

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

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

Guests: Attorney Ron Graham, Fire Chief Mike Shoff, Zoning Inspector Noell Sivertsen, BZA chair Rudy Veselko, Dan Himmelman, Zoning Commission chair and BZA member Susan Hanna

Audience: Jamie Coulter, Eric Stutzman, Bob Fitzgerald, and Douglas Facemyer

The minutes of April 19, 2021 were read. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Zoning: Noell gave her report:

Permits issued: 1 New Dwelling, 4 Accessory Buildings, 1 Deck/Porch and 1 Addition.

She is working with a Power Solar Homes regarding residential solar panels.

She sent a letter to the former Grange property owner stating the property cannot be used for commercial purposes. There was a complaint of debris at 7008 Brakeman and a notice was issued.

A permit was issued for the accessory building that was being constructed without a permit on Route 86. Two storage containers were given final notice: one on Radcliffe and another on RT 86. The latter is asking for an extension. He is probably going to ask for a variance due to constraints of the property.

The Rasch storage container has been remove, so the case was dismissed.

The BZA will be touring Cedar Hills on May 18, 2021 in advance of the CUP review in June. There are three hearings set for the May 25, 2021 BZA meeting, 2 lot splits and a front setback. Noell asked that Ron be present at the hearing.

Dan reported that the Zoning Commission will meet tomorrow and are working on small changes and updates to the zoning regulations.

Fire: No report was available.

Roads: The men are ditching and repairing equipment. There are about 12 culvert pipe replacements to be done. This may be delayed if we get too much rain, as the berm will break-up with the heavy equipment. Mowing will start shortly on township roads. They are looking for summer help 18 years or older with a clean driving record. Contact the Road Department, if interested.

Chuck thanked everyone who came out in support of the Road levy. Rich attended a Lake County Engineers meeting, in which he learned that there were no county road projects in Leroy this year. The county is hoping for funding in July for the Callow Road Bridge.

Parks & Recreation: The Bicentennial + 1 meeting will be May 12th at 6:30. The parade route has been approved. They are asking all to volunteer for 2 hours, so that everyone can enjoy the day.

The Garage Sale was a success.

Heather is working with Sharon Rodgers on a grant for the parks that is due on June 1st.

Cemetery: There were three burials and we sold four lots and the first niche in the columbarium.

Old Business:

Chuck wrote a letter regarding the potential purchase of the Leroy Elementary School property. If we pursue outside money for the purchase and teardown, with little out-of-pocket, it would be a good thing for the township. There is a little under 15 acres with 6-7 acres usable. Concerns about a situation similar to Thompson's Ledgemont School and hopes of future use were given as reasons to look at purchasing the property from the school if possible. There will be an informational meeting on May 24, 2021 at the town hall.

Chuck will meet with an asbestos removal company to get a better estimate of that cost next week.

Insurance: Ron reviewed the proposed change from surety bonds to Faithful Performance of Duty insurance provided by OTARMA and found it to be acceptable. Chuck made a motion that we accept Resolution 21-16 to make that change. Heather seconded. There was no further discussion. Poll of the vote: Rich, aye. Heather, aye. Chuck, aye.

New Business:

Chuck made a motion to publish a legal notice accepting bids for RS2-SS1 and MS2 emulsions until 5 p.m. on June 7, 2021 at the office of the Fiscal Officer. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

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

Chuck reported on the state grant for road signs we were given, in the amount of up to \$50,000. The road department was able to identify a large number of signs that needed to be replaced. The total amount being \$47,998.

Chuck made a motion to contact the state to do a study at Girdled and 86 for the possibility of increased signage at the curve and for solar-lit stop signs at Brakeman and 86. And to contact the county requesting solar-lit stop signs at Carter and Vrooman. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

New Business: The fiscal officer reported that State Auditor completed the preliminary audit report for 2019-2020. There were only 4 issues, none of which were significant.

Audience: Eric Stutzman asked if the levy would be put on the ballot again in the November. Chuck answered that the trustees would be evaluating that option. Chuck stated the township's limitations in promoting a levy and what informational meetings, online media and mailings were done in the past. Bob Fitzgerald suggested that the township use social media.

Jamie Coulter said that she and people she knew were wanting to know where the money was going. She also said they were not getting the township emails.

The next meeting is June 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer