

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Heather Shelton, Rich VanPelt, Julie Himmelman, Ron Graham, and Brian Crouse

Absent: Chuck Klco (in Florida)

Heather began the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

No minutes were available to be read.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

ZONING: Brian Crouse received calls about several real estate properties for sell. One on RT86 with 30+ acres (for development) and the Community Chapel across from Capps as a potential daycare. Licensing and parking and the past daycare were discussed. Ron suggested we take no action unless the potential owners start a process with the state.

A resident with a home occupation was asking about renewal application Julie made a renewal form from the home occupation form on file. The homeowner came in and all that is needed is Brian's renewal letter/permit.

Rich opened the Public Hearing with the statement that there were seven amendments. He read the seven amendments. Wanda Chop stated they were an eyesore and would be hard to regulate. Ron read the proposed changes regarding shipping containers. He outlined the procedure for making and revising the regulations in Leroy. He explained the regulations under consideration tonight were mostly to clean up some items that were out-of-date and add regulations surrounding the use of shipping containers; and the trustees were to decide whether or not they agree that the Zoning Commission has provided the right rules. The Trustees will now decide whether or not they're going to pass the Zoning Commission's recommendation.

He explained the procedure for changing the zoning regulations. Then Ron stated that we would ask if there was anyone in the gallery who was for or against this, and if there wasn't, we would close the public meeting.

A question was asked: If somebody says it's going to be temporary, but it's not, how are you going to police that? Brian was saying right now there no regulations on that.

Heather asked if the trustees could approve some, but not all of the recommended changes.

Ron said in his opinion there were actually two options: pass it unanimously to start with, or you can send it back to them, asking for changes.

Heather closed the public hearing. She then made a motion to send the proposed changes back to the Zoning Board. Julie inquires what sections in particular? Heather stated all sections pertaining to permanent shipping containers needed to be tightened up and Rich stated that there should be a required affidavit for accessory building 160 square feet or less.

Poll the vote: Heather – aye; Rich – aye.

FIRE: Given by Mike Shoff:

Number of calls since the last meeting: 40 Total year to date: 49

Mike recommended a replacement for the 2008 Explorer. While it has low mileage, the body and some of the electricals are shot. The best deal for the money and safety is another Explorer purchased on State Bid. A used vehicle would save about 15% but would warranty loss and lack of safety features that the new Explorer offers we seen as detractors. The State Bid option is under \$35,000.

Mike presented the capital replacement budget to show what's being replaced. Julie asks if this will be paid for with money from the levy, and Mike says yes. The bid from Classic was about \$3-4,000 more.

Mike Shoff says his plan is to get sell the old squad and use that money towards the needed accessories for the new truck (lights and console). Chuck Klco wants to look at the squad for the road department to use as a tool truck. Mike told Chuck he had planned to bid it out with a minimum of \$5,000. He will wait until Chuck is back so trustees can talk about it.

Heather made a motion to accept the State Bid price, for a new 2020 Explorer 4-door AWD V6 10 speed auto transmission for a maximum of \$35,000.00 as recommended by Chief Shoff. Rich VanPelt seconded the motion. Poll the vote: Heather, aye. Rich, aye.

ROADS: No road activity to report.

CEMETERIES: Rich VanPelt presentation the costs of cemetery plots and columbarium niches for surrounding communities. Leroy's fees were lower than most of the communities and our

costs are not covered by the fees we are currently charging. Heather agrees it's something that needs to be addressed soon. Endowment fees and smaller cremains lots were discussed.

PARKS: On April 5th the Fire Department is having their annual Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and the Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2:00 pm for the kids. Leroy's Bicentennial will be celebrated on June 20, 2020. The committee is working really hard to make a lot of good things happen at that event. The next meeting is on February 12th at 6:30 pm. Heather encouraged everyone to get involved.

We do have a \$1,500 grant from NOPEC. We're just deciding to do what to do with the funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fiscal Officer: Julie neglected to include \$7,000 for the Fire Department's Workers' Comp in the temporary budget that was approved. She asked the trustees to approve the inclusion of that item. Heather made a motion to include the addition \$7,000 into the Fire Department fund per the Fiscal Officer's recommendation. Rich seconded. Poll the vote: Heather, aye. Rich, aye.

Rich made a motion to pay all bills.

The next meeting will be March 16th.

Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather seconded all were in favor.