

## LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The trustees met in regular session on November 10, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

Guests: Attorney Ron Graham; Fire Chief Mike Toman; Zoning Inspector, Noell Sivertsen, Dan Himmelman, Zoning Commission chair; Sharon Noewer, Zoning Commission and Susan Hanna, BZA member.

Chuck opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience: See Attached.

The October 12, 2021 meeting minutes were read. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

**Fire:** Mike Toman gave report. There were 41 calls since the last report, bringing the total to 470 year-to-date.

4 Fires	0 Hazardous Conditions	5 Service Calls	
26 EMS	6 Good Intent	0 False Alarms	0 Special Incident

The committee has completed the specs. for the new Fire Engine. The price is at \$551,159.00. Fire Chief, Mike would like to keep the price there, but budget for \$600,000 to cover aging equipment on the engine. This will be replacing our 2001 fire engine.

The new 3-year contract for central communications has been received. It will not exceed a 4% increase over the next 3 years. The first group of replacement hose will be purchased. The hose inventory is old and they have seen more failures.

The Fire Department would like to use American Rescue Plan monies for the purchase of new hard surface flooring which will be easy to clean and disinfect.

The pancake breakfast was a huge success. They made \$1,333.41, and would like to thank everyone for coming out.

**Public Hearing:** Chuck opened the public hearing at 7:17. The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Sept 14, 2021, and has made zoning regulation recommendations to the trustees. Heather read the recommendation letter (attached). Heather asked if there was any discussion. Chuck asked if the fencing regulations would apply to agriculture. Ron stated that it would not. Jason Rodgers asked about the 10-foot minimum at the apron width of driveways. The fire chief stated that 15 feet would be better for fire trucks. He also mentioned that low-hanging branches are an issue in general. Chuck made a motion to send Section 25 back to the Zoning Commission with the recommendation from the Trustees and Fire Chief for a 15-foot wide apron at the beginning of the drive minimum width. Heather seconded and all were in favor. Sharon Noewer asked if someone would be going out to measure everyone's driveway. Chuck said that this would apply to driveways constructed after the new language was adopted. All current drives would be grandfathered in.

Heather made a motion to accept all of the other recommendations for the Zoning Regulations changes and updates. Rich seconded. Poll of the vote: Heather, aye. Chuck, aye. Rich, aye.

Chuck made a motion to close the public zoning hearing. Heather seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Zoning:** Noell gave her report:

Permits issued: 1 Accessory Building on Indian Point Road and 1 demolition on Chadwick.

The hearing for Mahr Farm has been rescheduled a second time for Nov. 23, 2021.

The BZA will hold a CUP review for Sugar Lakes on November 16, 2021 at 7 pm.

A case was filed for a prohibited use at 6879 Brakeman. No date has been given.

There is still no request for a variance at 7180 Brakeman Road.

**Roads:** Chuck reported the Road Department is working on paving. The asphalt plants should be open another week or so. Hallmark Excavating will be putting up the guardrails on Taylor. Our trucks will be ready for snow by this weekend.

**Cemetery:** The dead trees at Brakeman and Northeast Cemeteries were taken down. Stumps will be ground out soon. There are some headstones down at Brakeman. Rich will have the sexton work with the county to have it surveyed to see where they belong. In reference to headstones on the edge of the bank. We are expanding Williams Cemetery and will be selling off some of the timber on the back side. We contacted 5 businesses for bids. Sawyer Logging submitted a bid and will pay us \$50,000 for the timber. They will pay for the surveying of the property, as well. They will be responsible for leaving the driveway in the condition it was found and any damages to the current cemetery and markers. They will be responsible for observing property lines. They will work with Lake County Soil and Water for a timber harvest plan and creek crossing. There will be no on-site mill. These funds will be used to clear trees to expand the cemetery and brickwork for the columbarium area, as well as some landscaping and a looped driveway. The second bid received, offered less money and we would have to get a survey done at our expense. The three other businesses did not reply.

Rich made a motion to accept the bid from Sawyer Logging. Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Rich, aye. Chuck, aye. Heather, aye.

### **Parks & Recreation:**

We had the Halloween Stroll on October 30, 2021. There was a huge turnout. We anticipated 150 kids and ran out of candy and crafts. Since it went so well, we will probably plan on doing it again next year.

There will be a Spaghetti with Santa event on Dec 4, from 4-6pm, which may be expanded, if there is more interest. It is hoped that it will be an event for local kids. The proceeds will go toward updating and adding to the playground equipment which is 25 years old. There are grants available, but we do have to show community involvement and provide some funding. Online sign-ups will be available on the website.

On November 18, 2021, at 7 p.m. the Hearth, Heart of the Home presentation will be hosted at the South Meeting Hall by the Heritage Association.

### **Old Business:**

An unbuildable property at the corner of Leroy-Thompson Road and Route 86 went up for Sheriff's auction for delinquent property taxes. There was no bid, we petitioned the court to put the property in the township's name and they did so. It is approximately 3 acres along the stream.

Broadband expansion is not expected anytime soon.

Leroy Elementary: The underground tank that was a concern, had been removed and meets all EPA standards. The trustees signed the contract and it will be returned to the School Board before their meeting next week. Hopefully, that will be completed by the end of the year. The state will get some Jersey Barriers to block off all but one entrance. The school will remove their buses by the first of the year. There is a good chance of getting funds for tearing down the school in the New Year. The Land Bank has promised to help us with this endeavor.

**Ohio Department of Transportation Stimulus Program:** Hambden Township sent a resolution of support for Leroy's application of funding through the ODOT stimulus program. Chuck presented a resolution (21- 29) of reciprocating support and made a motion for its adoption. Rich seconded. Poll of the vote. Heather, aye. Rich, aye. Chuck, yes.

Chuck made a motion to go into executive session for personnel compensation discussion. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

Heather made a motion to return to public session. Rich seconded and all were in favor.

### **New Business:**

Resolution(21- 30) Heather made a motion to give the part-time Assistant Fiscal Officer a one-time bonus of \$345 and a raise of \$1 per hour beginning November 1, 2021 for an hourly rate of \$11 per hour. She had been overlooked in April when increases were being given and is a big asset to the Fiscal Officer. Rich made a motion to set the new fire chief's salary to \$15,500

annual retroactive to October, 16, 2021. Heather seconded. Poll of the vote. Heather, aye. Rich, aye. Chuck, aye. Resolution 21-30.

The contract with Noell Sivertsen as a private contractor to serve as Zoning Inspector was signed.

Rich made a motion to renew the contract with Central Communication that was discussed in the fire chief's report. The chief stated that it was for the central dispatch service. Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote. Heather, aye. Rich, aye. Chuck, yes. Resolution 21-32.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer

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Charles Klco, Chairman