

## LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

### MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on November 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Rich VanPelt, Chuck Klco, Heather Shelton, and Sharon Rodgers

Rich VanPelt opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**Guests:** None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Correspondence:**

**Department Reports:**

**Zoning:** Myron reported 14 calls and no permits issued since the last meeting. No conditional use or variances were applied for. There are 19 open inspections. Of the list Myron has so far concerning illegal business, he has broken them down to 10 home occupations, (not necessarily illegal) and 18 business which are not home occupations. The Lake County Prosecutor is looking at how to proceed. With home occupations, they would fall under a description of "home occupation". However he feels our current description doesn't include some home occupations. In order for these people to meet our current zoning they would need to apply for a variance. The description of home occupation in our zoning is quite antiquated. Myron recommends that the zoning commission review the various current ten home occupations and will agree that they need to re-write a description more up to date with this era than when it was originally written. Myron is going to work with the Lake County Prosecutor on other major businesses and how to proceed. Osborne's illegal sign is still up at I-90 and Vrooman. He has filed another appeal. Myron has sited Mr. Osborne about his new building on his property at I-90 & Vrooman. The Lake County Building Dept. is also aware of it. Rick Osborne Jr. said he will do something about this by the end of the week. Mr. Mahr on Brakeman has not returned the application for a permit to enlarge his storage space.

Leroy Township Zoning Commission, Don Crellin reported that David Radacey and Monica from the Lake County Planning Commission are working on cleaning up definitions. Also they are working on new terms and a generality of things that the terms cover. A certain word could cover a lot of things. Some sections are completed on the Comprehensive Plan. Some areas they are still working on. They will go back to it in December. It will be early summer before the comprehensive plan update is totally completed. No one knows why the lower light on the cell tower is white instead of red.

**Fire:** Rich reported for the fire chief. There have been 26 calls since the last meeting, year to date 532.

**Road:** Some patching has been done. Taylor Rd. culvert pipe will be worked on next week. Then they will move on to do some ditching.

**Cemeteries:** Gerri Hausch stated she sold two grave sites, and one owner of two graves has moved and wants to sell them back to the township. Once she sends us the original deed we will void it and return the amount they originally paid for the two graves.

**Parks:** Trick or Trunking went very well, a lot of people showed up, we had good weather. Breakfast with Santa will be at the community room on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-

11. This replaces the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The fire department will be making the pancakes. RSVP needed 254-4235.

The South Leroy Meeting house will be painted tomorrow. That will complete all of the work on the back side. The Heritage Association will pay for insulation and chimney removal.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Rich VanPelt made a motion to pass resolution 15-11, Franchise fee of 5% agreement renewal with Classic Cable. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Klco, aye, Shelton, aye.

Charlie stated the round a bout flower bed will be done in the spring.

**Fiscal Officer:** Nothing.

**Comments:** Judy and Gerri Johnson from Paine Rd. questioned if there was any money in the Storm Water Project with the County which could help shore up the little creek that runs through their property. There is so much additional water from Carter and Paine Rds., ever since the flood that the banks are eroding away. Charlie said he would check.

Tanya Fitzgerald thanked the road crew for fixing Chadwick Rd. Charlie said we hope to do the same on Chadwick next spring as we did on Seeley.

Myron ask if the Lake County Sheriff's monthly report of crime in Leroy could be posted on our web site.

All voting will now be done at the community center.

Motion by Rich to pay all bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather, all in favor.

Next meeting is Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting and open into executive session for legal and personnel matters. Heather seconded the motion. Executive session was held, Rich made a motion to open back to public meeting, and there being no further business, to adjourn. Heather seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Richard VanPelt, Chairman

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Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer