

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 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. Zoning Inspector Noell Sivertsen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Toman, and Attorney Ron Graham.

Audience: BZA member, Susan Hanna and Zoning Commission chair, Dan Himmelman. Diane Collins, Eugene Iacona, Jerome Grdina

Minutes: The reading of the July 19, 2021, minutes were waived as the trustees read them in advance. Heather made a motion to approve as written. Rich seconded and all were in favor. The minutes will be posted on the website this week. Rich pointed out that the Trustee Shelton had requested information regarding the asphalt plant not the concrete plant as written. Heather made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

Correspondence: The Lake County Sheriff's Department sent a letter regarding a grant from the Lake County Commissioner for the cost of up to 3 sheriff deputies. The County Commissioners will match the cost for 4 years. At the end of the 4 years, the township must assume the costs of moving forward to maintain the cost of the sheriff's deputies. One deputy is \$125,000 per year. This \$125, 000 would give us 2 deputies totaling 80 hour per week. If we would want 24-hour coverage we would be paying for 3 deputies, which would take about a 2.5 mil levy to cover the cost for the 4 years of matching funds. After those 4 years, it would double to 5 mils. Chuck will reach out to the sheriff to set up an informational meeting for the township community. We currently have no committed patrolling, but they can be called for emergencies.

NOPEC sent a letter regarding a new energy program. The letter was received today and will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting. We have until December 2021, to make any decisions.

Department Reports

Zoning: The Zoning Inspector gave her report:

Permits Issued 0

Complaints/violations: The storage containers at 12819 Painesville Warren Road were removed.

The new case for Mahr Farm will be submitted tomorrow.

There is a tentative meeting with 7189 Brakeman to discuss auto sales and use of the property tomorrow.

Plans for a new dwelling on Monte Drive at Rout 86 has been submitted.

The Zoning Secretary reported that the BZA met last Tuesday to approve the minutes of the last two hearings.

The Zoning Commission will be meeting August 10, 2021. There will is no BZA hearing in August.

A resident asked about storage containers, stating that it would be nice to keep Leroy looking as nice as possible. The trustees stated it is a prohibited use. There have been some removed after the township sent letters of violation. Some are being used for agriculture and cannot be regulated due to the state laws.

Fire: The assistant fire chief, Mike Toman gave the report.

There were 24 calls since the last meeting. The total year to date is 313.

Breakdown of calls:

FIRE	1	HAZARDOUS COND.	1	SERVICE CALL	3
EMS	11	SPECIAL INCIDENT	0	GOOD INTENT	8
FALSE ALARMS	0				

Lt. Szydlowski has requested to attend the Fire Officer 1 & 2 class through Tri-C at a cost of \$550 each plus books (\$71.97). This will help him perform his duties as a fire officer as well as

prepare him for future promotions if he decides to advance through the ranks. The class is online so there will be no travel expenses.

We received an EMS grant through the state of Ohio in the amount of \$3,097.51. These funds were used to purchase new EMS equipment. The old equipment will be placed in reserve status as well on other vehicles.

With the funding from the NOPEC grant in the amount of \$14,143.00 the fire department is looking in to replacing the four bay doors in the front of the station that are in need of replacement. The big bay doors are over 20 years old, rusting and falling apart. The smaller bays are over 15 years ago and have been hit a few times. We have received one quote so far for \$16,809.00. I will be working to obtain more quotes before I make a decision on who to purchase the doors from.

We have received all of our new AEDs that we purchased with COVID funding. They have been installed in the town hall, community center, and the concession stand, and will be installed at the road department shortly. They are installed in alarmed cabinets so that if they are opened or tampered with someone will hear the alarm.

With the purchase of the new AEDs we would like to see if there is any remaining COVID funding to purchase an identical AED trainer to train township personal as well as anyone else that takes CPR courses through the fire department. Vickey Doles stated that if anyone wishes to be trained, please contact her.

Mike is still getting bids on the replacement of the concrete pad in front of the bays. The first quote for the area in front of the Fire engine doors was \$43,200. It is hoped that some of the ARP monies could be used for that. All uses will be approved by the county prosecutors who have dedicated lawyers to answer questions regarding proper spending of those funds.

Mike is still looking for someone to quote on the repairs to the hose tower. The first quote for the waterproof laminate flooring and baseboards for the fire station upstairs \$18,600. Rich asked if the old flooring would be taken out by the fire department. Mike was not sure if there would be time for them to do so, with all the other projects.

October 17, 2021 will be the date of their pancake breakfast.

Rich made a motion to approve the request for Jeremy Szydowski to attend the Fire Officer 1 & 2 class through Tri-C at a cost of \$550 each plus book costs of \$71.97. Chuck seconded and all were in favor.

Roads: Chuck reported for the road department. The 5-foot concrete culvert crossover pipes for Taylor Road were installed They still have some clean-up to do on the headwall. Rich was on vacation this week. They guys were out road mowing. The next project, dependent on weather, will hopefully be the Callow Road hill. Hopefully, they will get to some patching later on in the year.

