

# *LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Linda Burhenne, Chuck Klco, and Sharon Rodgers, Rich VanPelt was sick.

Linda Burhenne, Chairman, opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Correspondence:** Chuck read the letter from ODOT, which was in response to residents request for lower speed limits on Leroy Thompson Rd., and leading up to the roundabout at 5-points. ODOT advised at this time, they will not do a re-study on the area of the roundabout. This segment was just evaluated in 2011. ODOT prefers to allow drivers to become acclimated to the roundabout before considering whether a lower speed on the approaches is warranted. They did note that the Federal Highway Administration safety engineers recommended posting appropriate warning signing in advance of the roundabout to caution motorists of the need to reduce speeds prior to entry into the roundabout. Concerning the request to review the speed limit on Leroy Thompson Rd., near the creek, their office will conduct a speed zone study as requested. It takes 90 days to collect and analyze required data to complete the study. They will notify the township once the study is completed.

## **Department Reports:**

**ZONING:** Myron reported 14 calls since the last meeting. One permit was issued. The Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for a variance on a sideline clearance was withdrawn due to controversy. The second variance request to sell firearms from a private home was denied. The resident stated he might take this denial to court. Myron has a list of 30 possible illegal businesses being conducted in an R-1 area. The Fire Chief is reviewing the list as well. The owner on Brakeman who has quite a pile of junk equipment has been notified to clean it up. An affidavit has been sent to Osborne regarding his illegal sign at Vrooman and I-90. There may be a court hearing in November. The Township attorney, Abe Cantor sent correspondence wherein Osborne has filed a counter suit against us. The application for a subdivision on the old Stein farm has been received. There are 79 lots, each containing almost 2 acres. Right now, it meets our zoning of 1.5 acres. Next Tuesday the Lake County Planning Commission will review the plans. Our fire chief is also reviewing the plans, and will be recommending a dry hydrant be installed in the area.

**FIRE:** Chief reported 21 calls since the last meeting. Year to date, 451. Jessica Amato has resigned from the fire department. She is now working full time as a registered nurse and does not have the time to devote to the fire department. The two junk cars in the fire dept. parking lot are for training purposes. The promotional testing is finished. The officers are, Tim Vlach, Executive Captain, Mike Shoff, Captain, Mike Toman Lieutenant, Bill Malovrh, Lieutenant, and Craig Wilhelm will move to Senior Lieutenant. Craig Wilhelm will become senior lieutenant. The Chief would like them to be sworn in at the next Trustee meeting of Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ROAD:** The men have mowed Callow Rd., They have been cutting back brush, ditching and putting things away for winter. Also starting to prepare equipment for winter. The application for OEMA funds for this past July rainstorm is almost done. We had over 12,000.00 in repairs from the storm. The pickup truck should be done this week. It had rust repaired, doors, and fenders fixed. The new truck for plowing should be done next month. We have a good supply of salt & cinders to start the winter. Salt cost is down to \$34.00/ton, from \$48.00/ ton last year.

**CEMETERIES:** No business

**PARKS:** Rec. Board meeting tomorrow night at 6:30. Township Halloween party this Saturday, 5 pm at the community room.

**OLD BUSINESS:** More discussion was had concerning repair of the Meeting House. The use of vinyl vs. replacing siding, and molding to original. This would be very costly, and labor intensive. It's a matter of money, which we do not have.

Paper work is still being done on the two abandoned homes in order to have them demolished. The county prosecutor is working on the administrative search warrant so the county health dept. can inspect and declare uninhabitable. Chase Bank will not sign off on the Seeley/Paine house.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Linda made a motion to designate Chuck Klco as contact person for the OEMA application for funds to help with the past July rainstorm. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Linda made a motion to transfer from 01 general to 05-cemetery fund, \$17,193.00, which represents the balance of monies appropriated within the cemetery budget, and reduce same appropriations within general fund. Transfer from 21A, balance of \$2.52 into fund 10, increase of appropriations of 10a13, \$100.00, 10-a-14, \$7584.63, 04-a-10, \$6,447.00, transfer bal. of Issue II \$3,811.46, within fund 03, \$2,000.00 materials, 1,811.46 repairs. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Resolution 13-22. Poll: Burhenne, aye, Klco, aye, VanPelt Aye.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2013 at 7 pm.

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

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Linda Burhenne

Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer