

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chuck Klco, Chair, Heather Shelton, Rich VanPelt and Julie Himmelman

All department representatives were excused from attending due to COVID-19 precautions.

Softball and COVID-19: Discussion of the updates from the Governor and local officials was made. Some businesses will be allowed to open later this month. No decisions were made for outdoor sports. The softball coordinator, Billy Averson said that he would like to start refunding money to those who registered. He will return checks that he had been holding. Those who registered online will be refunded through Blue Sombrero.

If things start to open, he would like open the fields to other leagues. Either way, he would like to get dirt down on the infields. It would cost about \$1,500 a load and fields 2, 3 & 4 will need 2 loads each. The mowing contract is \$175 a week for 12-13 weeks. Weed killer will need to be spread as well. Chuck suggested going with 1 load on each of the three fields mentioned to save some money. Billy and the other trustees agreed. Softball carried a balance forward which will cover these costs.

Billy stated he did not think there would be youth softball this year. Chuck said that we would revisit the use of the fields by other groups in June. Billy stated he still had to maintain the fields on the tractor once a week. The trustees expressed their appreciation for all Billy does.

Refunding of the registration fees were discussed.

Fire Dept.: Mike Shoff emailed his report with the following information:

Calls since the last meeting: 36	Total year-to-date: 185	
16 EMS	3 Hazardous Condition	8 Service Call
8 Good Intent	1 False Alarm	

The FD is continuing to protect ourselves from COVID-19. PPE supply is doing well. We have experienced a drop in call volume possibly caused by the public's hesitation to be possibly exposed at the hospital.

Tanker 2418 is out for repairs but is expected back soon.

The new Explorer is in a waiting pattern right now until the factories open back up.

Heather dropped off 35 face shields.

Possible grant monies and its uses were discussed.

Chuck will call Chapman to see if the community center can be rewired to get a generator. Discussion of the possibility of getting a building for the road department to get the equipment out of the elements was made.

Zoning Dept.: Mahr Farm update was discussed. The case was moved to Geneva but no dates were set per Heather.

Heather brought up a discussion of phone service for employees including Noell.

Heather made a motion to provide appointed department heads with a cellphone at a maximum cost of \$300 and the minimum service required to do their job. Chuck seconded. Poll the vote: Rich, aye. Chuck, aye. Heather, aye.

Chuck expressed concern about properties that had become junk yards in the area. Heather suggested making a list of these eyesore properties for Noel.

Anthony Falcone stepped down from the Lake County Land Use committee. Heather asked that the zoning board members be let known of the opening, if any were interested in stepping in. Heather also asked that the BZA members be asked if any of them would like to move to the Commission to fill the void of Anthony and Tom Gabor resigning.

Road Dept.: The Road Dept. will be removing the trees surrounding the playground.

Chuck stated that he has one young man from Ashtabula apply for summer help. Chuck stated that Austin VanPelt who worked for the township for a few years would return if the township could match the rate he was offered at Concord. He also asked that Zach VanPelt also be hired for both office and road work as needed. Discussion was made regarding wages and funding.

Chuck made a motion to set the summer help wages as follows: First year - \$12, Returning - \$13 and also, to prorate Austin VanPelt's pay back to the beginning of this season. Heather seconded.

Poll of the vote: Heather, aye. Chuck, aye. Rich, abstained.

Chuck made a motion to purchase a new laser level for the road dept. for a maximum of \$2,400. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Heather made a motion to accept Susan Lewis's mowing contract. Chuck seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to put the cab and chassis of the old distributor truck on GovDeals. Rich seconded. Poll of the vote: Rich, aye. Chuck, aye. Heather, aye.

Chuck reported that the road levy most likely did not pass, if that is true, he would like to put it back on in the fall. The outcome was close and there is hope that it would pass next time. Chuck would also like to add the \$10 license plate taxes, as well. There is a deadline of July 1 to have the public hearings and get the paperwork to the BMV in Columbus. Chuck will find out what needs to be done.

Chuck made a motion to pay the county for the seal coat and fog coat on Proctor Road. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Cemeteries: Rich reported that the materials for the columbarium bases was estimated at \$1,656.00 plus labor of approximately \$2,000. Concerns regarding timing of work and soil issues were discussed.

Rich distributed cemetery fee schedules from several townships. Chuck felt that Perry Township's fee schedule was a good one to model the township's fees after. Discussion was made. Rich made a motion to set the prices for cemetery rates as follows:

Grave Openings:

Full burial:

Weekday beginning by 1 pm:	\$400 resident	\$600 non-residential
Weekdays after 1 pm and weekends:	\$600 resident	\$800 non-residential
Holidays	\$ 1000 for either	

Cremains:

Weekday beginning by 1 pm:	\$200 resident	\$300 non-resident
Weekdays after 1 pm and weekends:	\$300 resident	\$400 non-resident
Holidays	\$ 500 for either	

When acquired:

Sale of Columbarium Niche (for up to 2 cremains): \$600 resident \$1,000 non-resident

Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye. Heather, aye. Rich, aye.

Motion to pay all bills was made by Chuck. Rich seconded. All in favor.

Chuck made a motion to limit the sale of cemetery plots at this time to residents only. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to close the meeting. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer

Charles Klco, Chair