

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Trustees, Heather Shelton, Jason Rodgers, Richard VanPelt, and Assistant Fiscal Officer, Sharon Rodgers. Also, Ron Graham, Attorney at Law.

Heather opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Heather made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2023. Jason seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Correspondence: Jason received a complaint about the traffic on Taylor Rd. It is the official detour because Paine Hill is closed. Nothing we can do about it. He also received a complaint about the potholes on Callow & Lester.

Heather made a motion to pay all bills, 2nd by Jason, all were in favor.

Department Reports:

FIRE:

OF CALLS: 33

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: 234

FIRE	4
EMS	27
HAZARDOUS COND.	0
SERVICE CALL	0
GOOD INTENT	0
FALSE ALARM	1
SPECIAL INCIDENT	1

New Fire Business

With the passing of the levy, I would like to institute the first phase of raises. After reviewing our budget, we should be able to afford a raise for our staff for the rest of the year till we start collecting the new levy. We were not able to offer raises in January because I did not want to put a strain on the budget. After talking with the fiscal office and looking at our payroll so far for the year we will be able to offer a raise.

I would like to move forward with our digital dashboard with First Arriving. This will allow us to have information scroll across a monitor showing such things as our active 911 which gives us dispatch information and mapping. We will also have stats from emergency reporting, daily schedule, the OHGO cameras, Weather, and weather alerts, and hopefully be able to have our security cameras scroll as well. This will be helpful to our staff, and we will start with 2 to 3 monitors.

Old Fire Business

New Security cameras have been quoted and we are still waiting for them to be installed.

Mike would like to incorporate raises for the rest of the year retroactive to May 20.

Mike would also like to move forward with the digital dashboard, the cost will be \$2,500.00 approx. for this year only. It includes \$1,000.00 startup. Each year thereafter is \$1,300.00 The computer will be in the duty office and one in Vickey's office.

ROAD:

Service Department Meeting Notes for 6/5/2023

- The guys have been out mowing and ditching.
We will try to get the culvert pipes done for those who have paid before we start asphaltting. We will start grinding out bad spots and asphaltting in the next week or so. Once the asphalt and patching are done then we will start chip sealing.
- Callow Rd. bridge update:
The bridge deck /roadway has been poured. They are hoping to be done at the most in the next 6 weeks.
- The cost for OPWC estimate for Callow Rd. Phase 1 has already surpassed the contingency budget for the project. Our in-kind amount will go above 50 k. This in-kind money and the additional money will come out of our patching budget.
- We have gotten estimates for the replacement of the Tandem Mack which is 16 plus years old. The equipment billed out at \$282,000.00. We are looking at finance options to see how and if we can afford to replace it.
- We will stop taking applications July 4th for both Full-Time level 1 Service Department Employee and Full-Time Service Department Superintendent. We will contact everyone who has applied and let them know either way if we have decided to give them an interview. If they get an interview, we will schedule interviews with all trustees by the first week of August.
- Jason and Sara have applied to Sherwin Williams for paint to be donated at the park for benches and fences. We have not heard back from them yet. A local 4h group said they would volunteer their time to paint.
- Jason contacted the Lake County Health Department about having the concession stand certified for food service which would involve having the well inspected. The estimated cost is \$8000.00 for a filter and UV light which is required by the Lake County Health Department for a well to be in the food service category. It would need yearly certification. Given the small amount of time the concession stand is used it would be more cost effective to use the holding tank and have water delivered than to have the well certified.
- Jason is making a list of proposed improvements/repairs/wants/needs for the park and its infrastructure. He is getting quotes to replace the exterior doors that are rotting at the community center and can be replaced with fiberglass doors that will never rot. It would need to be completed over the winter when the Community Center isn't used as often.

Jason reported the men have been roadside mowing. This is a requirement by the State. It has to be done spring and fall.(month of June & August)

They also have been doing some patching.

CEMETERIES:

Rich reported the back new lot has been leveled, seeded and straw put down. The Fire Dept. watered it. We still have benches in at the road garage to be installed in the cemetery. Klyn Nursery has some nice Oak trees. Pin Oak does not do well.

The VFW did a great job with the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery.

We have 7 new foundations, two of which need to be removed and reset. They were not set exactly in the right spot and need moved in order for the next family headstone to be placed in the proper space. Note: They are in the right space, just not exactly over each grave completely. The headstones are all delivered and ready to be set. Two of our road employees have other parttime jobs on Saturday, thus we have no one to do this on the weekend as before.

Heather mentioned to Jason if he had given thought to having the road and service dept. work 4 ten hour days, and have Fridays off. Jason replied no, we have too much patching work to be done and the road work comes first. They will each have 10 hours of OT each week just patching. After July 31st we will only have a two man road crew. July 31 is Rich's last day.

PARKS:

Our first concert is this Saturday. It starts at 5 pm., and band starts at 6 pm. Leroy Heritage Association will have their items for sale. There will also be an 50/50, and Chinese Auction. Heather is working on the park grant for a walkway around the park. Also is working on an addendum for the town hall ramp and porch replacement. Mentor Lumber and Cleveland Western Reserve will be giving us a quote.

