

*LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Heather Shelton, Chairman, Jason Rodgers and Richard VanPelt, Trustees. Fiscal Officer was absent, Assistant Sharon Rodgers was present.

Heather opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Reports:

Road:

Jason reported on the road department. He requested that we advertise for part-time summer help since both of our part-timers from last year are not coming back. It must state applicant has to be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license and pass a drug and alcohol test. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, and possibly some Saturdays. Hours will be 7 a.m. starting and possibly until 5 p.m. Starting rate is \$16.00/hr. We will advertise on Leroy People's page, as well as our website.

We have received a bulk delivery of cold patch from a Geauga Co. company, they were one-third the cost of Osborne's.

Because we only received two bids from Arms Trucking, and Geauga Highway Co. for dust control and cold patch, we will advertise for emulsion, premium no blend gasoline and diesel supreme, all on road. Limestone, cold patch, asphalt, dust control and recycled concrete. Advertise once this week in the News Herald, and on our website. Bids to be received and opened at the next Trustee meeting on May 1, 2023, at 7:15 a.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

Jason and our attorney, Ron Graham, met with the homeowner on Jennings Drive who have enclosed their ditch approximately 40 feet. The homeowner and their attorney were also present at the homeowner's address. The situation with the ditch and why the Township does not allow homeowners to enclose their ditches was explained to them and their attorney. Jason had sent a letter to the homeowner which was approved by the Lake County Prosecutor. He had recommended that the ditch be opened back up by end of the month. Jason gave them until June 1st, because of the weather and just giving them more time.

We have a situation on Shirley Drive's cul-de-sac where a homeowner is parking equipment. Jason received a complaint from the neighbors.

On Lester Dr. there is an easement that runs through the homeowner's yard. Jason is trying to contact them so we can go in and clean out the easement. The neighbor claims it is backing up and flooding her yard.

Ron Young's culvert replacement will be done as soon as they are done on Callow. The cost of culvert pipes is up 32%.

Nate from Hallmark volunteered to maintain the roundabout landscaping if he could put a small sign there. The State will not allow any signs to be erected in the roundabout.

Rich VanPelt stated that CT Consultants will need temporary power and water at the school for the demolition. Jason said they will have to provide or the company that actually does the demolition will have to provide their own. Rich agreed. The road dept. has been hauling good clay to the school to be used for fill.

Fire:

Rich Sr. reported the fire hose has come in. Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 30th 9-1. There will be information available for the upcoming fire levy.

Cemeteries:

Jason is waiting for the landscaper to call him back about the ornamental trees in the cemetery, not Susan that does our mowing.

Recreation:

Softball meeting will be next Monday the 24th at 6 pm at Capps.

Old Business:

The road dept. items have been placed on G-Deals for sale.

New Business:

Chapman Electric disconnected the transfer electrical switch and gas line from the generator at Leroy School. We will move the generator into the big shed at the fire department.

Heather made a motion to advertise for summer help for the road dept. seconded by Jason, all were in favor.

Motion was made by Jason to reimburse road dept. employee, Mike Orsulic back to January of 2023 for township use of his personal cell phone. The standard reimbursement rate is \$25.00 per month. Heather seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Jason made a motion to advertise a second time for road materials and fuel for the road dept. since we only received two bids in February. Heather made a motion to advertise a second time for road materials, seconded by Rich, all were in favor.

Heather stated that in our zoning fees, there is a refundable \$400.00 new dwelling fee, which after final inspection is refunded to the homeowner. This is a very old policy and is not done anywhere else.

Therefore, she made a motion to remove the “refundable” fee of \$400.00 for new dwelling after final inspection. There will still be a new dwelling permit fee of \$275.00. Rich seconded the motion, Poll of the vote: Shelton, aye, Rodgers, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 23-10.

Motion by Heather to approve the new job descriptions for the zoning inspector and for the permanent part-time office assistant. Rich VanPelt seconded the motion. Poll of the vote: Shelton, aye, Rodgers, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 23-11.

At the request of the Fiscal Officer, Heather made a motion to register the Fire Chief, Zoning Inspector, and the chairman of both zoning boards with the Ohio Township Association so that they will get the monthly newsletter which has a lot of good information in it. This is at a cost of \$20.00/yr. per membership. Rich seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Next Thursday, April 27th is the annual Lake County Engineers meeting with the Townships, which is at 6 p.m., at the Concord Community Center. All three Trustees will attend.

Motion was made by Heather to pay all bills, seconded by Rich, all were in favor.

Next meeting is Monday May 1, 2023 at 7p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

There being no further business Heather made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason, all were in favor.

Sharon E. Rodgers, Assistant

Heather Shelton, Chairman