

# *LERROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES*

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Rich VanPelt Chairman Trustee, Heather Shelton, and Jason Rodgers, Trustees. Alexandra Brown Fiscal Officer, and Attorney at Law, Ron Graham.

Rich opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Rich made a motion to approve meeting minutes from 6/10/24, 7/8/24, 8/12/024, 9/9/24, 9/20/24 with corrections. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

### **Correspondence:**

Lexi Brown said that she had gotten an email from NFP which is the company who manages our healthcare from Lake County. Starting January 1, 2025, any fulltime employees of the township will be able to opt into getting Aflac Accident and Critical Illness and Nationwide Pet Insurance, which is paid 100% by the employee. This does not cost Leroy Twp anything and it is available to any fulltime employee whether they take health insurance through us or not. If the township chooses to offer this to our employees more information and exact pricing will come soon in another email.

Rich made a motion to offer our employees NFP Aflac Accident and Critical Illness and Nationwide Pet Insurance which is 100% paid by the employee. Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Jason got a call from someone on Callow asking for kids at play signs to be placed on the street. While that exact sign cannot be placed on the street per ODOT regulations, there is a new regulation sign that they will place on the street.

Lori Watson – the Leroy stone from the Leroy School building will be taken over to Josh Kreiger so that he can make a bracket for it.

### **Fiscal Officer:**

Rich made a motion to pay all bills. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### **Fire:**

Chief gave the following report:

DATE: 10/07/2024

# OF CALLS: 44

YEAR TO DATE: 471

FIRE	0
EMS	33
HAZARDOUS COND	1
SERVICE CALL	2
GOOD INTENT	0
FALSE ALARM	0
SPECIAL INCIDENT	0

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

none

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

We are currently looking for a replacement for our generator. We have two quotes for an automatic standby and are looking to split it with the township. We would be able to get a generator that would be able to power the station and the community center and fiscal office. During the recent storm we missed a call fortunately it was just a tree down on some wires but it could have been worse. Without having an automatic standby generator and the elimination of copper phone lines we have no true back up with the power. When the power goes out in the middle of the night our staff usually is not aware and this eliminates anyway of Central Communications of getting a hold of us. Thankfully this was not a major medical or structure fire call where minutes and seconds matter. This is now a major safety concern.

Just a reminder that we have our 4.5 Mil levy on the ballot this November. This is a very important part of our operational funding. Without this levy the fire department would not be able to operate. **THIS WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES** and as always, we appreciate everyone's support.

Our new fire engine has been delivered. We are currently working with Sutphen to fix some issues. We are also evaluating what equipment and mounts we need to order to place the engine in service. We will hopefully have it in service soon.

We will be working on ordering new turnout gear for some members. We will be doing gear sizing this Friday for 6 members. The estimated cost will be \$25,200.00.

2418 will need the motor rebuilt in the near future. I will be looking into solutions for this. Right now, we are looking at \$24,000 to have it rebuilt. The truck is also still at countryside having some extensive repairs completed.

~End of Report~

Rich made a motion to amend a previous motion that was approved in September regarding a generator being installed at the Fire Station connecting with the Community Center. Looking at the budget closer and in discussion with potential projects that will be coming up for the general fund we will now be splitting the generator costs 80/20 percent. 80% out of fire and 20% out of general fund. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rich and Heather were in favor. Jason voted no.

#### **Roads:**

Jason gave the following report:

- Callow started today 10/7/24
- Insurance will be getting back to us on the back wall of the salt bin
- Jason told Chief Toman that the road department will not be plowing the fire station or community center parking lots this year.
- Paine Rd will be opening this week!
- Ford Rd will hopefully be opened in the spring of 25'
- Blair Rd is still being worked on in the Lake County engineering office

Braden is doing a great job! Braden is to be pulled off his probation period. And Jason would like to put an ad for a full timer for the road department, as Joe Radmore remains on suspension with pay.

Jason made a motion to pull Braden off probation and to give him a \$2 raise. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Jason made a motion to place an ad for a full timer at \$20 per hr. with paying for them to get a CDL and stay with us 3yrs. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

#### **Cemetery:**

Rich gave the report.

- Cremation on this last Saturday.
- 3 cremations coming up in the next week.
- 4 footers need to be poured.
- we are in full motion into moving the CIMS cemetery program.

Rich made a motion to appoint Jenn Greig as Cemetery Sexton. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

#### **Parks:**

Heather said that the Trick or Trunking is at Hidden Lake on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.

The Rec board will be stuffing candy bags on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cupcakes, CoCo with Kringle is on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Zoning:**

Heather read Noell's report.

**New Business:**

Adams Services are fixing a few spots that have come up as potential issue places and we did hold back some funds until this is completed to satisfaction. Jason and Rich both have concerns about the location of 2 of the catch basins.

Heather made a motion to start giving Brayden Brewster, Kristi Milo, & Jenn Greig phone stipends of \$25 per month for having both Vonage and Email onto their phones. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Heather made a motion to add Jenn Greig, Kristi Milo, and Sharon Noewer to the OTA & LCTA so that they can take advantage of the classes offered for the departments that they work in. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Audience:**

Nothing

Next meeting is Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

Rich made a motion to close the regular public meeting and go into executive session for personnel issues with the trustees, Ron, Vickey Doles, and Lexi. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Rich made a motion to open the executive session. Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Rich made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the public meeting, Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

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Rich VanPelt, Chairman Trustee

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Alexandra Brown, Fiscal Officer