Questions were raised about patching on Callow. Timing and supply costs will determine how much can be done with the patching of all roads. A resident asked if he could have the company doing his asphalt road apron could use the rest of their materials on the potholes on his road and he would have them roll them as well. Chuck stated that he would check with the Road Dept. supervisor, but that he thought that would be fine as long as they were flattened.

Chuck explained that the levy amount received doesn't increase with more homes unless a new levy passes.

The county engineers will start late this year or early 2022 on the Callow Road Bridge. It should be open by fall 2022.

Susan Collins expressed concerns about the intersection at Girdled and RT. 86. Chuck has spoken to the state about flashing lights or a 4-way stop at Girdled and 86. He spoke to the county about flashing stoplights at Brakeman and 86 also.

The deterioration of the roads was discussed. Chuck spoke about our inability to get funding for roads from Ohio Public Works Commission. Most grants are matching. There is a point system with points for the population, average income, amount of traffic, how much the township can put down, and how much they can match, among other criteria. We fall short, because we cannot match funding. Mentor can put down \$1.5 million, to get a \$3 million project done. We need to

pass a levy and a significant one soon as our roads are getting passed the point of no return. Without passing an additional levy, we are left with only the option to patch.

There is a new grant from the State which we are working on to get the far end of Callow, Sumner and possibly Taylor with a maximum of \$250,000 per project. The last time the county engineers gave us an estimate on Taylor and Callow, it was in excess of \$800,000 per road to bring it up to the standard it should be. \$250,000 will only go so far to make repairs.

Discussion was made regarding informing the residents about upcoming levies. Chuck responded that before the last three levies, a township Road Levy group had done informationals, and distributed flyers to township road residents and a postcard-mailer to all registered voters. Chuck stated that in the last November election, there were over 900 voters on township roads that voted, but only 832 voters in total voted *for* the road levy.

Mrs. Greig asked if the county could take over our roads. Rich stated that the County would only take over our roads if they were up to county standards and Chuck added that also, only if they have enough traffic.

After much discussion of the roads, road levies and equipment, Chuck stated that it comes down to money and manpower; both of which we do not have enough of. If we had more money, we may get more manpower, but that isn't certain. The township would spend approximately \$65,000 with benefits to add another person to the road crew with no overtime. That would not be a CDL driver.

Parks & Recreation: Mrs. Collins stated that the Bicentennial +1 was super. It was noted that there were several large donations from Leroy Chapel and several local businesses and a \$1,000 grant from the Lake County Visitors Bureau. There is interest in continuing on a less grand basis in the future. Perhaps, bringing back the Leroy Community Days, if there is enough interest.

The fall garage sale will be September 18, 2021.

The Outdoor Movie Night will be September 3, 2021 with family bingo. The movie is Spies in Disguise. This event is sponsored by the NOPEC community grant.

The annual Township Halloween party will be October 30th at Hidden Lake pavilion area on Kniffen Rd. The kids will walk a trail to receive candy from different locations along the trail.

The township will be holding a Spaghetti with Santa dinner instead of Breakfast with Santa as a fundraiser for new playground equipment at the baseball fields on December 4, 2021, from 3 to 5 pm.

Old Business:

Leroy Elementary: The trustees, along with our legal counsel, met with the superintendent and treasurer for the school system regarding the acquisition of the school property. The trustees will be meeting with the Land Bank and the County Commissioners in the next two weeks to solidify what monies we can expect. The commissioners have verbally committed \$125,000 to tearing down the school and the Land Bank will match up to that same amount. Together that would be \$250,000.

We have two demolition companies and three asbestos removal companies come out and are waiting on quotes. The school board wants an answer by September 1, 2021. Jaime Coulter, a resident who listened to the Riverside school board meeting, stated that the school board intends to participate in the fall Leroy Garage Sale to sale all the items in the school and made mention that the intention was to sale the school to Leroy. Chuck stated we would move forward, only if, we can get the funding to tear it down. Discussion was made as to the future uses.

New Business:

The fiscal officer made the following recommendations for changes to the appropriation budgets: Move \$5,000 from the General Fund Contingency to Improvement of Sites to cover the costs of additional electricals and upgrades at the park. Move \$500 from the same account to Advertising to cover the increased cost related to legal notices. Move \$300 in the Cemetery Budget from Other Expenses to telephones to cover the sexton's phone. Move \$86.05 in the Fire Department budget from Social Security to OPERS to cover Road Department payroll expenses incurred while the Road Department did work for the Fire Department.

Resolution 21-21 Chuck made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's recommendations. Heather seconded. Poll of the Board: Heather, aye. Rich, aye. Chuck, aye.

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

Audience: Susan Hanna made note that she was identified as a Zoning Commission member. The Fiscal Officer stated that she had noticed that when doing this month's minutes and apologized.

Next meeting is September 13, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Heather Shelton, Vice Chairman