

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The Chair opened the meeting at 10:20 after everyone was able to access the meeting.

Present were: Chairman Chuck Klco, Heather Shelton, Rich VanPelt, Fiscal Officer Julie Himmelman, Attorney Ron Graham, Fire Chief Mike Shoff and Zoning Inspector Noell Sivertsen

Guests : Dan Himmelman, Zoning Commission, Chair.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting were tabled due to the late start of the meeting.

Correspondence: none

Department Reports:

Zoning: Noell reported that she has retired from her full-time job with Painesville City. She has re-inspected the Mahr property prior to the court hearing. Trucks were moved, but there was still junk on the side where the neighbor is. At the hearing, there was a visiting judge who did not know much about the case and suggested Mike Lucas, Mr. Mahr, and Noell will go back to the farm and make a list of all that needs to be done and that will be filed with the court. Then the court will set a date for the hearing.

Cedar Hills had just informed Zoning that they had obtained a food license and were asking for a final inspection. Noell will get in contact with them.

There is a fence and new dwelling will be issued soon.

Noell has a call in to the attorney for the Brakeman storage container to schedule an inspection.

The homeowner on Carter with the storage container is holding fast. The courts have reopened so he will be referred to court.

Fire: Mike Shoff reported 62 calls since the last meeting bring the total for the year to 505.

3 Fire, 12 EMS, 8 Hazardous Conditions, 9 Service Calls, 17 Good Intent, 4 False Alarms

Mike is having trouble covering the shifts. He is asking the trustees to consider adding a third full-time firefighter in 2021 as well as increase pay rates. Other departments are hiring the few

people that can be found because their pay is \$5-\$8/hr. more than ours. He will put together financial numbers and review costs and budgets with the Fiscal Officer.

Roads: Chuck reported that there was a lot of snow and trees down in the storm, last weekend along with equipment issues. There were a few complaints regarding downed mailboxes and road conditions, but most people showed patience with everything the road department was facing. The new truck arrived Monday, so there are now enough vehicles to facilitate social distancing. Mailbox replacement costs have increased as well, so we should revisit our policy.

Chuck made a motion to accept OPWC resolution 20-39 regarding Callow Road Hill repairs and improvements with total project with a cost estimate of \$75,000 of which OPWC will reimburse half. Rich seconded. Rich, aye. Chuck, aye, Heather, aye.

With the levy having failed, that will be our only project in 2021. Patching, mowing and ditching will be the focus of this summer. We will put an additional levy up again this May, but those funds will not be available until 2022 even if it passes.

Cemetery: Concerns over getting the columbarium and newly plotted graves into the new system and on the cemetery maps were discussed.

Parks: No report. Discussion was made concerning the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt and the Bicentennial+1. Any decisions will be revisited in March as we see what is happening with the pandemic. Heather will contact Brandy and let her know where everything stands. She will give her the option of doing Zoom meetings as we have the capabilities.

New Business:

A motion was made by Richard VanPelt to adopt the resolution regarding the acceptance of the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Fire Levy that passed and certifying them to the County Auditor. Heather seconded.

Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye Heather, aye. Rich, aye.

A motion was made by Chuck Klco to accept the Resolution accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor after the passing of the Fire Renewal Levy. This is the budget that was accepted earlier with any changes brought about by the renewal. Heather seconded.

Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye Heather, aye. Rich, aye.

Chuck made a motion to go into executive session. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Executive session was closed.

Chuck made a motion to give the Road Supervisor, Richard VanPelt a pay increase of \$0.50 per hour retroactive to the first pay beginning in January of 2020. Heather seconded. Poll of the vote: Heather, aye. Chuck, aye. Rich, abstained.

The Fiscal Officer stated that the CARES funding were reported and the allocations were set as reviewed at the last meeting. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye Heather, aye. Rich, aye

The Fiscal Officer reported that she would need to make adjustments to the budgets to cover end of year expenses that were not allocated originally. Chuck made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's recommendations. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion was made as to how often the Community Center needs to be done until it is open to the public.

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

Dan said he would send out some notes on how to make the zoom meeting run more smoothly.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Himmelman

Fiscal Officer