

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall. Chairman Chuck Klco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Audience: Dan Himmelman, Zoning Commission Chair, Vickey Doles, Fire Station Secretary and friends and family of John Slansky.

Fire: The chairman asked the fire chief to report to facilitate the swearing in ceremony of our full-time firefighter.

There were 63 calls since the last meeting. The total year to date is 142.

Breakdown of calls:

FIRE	11	HAZARDOUS COND.	1	SERVICE CALL	6
EMS	31	SPECIAL INCIDENT	2	GOOD INTENT	12
FALSE ALARM	0				

We have hired and are swearing in John Slansky as our newest full-timer.
We have another part-time application to be approved: Grant Egensperger.

We have started renovation work on the upstairs bathrooms.

Mr. Slansky was sworn-in. as the latest Full-Time Firefighter/EMS by the Fiscal Officer. The trustees congratulated John and excused the fire chief and fire department staff in attendance.

Correspondence: Chuck reported the Land Reutilization Corporation (know as the Land Bank) have budgeted up to \$125,000 in matching funds for the tearing down of Leroy Elementary. He also received an email from State Representative Callendar's office that he has asked to put into the state budget \$125,000 for the teardown of the school and if that goes through, we will have no out-of-pocket expense for the teardown of the building. Chuck has sent out a dozen letters to government agencies requesting funds for the teardown and has only heard from Representative Callendar, so far.

Minutes: The March 1, 2021 minutes were read in advance of the meeting by the trustees. Chuck made a motion approve the minutes as written with no corrections. Rich seconded and all were in favor. The March 29, 2021 minutes were read. Heather made a motion to accept as read. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Roads: Chuck reported for the road department. The road supervisor is back from sick leave. The road crew are working on cleaning up the cemetery and a few culverts to work on as well.

Cemetery: Besides the clean-up by the road department, the grounds maintenance contractors have begun to mow, but were rained out before completion this week, hopefully before Saturday. Weed killer was put down on the brick and some clean-up work was done near the columbarium.

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Kyle McKee's ashes will be interred on Saturday. There will be a Blackhawk Helicopter fly-by during the service. Kotecki is donating a monument to potentially be placed in the roundabout.

The columbarium niche recording system has been set. Rich will check the cost of having each side of the columbarium marked with a number to be sandblasted into the columbarium.

Parks & Recreation: The Bicentennial meeting was Wednesday. The parade route permit has been approved at the county. They are still waiting on the answer from the state. Electric and concession

stand work were reported. An additional 6 port a potties will be paid for by the Bicentennial Committee. They are counting on a grant and we have the NOPEC community grant funds as well. The sheriff will have 4 officers from 2 – 11, at a cost of approximately \$1,300. Fireworks safety and the loss of parking spaces was discussed. Logistics of traffic, food and entertainment was discussed.

The garage sale will be May 1, 2021.

Zoning: The Zoning Inspector gave her report:

Permits Issued: 1 fence on Callow Road, 2 pools (Brakeman and Callow), 1 Home Occupation – Type 2 on RT86, 1 solar panels roof mounted on Taylor.

The inspector contacted the owner of the old Leroy Grange. The owner stated they would not be holding events there. She will send a letter reiterating that they could not hold events as zoned and that changes in the structure and mechanicals needed to be approved by the county.

The inspector met with Mr. Mahr and his attorney on the property. Ron stated that he had not made much progress. The new judge reviewed and stated if he doesn't make progress in 45 days, the final hearing would be bumped up.

Rasch's moved their storage container.

Many questions regarding larger parcels have been received.

There are 3 variance requests for the May 25, 2021 meeting. 2 lot splits and a porch in the setback.

Noell stated there were new flood insurance maps from the county.

Old Business: Discussion was made concerning the purchasing of the school. Costs for the demolishing were estimated at \$225,000 a few years ago. We have potential funding and matching funds and local companies willing to donate some of their services to cut costs.

Insurance liability was discussed. The Fiscal Officer will contact our insurance company. Chuck will draw up a letter regarding our interest in buying the school from the school district. Ron will review.

New Business: The Fiscal Officer recommended changing from surety bonding to Faithful Performance insurance. This would cover the Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer and all employees as well as the township if there was an honest mistake made in the performance of their duty. This is offered by Ohio Township Association of Risk Management Authority. The township's attorney will review.

Chuck made a motion to support the naming of Rout 86 in Leroy Township for Kyle McKee. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to give the fire station secretary, Vickey Doles, a one-time bonus equal to \$0.60 per hour worked for the total secretarial hours worked in 2019 and 2020. This was requested after the fact that she had not received a raise for 4 years, prior to the 2021 increases voted on in January. Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, aye.

Rich made a motion to accept the application of Grant Egensperger, as a part-time firefighter/EMT. Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, aye.

At the request of the fire chief, the trustees interviewed 4 firefighters for the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Rich made a motion to appointment of Captains Michael Toman and Craig Wilhelm as assistant fire chiefs at the rate of \$625 per month effective May 1, 2021. Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, aye.

Audience: Douglas Facemyer asked about the Callow Road bridge. Chuck replied that the county made the call to close it after inspection. The county reported that some of the sandstones have fallen and there were concerns about overweight trucks would continue to use the road if they just put a weight limit on the bridge. Our road crew reported that it felt lose during plowing. Douglas also asked if Girdled Road would be repaired. The county has no plans at this time. Chuck directed Douglas to the county for questions regarding their budget after giving as much information as he was able to provide.

Douglas asked about the costs of the school demolition. Chuck stated that our estimated costs were those provided by the Riverside School District and reviewed by the Landbank. The trustees stated that they would welcome any expertise that he as a civil engineer, could provide. Chuck expressed concerns about what would happen with the property if we do not purchase it, and that the township has very little land for any future needs.

Chuck made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to go back into regular session. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

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

The next meeting will be May 10, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer