

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2011 at p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Chuck opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Guests: Jim DeLucas the State Director for O.T.A.R.M.A., and Fred Pollutro, our local insurance agent were present. The renewal insurance policy for the township was reviewed and increase in costs explained. O.T.A.R.M.A. does not offer a long term policy holder deduction as in the past. Also newer vehicles have been added and our past claims were reviewed.

Chuck made a motion to pass on the reading of the previous meeting's minutes, 2nd by Linda, all were in favor.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Lake County GIS department asking each community to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the upgrading of the G.I.S. system. After discussion, and the fact that any upgrades would not benefit Leroy Township from what is already available, Chuck made a motion to decline, 2nd by Linda, all were in favor.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Myron reported 31 calls being received since July 18th to date. Three permits issued. Two variances were approved by the appeals board, one for a sideline variance and one for a windmill. An application from Lake Erie College was received. They will be conducting classes on agriculture and art. They

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Also an application for a new sign was received. This property was formally owned by Gretchen Reed on Trask Rd. There are 35 open inspections. No word still regarding the Osborne sign on Vrooman Rd. No court date has been set. Allega is cleaning up and clearing off more land on Vrooman.

The Zoning Commission proposed that the Trustees pass a resolution regarding "sexually orientated business". The Trustees would need to adopt an "as written" resolution done by the state. The Township would then be represented by the State Attorney General. They requested that the Trustees make a decision by the next meeting of September 19th. The Lake County Prosecutor's Office has reviewed the resolution and Ok'd it. The township cannot "outlaw" a sexually orientated business, but can limit where it can go. The commission is looking for an area in Leroy Township where the current "illegal businesses" that are operating within the Township could go. However Linda stated infrastructure is a problem since we do not have city water or sewers. Don Crellin has a comparison of current zoning fees charged by local small governments; perhaps the trustees will review and consider raising some of the zoning fees.

FIRE: No report, the fire chief was working at Painesville Twp. Fire Dept. The Chief has requested the Trustees add two new hires to the fire dept., and also approve Vickey Doles and Jean O'Neil to take a B.L.S. class.

ROAD: Charlie reported he will attend a pre-construction meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. at the community room with the county engineer and the contractor, Ronyak Paving regarding Issue II on Jennings Dr. The road dept. has been doing the ditching on Jennings and preparing the road for the paving project. Because of this and that fact that we have not hired as much summer help this year, we are behind on the mowing of the park and cemeteries. Once this project is finished the mowing will be done.

Charlie stated some parents are concerned about the speed limit on Rt. 86 in front of Leroy School. The suggested speed limit is 35, but the actual speed limit is 55. Charlie made a motion to request a speed study of the area, seconded by Rich, all were in favor.

The softball board has sent an e-mail to the Trustees asking for permission to have an adult softball league games Sept., & Oct. They will pay for any upkeep.

The Trustees have no problem with this as long as it is self funded. Chuck will advise the softball board.

Linda stated that the playground area needs cleaned up and some more trees removed.

CEMETERIES: Mowing is behind, but will be caught up. The Eagle Scout is starting his project at the Paine Rd. Cemetery. The stone Rich had is too small to hold the plaque. Another stone will have to be found.

PARKS: Fall community garage sale Sat. Sept. 10th.

OLD BUSINESS: Apparently due to an oversight, the approval of the Leroy Softball Board's by-laws, as approved in March were not actually adopted by the Board. Therefore, Linda made a motion to approve the by-laws of the Leroy Softball Board, 2nd by Rich VanPelt. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution: 11-17.

Linda also made a motion to approve the maximum paid work hours for the assistant zoning inspector at 20 hrs. per month. 2nd by Chuck, all were in favor. Myron asked if it could be stated no more than 240 hrs. per year. Linda made a motion to revise original motion to read maximum of 240 hrs. per year, 2nd by Chuck. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 11-20

NEW BUSINESS: Rich made a motion to approve Vickey Doles and Jean O'Neil to attend a B.L.S. class at a cost of \$100.00 each. This is a basic life support class, enabling them to be certified to teach C.P.R. classes. Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to appoint Brian Fry and Benjamin Murch as part-time probationary firefighters, 2nd by Linda, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER: Chuck made a motion to transfer \$13,406.69 from Road Dept. funds into general note retirement fund which represents this years payment of the Mack truck, Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion for transfer of \$19,504.40 from Gas Tax into note retirement fund for payment of the John Deere tractor and side road mower, Seconded by Rich, all were in favor.

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

Next meeting: Monday, September 19th at p.m.


Audience: Chris Weiss resident on Trask road voiced his concern that the "school activity" by Lake Erie College at Pheasant Run, formally owned by Gretchen Reed will end up being a flight training school. What could the township do to prevent this? Myron will write a letter to the prosecutor for his opinion.

Also Tim Ross voiced his opinion and his concern over all the noise at their large open house this past weekend. Linda stated this was a "freshman" orientation day by Lake Erie College. The noise ordinance in Leroy Township is 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A resident from 8151 Autumn Dr. ask how he could get high speed internet. His satellite internet does not work well. Linda stated it may be possible for him to get wireless once Geauga Co. gets high speed internet since it would be just across the street.

Don Crellin stated he can get flags for the township for free from V.F.W.s. Charlie stated the cost of flags is not the only reason we are cutting out flags on the telephone poles. It also costs for the pole, and non-furlers, manpower, and time. Flags will still fly at the cemeteries, townhall, and fire dept. just not down the roads. This is a cost cutting measure.

Motion to adjourn made by, Charlie, seconded by Linda, all were in favor.

Chuck Klco
Chuck Klco, Chairman


Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer