

# *LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7pm., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

**Guests:** None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Correspondence:** The Lake County General Health District provided the trustees with minutes from their annual meeting. They are available for anyone to read.

The attorney for the township sent the zoning inspector and trustees the recent "review" concerning Osborne's sign on Vrooman.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported for the period of March 7<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup> the following: Nineteen calls regarding zoning, one permit for an addition was issued, no variances or conditional uses requested. Twenty-two inspections are open. There are 30 violations open with 25 under investigation, five of which have been issued formal violation letters. One junk car violation has been closed. There were nine property sales since the 1-1-11. The attorney for the plaintiff in the Osborne case has been provided all of the requested information about his sign on Vrooman. Myron has received a complaint from a neighbor that her next-door neighbors have chickens and goats living in their house. Myron reported it to the health dept.

**FIRE:** The fire chief reported 34 calls since last meeting ytd, 122. Frank informed the trustees that he has installed a new lock on the front door of the fire station, and to see him to obtain the combination. There is a meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the fire chiefs and elected officials at the Concord Community Center, at 7pm concerning cooperative purchasing and services and merging of community fire depts. Frank stated they already do joint purchases. The area fire chiefs will be meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss this, prior to the official meeting. The new Motorola radios are out. They will cost between \$2,000.00 & \$3,000.00 depending on the type. The Chief has looked at them. There will be no decision made until a set price is given. The new radio upgrade is strictly for the fire department. The chief anticipates going on-line with them sometime during the first quarter of 2012. The annual pancake breakfast is this Sunday from 9-1 PM. A strategic national stockpile meeting is coming up; the fire chief will register to attend. It will be held at the E.O.C.

**ROAD:** A letter from a concerned citizen on Callow road was received. He wants to have his culvert problems addressed. He has been informed that we do not charge for labor; however, he will have to pay the cost of the pipe and gravel, which has been quoted in the letter. There is a new federal law that if there is an obstruction in one of our ditches, we can remove the obstruction, put in a replacement and bill the resident.

**CEMETERIES:** One cremation since last meeting.

**PARKS:** Easter egg hunt is April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, at fire station.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Actual amount of pay out hours for sick time is still tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Charlie stated that our road dept. is happy with their radio system and will not be going "on line" with the new radio system in 2012 with the fire department. They have cell phones and their own radio system if help is needed.

Chuck made a motion to accept the Leroy Twp. mileage report of 22.210 miles as certified by the Lake County Engineer's Department. Rich seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Rich made a motion to accept the permanent appropriations as presented by the fiscal officer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 11-06.

Chuck made a motion to approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from the EMS fund into the radio replacement fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all were in favor.

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

Audience: Dennis Keeney inquired about the maintenance of Seeley Rd., and the section of Hell Hollow which is part of Leroy Center Rd. Charlie stated he has been talking with the county engineer and Lake Metro Parks about vacating Seeley Rd., from Vrooman Rd., to the top of the hill. There are no residents in that section and all of the surrounding area is owned by Metro Parks, and used solely for the purpose of the park. There are certain steps we have to take through the County Engineer, State, Park Board and the County Commissioners in order to do this. It is not a fast process. We were asked if we could grade the lower half so that anyone wanting to fish in the park could drive to the parking area. That is all we are going to do.

The Leroy Softball Board members, John Chebra, Bret Durisin and Brian Gidley gave a report for this year's softball program. Questions concerning insurance coverage and liability were asked and addressed to our insurance representative, Fred Pollutro. Fred is going to check into their questions of "who is covered" liability wise and what else is available and get back to them and the fiscal officer. The "traveling" fast pitch team is only covered on Leroy Twp. property, not when they go somewhere else. A separate policy needs to be purchased to cover them for injury and/or liability. This is the leagues responsibility. The township and board members are covered for liability as well as injury to a player. There are 500 kids signed up to play softball this year. They have 42 teams, age 4-19. In addition, 115 kids age 4-6 for T-ball. They now have their own independent web site, which can be viewed thru a link on the Leroy Twp. web site. Their improvements include new equipment, bats, helmets, and balls as well as catchers equipment. They have also received some donated equipment. The fences and backstops are being improved so no one can be hit by high fly balls in the viewing area. Also a new and larger concession stand sign has been put up so that everyone can see it and know there is one. It was suggested that they fence off the playing area for the T-Ball field, so that they are not playing over the drainage lines. They are hoping to hear back from the ODNR grant sometime by this summer. They put in for new bleachers. A new set cost is \$4,500.00. They also would like to discuss putting in another field #8 to accommodate so many teams. Forty-three teams playing on seven fields is difficult. This plan for field #8 would be a 2-3 yr. plan from start to finish. They requested that the grass area by the tower be cut so the kids have more room to practice. They will get with the road supervisor for help in blowing out some of the clogged drains. A 10 x 14 building was donated to softball for use as long as necessary. It will be located where the one was last year.

The Trustees stated that the Leroy Softball program is sponsored by Leroy Township and is an extension of the Leroy Recreation program. The softball board, coaches and volunteers are all part of this program. The softball board has drawn up their own bi-laws, which will be reviewed by the trustees. It was e-mailed to all of them and the fiscal officer.

There being no further business, Chuck made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, all were in favor. Next meeting is Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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Chuck Klco

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer