4 firefighters taking it. This will establish a list of candidates to hire from.

We are still anticipating delivery of the new ambulance by year's end.

The station siding project is almost wrapped up. Just a few details the siding crew has yet to finish. Trustee Shelton thanked NOPEC, whose grant money covered a significant amount of the cost.

Chuck thanked the firemen who made the pulled pork for Movie Night.

**ROAD DEPT:** Crew is chip-sealing on Valentine, mowing and patching. Had to clean-up from several storms including culvert driveway wash-outs. Chuck stated we are grateful for the Road Supervisor Rich VanPelt, who brings experience and dedication to the department. Issues to overcome include lack of experience among summer help and lack of funds which was addressed earlier.

**CEMETERY:** Piles of brush were reported in Williams Cemetery. Chuck to talk to Rich. There have been 6 plots sold in the last month.

**PARKS:** The August 3<sup>rd</sup> outdoor movie night and family bingo was a huge success. Many thanks to all who donated items and/or volunteered their time. A special thanks to Mike Shoff, Mike Toman and Craig Wilhelm who made the pulled pork. Thanks also to Chuck Klco for setting up the audio equipment, and Stephanie and Paige Veselko for their help with Bingo, as well as the Shelton Family for running the concessions. This event was made possible through a grant from NOPEC.

Approximately 75 pulled pork dinners were sold.

It was noted that the concession stand needs some attention including lighting and plumbing.

The next Bicentennial meeting will be August 14 at 6:30. The celebration is set for June 20, 2020.

The Heritage Association is hosting the car and plane show on August 15 and will have new Leroy t-shirts available for sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Riverside school district has contacted Chuck Klco to find out if Leroy was interested in the Leroy Elementary School property. Chuck feels there is interest in the 14-acre property, but there are expenses involved. Chuck has contacted the Land Bank to see if it could help with the expenses of taking down all of the older parts of the building. Riverside was to have money set aside to take down the building, too which he hopes

they will still contribute. Chuck would like to keep the newest section of offices and classroom space which has its own heating and mechanicals if possible. Chuck would love to hear any ideas from the township regarding this on-going consideration.

Discussion was made concerning the Zoning Inspector's computer. Myron was concerned that Windows 7 will not be supported at the end of this year. Chuck stated that any laptop would stay here and not travel. Heather asked why would he want a laptop if it was not leaving the townhall. Myron believed it would be cheaper than a desktop. The request was tabled until Rich VanPelt gets back. Chuck asked Myron to get prices.

**AUDIENCE:**

A question was raised about day care if the school building is obtained. Chuck replied that he believes there is not enough demand in the area at this time, but it is possible.

A question was raised about the process for putting in a new driveway. Chuck stated that an individual would have to get a permit from the county before putting in a driveway. Further discussion revealed it was regarding the JJJ property's Carter access. Chuck asked Myron to look into it.

A question was raised about the former Hiller Tree Farm property and their ditches. Chuck will have Rich look into it.

**FISCAL OFFICE:**

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

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

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Heather Shelton, Trustee

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Juliann P. Himmelman, Fiscal Officer