

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 7:00 P.M., 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 with corrections.

Correspondence: A letter from Jon Adams, Taylor Rd., was received wherein he donated what would have been his yearly taxes for the recently defeated road levy. The amount was \$150.00. A thank you letter will be sent by the fiscal officer.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Mark Timm reported 6 calls regarding zoning and one permit issued since the last meeting.

Suggested changes to the Leroy Township Zoning text, Sections 13.2, 14.10 and Section 2 were given to the Trustees for review and to set a public hearing.

Chuck made a motion to set a public hearing for Monday, April 2nd at 7:30 P.M., at the Leroy Township Hall for review of the suggested zoning changes. Linda 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

FIRE: The Fire Chief was working. Rich stated the fire department has been responding to several calls this week.

ROAD: Rich, Jr. reported ditching and berming on Piney Hollow. The Gradall broke down and is being worked on. The men have kept one truck still outfitted for winter. Celezic will be graded tomorrow, weather permitting. Chuck stated he has talked with the new director of Metro Parks. He wants to meet with him to discuss the lower end of Seeley Rd. Leroy Township will not be putting down any material on the lower portion.

Chuck has the new plan for the round-a-bout at 5-points which is available for viewing after the meeting or at the Lake County Engineer's Office.

Work will begin on the Leroy Thompson Bridge this week. Around the second week of July the bridge will be closed for 90 days. Chuck also discussed the condition of Valentine Rd., and it being used as a detour when Leroy Thompson is closed for the bridge work. It is not a designated detour; however the road dept. will take pictures of it and note the condition, and again after the bridge work is completed. We will then talk with the county if any repairs are needed.

CEMETERIES: Nothing to report.

PARKS: Linda reported the annual Easter egg hunt is Sunday April 1st at 1P.M. at the community room. She also thanked the seniors for filling all of the eggs. Chuck said we will need three bales of hay for the event. The road dept. will get them.

OLD BUSINESS: Chuck talked with Dan Donaldson from Lake County Soil and Water. He stated they will be setting another meeting date together with the Lake County Farm Bureau to discuss oil and gas well drilling. Linda stated she has a list of attorneys who are very knowledgeable about gas and oil well leasing. She also has a Power Point presentation which she will forward to anyone who requests it. Chuck stated in the last township news magazine a lot of information was discussed about drilling and he will be glad to give anyone a copy.

Rich stated if we set up a meeting perhaps we could also ask someone from the O.D.N.R. to attend. Linda stated she also has a copy of the proposals for changes to the gas/oil well drilling from the governor's office.

Rich read the letter which the Trustees will send to the Governor's office, our two state representatives, senator, and O.D.N.R. The letter states the concerns of drilling, (fracking) for gas and oil. Concerns of water well contamination, air pollution and the health and safety of our township residents. Also there is concern of increased truck and equipment traffic damaging our roads.

Wanda Chop wanted to make sure it mentioned the concern of "air quality"

Dennis Kohr, a Radcliffe Rd. resident stated he and several of his neighbors are having a meeting this Thursday at 6pm at the church on Radcliffe Rd. to discuss leasing of property for oil and gas well drilling. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Lake County Health Department has forms for home water well testing, or a resident can have it done from an independent company. A resident wanted to know about the noise and lights that are a result of drilling. Leroy Township does have a noise ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich VanPelt made a motion to approve the fire chief's request to attend a leadership seminar at a cost of \$299.00. Chuck seconded the motion, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER

Chuck made a motion to approve the 2012 permanent appropriations as presented by the fiscal officer, 2nd by Linda. Poll of the vote: Klco, aye, Burhenne, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 12-9.

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 2, 2012, 7p.m.

Audience: A resident wanted to know if we will post the meeting regarding oil and gas well drilling on the sign on Vrooman Rd. Chuck said it will also be on the web site and newspaper, when we do organize a meeting.

A resident stated that Burton Village signed a "no fracking ordinance". Chuck stated they may have, but it will not hold any weight.

A resident asked about zoning and home occupation. Linda stated there is a \$50.00 permit fee. It can't be more than 25% of your floor space. The distillery on Brakeman is classified under agriculture. This is also according to the State.

Judy Johnson stated that Lake Metro. Parks Board meeting is this coming Wed. at 5pm, if anyone was interested. Residents present asked if Metro Parks had signed a lease for oil/gas drilling. Not that the Trustees are aware of, Chuck stated.

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

Chuck Klco

Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer