

## *LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 7 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

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

**Guests:** Mr. Gary Platko, Treasurer of Riverside Local School District, and Chris Rateno, the new Superintendent.

Heather Shelton, chairman opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Heather introduced guests from Riverside Local School District, Mr. Platko, Treasurer and our new school Superintendent, Chris Rateno. Mr. Platko then proceeded to explain the financial report for Riverside Local School District. Jason requested that a Copy report be emailed him so that it can be published on our website.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by Heather and Rich. Jason declined as he had not read them yet.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Department Reports:**

**ZONING:**

Noell Siversten, Zoning Inspector gave the following report.

YT D	Permit Applications received	ne w	Street	Details
2	New Dwelling			
7	Accessory Building	1	12700 Carter Road	20' X 25' steel building
2	Deck/Porch	1	8316 Proctor Road	840 square foot rear deck
1	Fence	1	7535 Brakeman Road	fence around inground pool
7	Additions to main dwelling	1	8304 Brakeman Road	512 sq foot addition to dwg
		1	7797 Sumner Road	900 sq foot addition to dwg
		1	5560 Vrooman Road	2 additions to dwg
3	Pool	1	7535 Brakeman Road	20' X 40' inground pool
		1	8105 Autumn Drive	24' round 4' pool
1	Agricultural			
2	Sign	1	5941 Vrooman Road	Addition to commercial pole sign
1	Home Occupation Type 1			
5	Home Occupation Type 2			

Noell reported there is a warrant out for Mr. Mahr. Sharon Noewer reported their meetings are going well, they have a few attending from the public sector. Rudy Velseko from the BZA stated they have a meeting tomorrow to approve minutes from the last meeting of the Zoning Appeals Board.

**FIRE:**

Fire Chief, Mike Toman was not present. Rich VanPelt stated the new fire engine should be done by March of 2024. Also a request to send and pay for Jeremy Szydowski to attend Fire Officer class.