SOFTBALL:

The frig. has been fixed at a cost of \$250.00. The thermostat was bad. We have two quotes to put an exhaust fan to vent hot air out from the concession stand. We have an energy grant from NOPEC which will pay for this. Walkway will be 2,400 linear feet and 6 ft. wide

ZONING: ATTACHED: Noell noted a correction to her report, there were four additions and four new dwellings. She did an inspection at Cedar Hills last week, looks good, they are down on their number of residents. Their graduation rate is high. They can hold between 30-40 residents.

Heather stated every five years we review Leroy's Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting will be July 11, at 7 p.m. Resident, Mr. Weiss stated he would be interested in being on the committee.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Lexi reported on interest made. 2020, \$331.14, 2021, \$101.94. 2022, \$77.12, 2nd half \$5,503.93, this year Jan. -May \$18,372.83. Having money from Covid has helped increase the money we can invest, however, by her changing banks, from Chase to First Federal of Lakewood has made a tremendous difference in the amount of interest we are earning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the new road garage building, Jason stated that the soil testing was done and the survey last fall by the Lake County Engineers. We will need an "off lot" septic system. The architect is Jon Stop, he is doing the septic plans too, the County needs to approve it.

Question was asked why we are not using the school property for the new road garage. Jason answered it would be too expensive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rich VanPelt, Sr., made a motion to approve new firefighter pay rates as requested by the Fire Chief as follows: Pay Schedule for Fulltime as follows: Firefighter start, \$16.50/hr., after 6 mos. \$17.00/hr., after 1st yr. \$17.50/hr., 2 years, \$18.03/hr., 3 years \$18.57/hr., Medic, \$18.50 start, 6 mos., \$19.00 hr., 1 yr. \$19.50/hr., 2 yrs., \$20.09/hr., 3 yr., \$20.68/hr., Lt., Medic, start \$19.75, 6 mos., \$19.75/hr., 1 yr., \$20.25/hr., 2 yr., \$20.86/hr., 3 yr., \$21.49/hr., Captain medic, start \$19.75, 6 mos., \$20.25/hr., 1 yr., 20;75/hrs., 2 yrs., \$21.37/hr., 3 yrs., \$22.01/hr.. Part-time: Firefighter/EMT \$16.00/hr., Firefighter/intermediate \$16.75/hr., Medic, \$18.00/hr., Lieutenant, \$18.75/hr., Lieutenant Senior, \$19.00/hr., Captain \$19.75/hr., Executive Captain, \$20.00/hr., Assistant Chief, \$20.75, Fire Chief, \$21.75. Retroactive to May 22, 2023. Heather Shelton 2nd, Poll of the vote: Shelton, aye, Rodgers, aye, Vanpelt, aye. Resolution 23-17.

Rich VanPelt made a motion for the Fire Chief to purchase the Digital Dash Board system, for emergency calls, not to exceed initial cost of \$3,000.00, plus yearly fee of \$1,350.00. Jason seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Jason made a motion to pay the architect an additional \$900.00 for adding additional space onto the new road garage building. Heather voted no, Rich Sr., yes. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to approve Johnny Cutlip's fee of \$5,000.00 to tear down and remove the two old brick out houses at the park. We will apply for reimbursement through the Land Bank grant. Rich Vanpelt 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Jason made a motion to transfer \$22,500.00 from the building fund into salaries. Rich seconded the motion, All were in favor.

Audience:

Chris Weiss, a resident from Trask Rd., wanted to know why we par our equipment next to the sale bins. This is not good for the equipment. Jason Rodgers, stated we know that, it is not our equipment that is parked there. That is the County's equipment.

Mr. Weiss stated he also attended the County Commissioner's meeting. Mr. Hammercheck said that the county received an additional \$11,0000.00 (million) windfall. He would like to use it on our roads. This Thursday is the next Commissioner's meeting.

A boy scout, earning his Eagle Scout badge asked about removing the playground equipment from the school to put at a middle school. Heather said no, this equipment was purchased by Leroy School PTA, and it will stay in Leroy. We will have green space and possibly a park. The old equipment that is no good will be deposited of.

Anthony D'Actlma, Attorney from Dworken & Bernstein who is representing residents, Todd & Chrystal Thomas of 7604 Jennings was present to discuss the issue of their ditch which they enclosed. Our Attorney, Ron Graham explained to him that this is not a zoning issue. The Rule is, the ditch is part of our road right of way. The rule in Leroy Township is that we have no enclosed ditches on Leroy Township roads. This had been explained to the homeowners as well as their contractor. The homeowners were given a deadline to have it removed, or the Township will open it up. Also there are other residents on their street who will be informed to open up their ditches, or the township will, and they will be billed for it. If we have to, we will have the Lake County Sheriff provide a deputy on scene when we remove it. Jason presented a drawing lecture on the white board as to why we do not enclose our ditches. This is so that they will drain properly. Jason stated he will give them another month. Jason made a motion to extend the homeowners removal of the enclosure to their ditch at 7604 Jennings to July 5th. to give them more time. If not done, we will remove it. Rich 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 10th at 7 pm at the Leroy Township Hall.

Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting and open into executive session. Jason seconded the motion., All were in favor.

Heather made a motion to open into executive session and invite the fiscal officer for the purpose of discussing salaries. Jason seconded the motion all were in favor.

Heather made a motion to adjourn the executive session, Jason seconded the motion, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Heather Shelton, Chairman

Sharon Rodgers, Assistant Fiscal Officer

