

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The trustees met in regular session on December 6, 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, Rudy Veselko and Susan Hanna, BZA members

Chuck opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience: Cindy Klco, Sharon Rodgers, Melissa Davidson, Joe Radmore, Lori Watson, Jeff and Leslie Bassett, Jamie Coulter, and Vickey Doles

Chuck made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting. Rich seconded. Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, abstained. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, abstained

Correspondence: None

Zoning: Noell gave her report: There were 2 permits issued: 1 New Dwelling on Carter Road and 1 Agricultural Barn on Painesville-Warren Road. The pretrial for Mahr Farm is now set for 12/28/21.

The grange bldg. owners plead no contest for two hearings and were made aware they could not rent the hall, nor could they host events at which they charge for admission. They will meet with Noell when they decide what they would like to do with the property.

There will be a BZA hearing on the 28th regarding an easement for a home on Leroy-Thompson Road. There is a Public Hearing tomorrow regarding additional zoning regulation amendments.

Fire: Mike Toman gave report. There were 37 calls since the last report, bringing the total to 510 year-to-date.

5 Fires	3 Hazardous Conditions	2 Service Calls	
23 EMS	4 Good Intent	0 False Alarms	0 Special Incident

Zak Luzius has accepted a full-time position in Painesville Township. Mike has been looking for a Firefighter-Paramedic to replace him.

Mike presented the contract for the new fire engine which will cost \$559,866.00, with a \$175,000 down payment and a prepayment discount of \$10,333.00. The balance of \$374,533.00 will be financed at 2.75% over 7 years. Build time for the new engine will be 18-20 months.

The Fire Department will start a 3-month trial of an online scheduling platform at a cost of \$1,000. If they continue it will be \$3,000 per year. It will help managing the schedule and hopefully cut down on some overtime.

The Fire Department agreed to enter into a Regional AFG grant with Painesville City for radio equipment. Mike has started on Leroy's AFG grant as well.

Roads: Chuck reported the road department is getting ready for winter, ditching and getting caught up on culverts. The skid steer is up for auction on GovDeals.com is currently around \$9,000, which is over trade-in value. The old truck is about \$600, which is about what we would get scrap, so that will save us the cost of hauling. The new skid steer is due anytime now.

Cemetery: We had an interment in the columbarium. Logging has started and they are surveying the cemetery property. Sawyer Logging will contact the neighbor who has concerns of damage to her fence.

Parks and Recreation: Spaghetti with Santa was a great success. There was a great turnout and lots of help. Estimated funds raised were \$1,000. Heather will go forward with grant applications for the new playground equipment. The Heritage Association's presentation given by Brandi Hanusosky was very educational was well attended. A local scout is working on a service project installing a brick walkway.

Old Business:

The titles for both the school and the property at the corner of 86 and Leroy-Thompson were discussed. Ron said we did not need to do anything for the corner lot. Chuck will reach out to the title company about the school.

The Fiscal Officer asked that the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting be amended to include the motion made that night for the increases to the budgets that were approved. Chuck made a motion to amend the minutes as requested. Heather seconded and all were in favor.

New Business: Mike presented the Sutphen Monarch rescue pumper contract he reported on. Rich made a motion to accept the contract with Sutphen for the new pumper (21-33). Chuck seconded. Poll of the vote: Chuck, aye. Rich, aye. Heather, aye.

Rich asked when the tanker would need to be replaced. Mike stated that it was scheduled for 2027, but they would try to stretch it out, if repairs are not too costly. The apparatus levy fund is not holding up with the cost of trucks. A squad will also need to be replaced in that time as well for \$280,000 to \$300,000.

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

The organizational meeting to swear in the elected trustees and approve the budget will be Monday, January 3, 2022. The first public session meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2022.

Audience: A question was raised as to the status of the position in the fiscal officer's office. The fiscal officer stated that she had interviewed one person who declined the position and another interview that week.

Heather thanked Chuck for his many years of service. He has been a trustee since 1994 and has represented the township on many county and state boards throughout his time. He has been a coach, a member of Zoning and Rec Board as well. Chuck stated he could not have done it without his wife. He thanked everyone for their support and the community for letting him serve them. Lori Watson thanked Chuck for all the help with the South Meeting Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Himmelman, Fiscal Officer

Heather Shelton, Chairman