

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Chuck Klco, Chairman began the open meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Present were: Chairman Chuck Klco, Rich VanPelt, Heather Shelton, Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Zoning Inspector Noell Sivertsen, Fire Chief Mike Shoff, Attorney Ron Graham, and Dan Himmelman, Zoning Commission Chair

Minutes: No minutes were read.

Correspondence: There was a request for \$3,000 of our CARES act money to be redirected to the Fair Housing Resources Center. Discussion will be made under New Business.

Department Reports:

ZONING: Noell reported that there was a BZA variance hearing for a new dwelling to be built on Monte Drive. They were asking for a 50-foot setback and were granted a setback of 75-foot. The building permit has been issued.

There were 2 agricultural buildings, 1 addition and 2 accessory structure zoning permits issued.

There are three shipping container violations being pursued. Violation letters were sent out. One has removed the shipping container; one has stated it is agricultural and one is an issue.

She has stopped by Cedar Hills, but no one responds at the gate. She left a message with Mark Merlihan at the number in the Cedar Hills file, but has not heard back. Discussion was made regarding the lack of a fence permit for the gate and when a letter notifying Cedar Hills that their CUP has expired should be sent.

There is another hearing for the BZA regarding a variance of a 5-foot sideline setback for an accessory building on Shirley Park Drive.

Noell has confirmed her phone issues are taken care of.

The Fiscal Officer made note that the post office takes a long time to send back letters with the wrong zip code. Two items mailed in June were returned in August as undeliverable.

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Fire Dept:

There were 34 calls since the last meeting, bringing the total for the year to 369. 20 EMS, 1 Hazardous Conditions, 6 Service Calls and 7 Good Intent.

It is almost certain that there will be a third round of CARES act money and Mike has a list of items he would like to have considered for purchase that will help to address issues related to Covid. One of the items was hazard pay for those who worked during March forward with an estimated cost of \$48, 500.

The chief's new vehicle came in, just in time, as the old one has broken down. The new unit still needs plates and other equipment.

The Fire department had its 5 year ISO inspection for insurance rates and passed.

Chief proposed raising the probationary pay rate from \$9 to \$10 per hour. The fire department is having problems drawing new hirers at \$9.

There is a new part-time fire fighter application to review.

ROAD: Trustee, Chuck Klco gave the report. Dust control on Chadwick and a coat on Seeley. They were hoping to do a second coat, but there may not be enough money. Paperwork is being completed for a grant to cover part of Callow Road at the hill. The road department will do some shoring up at the hill for this winter. The focus will be on filling a few holes on Callow and Sumner and some ditching. Heather stated a 25 MPH sign is missing on Callow and it was requested that it be replaced. The Stop sign at Indian Point will be taken care of by the county. The Fiscal Officer asked if the Piney Hollow and the Mildon easement was done. Chuck had spoken with the owner. The Road Supervisor will address that after the Callow Road project.

PARKS: Chuck attended the Bicentennial committee meeting. Brandy did not attend. She is trying to put something together for Halloween. The Garage Sale is this weekend. The map is on the website and copies will be in a "take one" box at the pavilion.

CEMETERIES: Rich reported on the columbarium. There are issues with contacting Salem Stone for delivery. The foundation is ready. Ron suggested contacting the Attorney General if they do not reply soon. Julie and Rich will call tomorrow. The cemetery computer system's ability to handle columbarium was discussed.

Sharon is waiting to update the cemetery brochure until the new fee for foundations are set.

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OLD BUSINESS: Mahr farms has a trial date set for September 29, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich made motion to accept Jacob Conte as probationary part-time fire fighter. Chuck seconded and all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to increase the third person training pay rate from \$9 to \$10 and probationary member who has completed their training book duty rate from \$10 to \$11 as of the beginning of the next pay period. Chuck seconded and all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to approve the purchase of a defibrillator with CARES funds not to exceed \$30,000. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 110,000 BTU furnace and 3.5 ton air conditioner for the Fire Station as the old one's repairs would have exceeded the cost of a new more efficient unit for \$5,500. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

The chief asked that a \$250 air filter unit for the kitchen be paid with CARES money. Chuck made a motion to accept that use. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Resolution 20-38 accepting the county's estimated tax levy income. Chuck made a motion to accept the estimates. Rich seconded. Chuck, yes. Heather, yes. Rich, yes.

Chuck made a motion to purchase a second travel vehicle with the CARES money for the road department so that the road department workers can keep socially distant when traveling to work sites not to exceed \$60,000. Rich seconded.

Discussion: The cost of the vehicle and other projects that the money could be used for was discussed.

Poll of the vote: Chuck, yes. Rich, yes. Heather, no.

The Road Levy committee is considering a mailer before the election and possibly a meeting if a venue can be found.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The Fiscal Officer made recommendation for changes to the budget to allow for changes and corrections to the original budget in the new accounting system.

Chuck made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's recommendations. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to pay all bills. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn. Heather seconded and all were in favor.