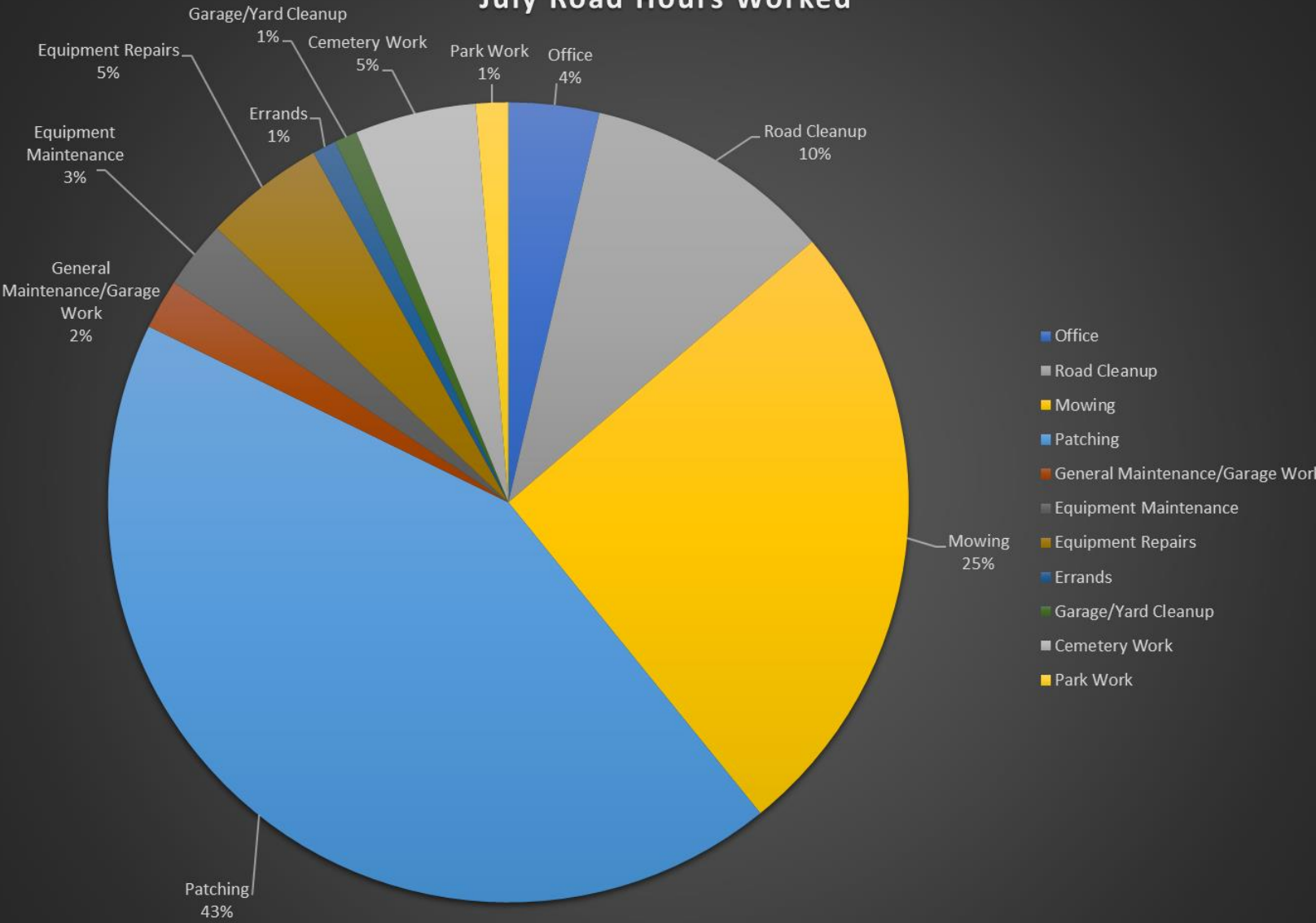
**ROAD:**

Jason reported Callow Rd. Phase I is finished except for the “curing” time while the materials hardens up. Seven to ten days after they will proof roll it to check for any bad spots, and fix them. Then a single seal coat will be applied. Our portion will be to finish the project by berming the road. Total cost is \$269,000.00 with Leroy’s portion being \$53,800.00. Next year Phase II of Callow Rd. will be done. We didn’t make the top OPWC grants, but in October of 2023 we will resubmit to the small government grants. We still have to provide 20% in-kind as our portion. It is estimated currently at \$272,000.00. Next year he anticipates it to be \$294,000.00. Leroy Township will hold interviews for position of road and service department supervisor, and third full-time employee. Rich VanPelt, Jr. retired as our full-time road superintendent as of July 31, 2023. In 2025 Jason stated he hopes to submit Taylor Rd., Phase I and Phase II. He feels we have a good shot at getting the OPWC funding as this road is currently being used as a detour for Paine Rd., length of road and connecting to other roads. This should earn us more points. He will apply for Phase 1 of Taylor after January 1 of 2025. The process takes one year.

The informational meeting regarding Callow Rd. Issue II project was well attended. Jason also met with the county engineer’s office to go over plans for the new road

<u>Category</u>	<u>July Road Hours Worked</u>
Office	28
Snow Removal	0
Road Cleanup	77
Mowing	195
Patching	330
Berm Repair	0
Ditching and Culvert Work	0
General Maintenance/Garage Work	15.5
Equipment Maintenance	21
Equipment Repairs	37.5
Errands	7.5
Garage/Yard Cleanup	7
Training	0
Mailbox Repair	0
Cemetery Work	37.5
Park Work	10

## July Road Hours Worked



garage. Interviews for applicants for road dept. supervisor and third full time employee start

tomorrow. The old generator from Leroy School has been removed from the school and stored in the garage.

### **CEMETERIES:**

Rich VanPelt reported footers at Williams Cemetery are pored and the benches will be going in soon. We had two funerals this month. Also the road dept. needed to purchase a new sump pump for the cemeteries. The old one broke.

### **PARKS:**

Jason noted that the two concrete out houses in the park will be removed this Saturday by Johnny Cutlip. The cost is \$5,000.00 and we will be reimbursed by the Lake County Land Bank demolition and removal of unsafe, and unfit property structures program.

Heather stated this Saturday is movie night, with bingo, food, and sleep over tent camping only. Movies are Sandlot and Jumanji. Reminder no dogs are allowed in the park. September 16<sup>th</sup> will be our fall community garage sale. October 29 at Hidden Lake, Metro Park's pavilion area on Kniffen will be our annual Township Halloween party 4-6 pm. Anyway can participate, by setting up tents/canopy's and giving away candy throughout the park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Leroy School contracts have been awarded for demolition and work should be finished by end of this year. They have 60 days to start and 90 days to complete the demolition project. Cost is \$330,000.00. Paid for through the Lake County Land Bank demolition program, "Moving Ohio Forward Funds." We will also be reimbursed the \$10,000.00 we paid for the school and property through the same program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rich VanPelt made a motion to send Captain, Jeremy Szydowski to Fire Officer school at a cost of \$635.99. Jason seconded, all were in favor.

Jason Rodgers stated he has a quote for \$41,054.57, from the county to seal coat Indian Point Rd., by the same company, Specialized Construction Company, that is in our area seal counting a county road. This would be at a savings of \$2,500.00 by having it done while the company is out here. This is also conditional on the final outcome of Callow Rd. Phase I. If after the resurfacing has been cured and there are other areas that need repaired, we will need additional funding from the .9 mil road repair budget of \$46,000.00. Therefore, we will not have funds to do Indian Point. However, currently to get on their list we need to pass a resolution of our intent. Therefore, Jason made a motion to hire Specialized Construction at a cost not to exceed \$41,500.00 to sealcoat Indian Point Rd., with the condition that Phase I, Callow Rd., Issue II project does not exceed the final cost by needing additional repairs. If so, we will cancel the Indian Point project.

Discussion continued regarding the budget between the Trustees, Heather stating that our Fiscal Officer stated we do not have that amount in our .09 road repair budget. Jason stated yes we do, he has the budget. Rich seconded the motion, Poll of the vote: Shelton, nay, Rodgers, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 23-29.

Rich VanPelt made a motion to remove our current old 2.0 mil fire levy, which was replaced by the voters of Leroy Township with a new 3.0 levy. As promised if this new levy was passed, we would remove the old 2.0. Heather seconded the motion. Poll of the vote, Shelton, aye, Rodgers, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution to be mailed to the Lake County Election Board, and the Lake County Auditor's office. Resolution 23-30

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

At the request of the fiscal officer, Heather made a motion to transfer \$22,306.33 from the Gas Tax Fund, into the Note Retirement Fund. This amount represents the final payment on our F550 Dump Truck. Also an interfund transfer of \$2,000.00 in the cemetery fund. Rich seconded the motion. Poll of the vote, Shelton, aye, Rodgers, aye, VanPelt, aye. Resolution 23-30

Our Fiscal Officer, Lexi has also requested to attend zoom classes from 9-25-to 9-29,. At a total cost of \$50.00. Heather made a motion to approve the cost, Rich seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Motion to pay all bills made by Heather, seconded by Jason, all in favor.

Next meeting: September 11, at 7 p.m.

Audience: Nothing

Motion to adjourn made by, Heather, seconded by Jason, all in favor.

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Heather Shelton, Chairman

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Sharon Rodgers, Assistant Fiscal Officer