

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018, At 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

PRESENT WERE: Richard VanPelt, Chairman, Heather Shelton, and Chuck Klco.

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

GUESTS: Dan Phillips attended and requested use of the community room for two meetings for a non-profit group, BACK. They educate the public on possible health issues caused by fracking, gas wells, gas lines, etc. They will hold an informational meeting on Saturday, February 17th from 11am to noon and on March 11th from 11am to 1 p.m. They will have trained members who will enter anyone who volunteers to have their information regarding their health entered into a data base for future use. Trustees have no problem with the group using the community room for Leroy residents who wish to attend.

Motion by Rich to forgo the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter to Trustee Heather Shelton was received from NOPEC. Leroy Township has received a NOPEC Energized Community Grant of \$9,010.00 for 2018. This grant has to be used for more energy efficiency or infrastructure projects that are energy efficient. Chuck stated this will be used for the replacement of the air conditioning at the townhall, and fans for the ceiling. Also for the heater we had to replace in the block garage which was 20 years old, and radiant heaters for the road garage office. The balance can be applied towards energy efficient doors for the new road garage storage building we need. We will be able to receive this grant for the next three years. This grant is made possible from the settlement of several million dollars when 1st Energy backed out of NOPEC.

Charlie stated Chapman Electric will install the electricity and lighting for the Vrooman Rd. sign, as soon as Rich has an opportunity to replace the pole which we had to move. Sharon also stated we need a light installed on the corner of the community room which faces Celizic Drive.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ZONING: Myron reported 15 incoming calls since the last meeting. Five home occupation zoning certificates were issued, one certificate for an accessory building and one for a fence.

Conditional Use: the Osborne Signs and piles of concrete hearing is one hold.

Osborne is now in receivership, which means the court has appointed someone to manage their property, and we must wait to see what they do.

The conditional use permits for Majors Waste, and Francis Engineering is in process. There are 29 open inspections.

The Mahr junk yard court executed judgment on October 2nd. They appealed the judgment and need to file a brief. Their roadside stand violation court hearing was Dec. 6th. We need to resubmit an affidavit. JJJ Properties agreed to remove material by 11/24/17. Removal has commenced, equipment has been removed, he is continuing to remove the barriers. Twenty-seven home occupation letters were issued. List attached. With status.

One affidavit has been filed for junk vehicles on Lester Drive. Jodi drive violation letter was issued. A permit for an accessory building was due by November 18th. They have to re-submit pavilion drawing. Abe Cantor Attorney representing Township through our insurance company is handling Morningstar case.

Vrooman road junk and building violation court hearing gave them until May to clean up the place.

Myron stated that the zoning program he uses, "ZonePro" has been sold to a new business and they are in the process of integrating the program into a new system. It is accessible in a "read only" file on the internet. A backup to the Cloud is being investigated as a possibility.

FIRE: Chief Shoff reported 16 calls since the last meeting.

2017 saw 582 calls, a 12% increase from 2016.

2422 (squad) went out for repairs to the thermostat. It is back in service.

2417 (pickup) side mirror was struck by another vehicle and is being fixed by our personnel.

The Polaris does not have a foam unit.

To save money, we are going down to 2 personnel staffing around the clock starting in February until we can improve our budget.

Chief is requesting \$100.00 to pay for Jeremy Szydlowski to attend an SCBA repair class. This will save us money in the long run as he will be able to do some repairs on our SCBAs in house.

Rich VanPelt made a motion to approve the class for SCBA repair, 2nd by Heather, all were in favor.

ROADS: Chuck reported plowing of roads. Our new fulltime employee will have to take his CDL driving test in Youngstown. He will use our one ton when he is ready.

We are at the next step in applying for Issue II through Small Governments grants. Rich and Charlie are taking care of the paperwork. We are working with Geauga County on replacement of the cross-over culvert pipe on Valentine Rd., since Valentine runs from Leroy into Thompson.

CEMETERIES: Sharon, Debbie and Julie are working on verifying the maps with information on the web.

PARKS: Heather stated nothing to report at this time. She will be working on having another township "movie nite"

The meeting house state grant has a balance of \$8,808.00. We need a price for replacement of the front steps. All of this will be discussed at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck made a motion to approve temporary appropriations, resolution 18-01 for 2018. Heather 2nd the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Shelton, aye, Klco, aye.

Motion to approve blanket and regular POs, for 2018 by Chuck 2nd by Heather, all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to put before the voters a 2.5 mil road levy, for 5 years, which if approved will replace the current 1.5 which expires this year and we will not ask for a renewal. Richard VanPelt 2nd the motion. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Shelton, aye, Klco, aye.

Motion by Chuck to approve resolution 18-03 requesting auditor's certification of a 2.5 mil road levy. 2nd by Rich. Poll of the vote: VanPelt, aye, Shelton, aye, Klco, aye.

Sharon will prepare resolution, once auditor's certification is made, Trustees will meet on Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. to approve resolution to put on the ballot for May election. Resolution must be filed by February 7th.

Chuck made a motion to declare that the old shed at the fire department has a zero value. It has sat empty for some time. Heather 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER: At request of fiscal officer, Chuck made a motion to approve transfer of interest into general fund. Heather seconded the motion, all were in favor.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS BY: Rich made a motion to pay all bills, 2nd by Chuck, all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 22nd, 6 p.m., at the Community Room.
February 12 will be the following meeting, Monday, at 7 p.m., at the townhall.

AUDIENCE: Nothing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Rich made a motion to adjourn public session and go into executive session for the matter of personnel and wages, 2nd by Heather, all were in favor.

Discussion was held. Motion by Rich to close executive session, open back into public session, and since there is no further business to adjourn public session. Heather seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Richard VanPelt, Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer

