

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the community center.

Present were: Rich Vanpelt, Trustee and Chairman; Trustee Jason Rodgers, Fiscal Officer Lexi Brown and Attorney at Law, Ron Graham.

Rich opened the meeting with the pledge.

Rich made a motion to approve Trustee Minutes from September 2, 2025.

Jason 2nd.

All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jason received a noise complaint regarding Sugar Lake on Kniffen Road.

FISCAL:

Rich made a motion to pay all bills. Jason 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rich asked for the adoption of **RESOLUTION 25-27** to accept the county's certified tax budget for the next fiscal year.

Poll the vote.

Rich Van Pelt, aye. Jason Rodgers, aye

Resolution adopted.

Financial information requests may be delayed due to audits but will be fulfilled.

Meeting minutes/audio are posted after approval; full transparency is encouraged.

Requests for online work schedules are impractical due to limited staff, but questions are welcomed at meetings.

FIRE:

Rich asked for the adoption of **RESOLUTION 25-26** to place the old fire truck 2413 on Gov Deals for sale.

Poll the vote.

Rich Van Pelt, aye. Jason Rodgers, aye

Resolution adopted.

ROADS:

Equipment storage is inadequate due to high costs for new garage construction and septic system requirements.

Some road repairs remain unfinished due to budget constraints; projects are prioritized by traffic count and urgency.

Ditching continues as an ongoing maintenance task, with priorities set by immediate needs (e.g., flooding).

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CEMETERIES:

Nine cemetery plots have been sold this year with seven burials.

New section markers are being considered for easier navigation in Williams Cemetery.

PARKS:

Jason brought quotes to repair baseball benches ranged from \$2,400 to \$3,200. Jason made a motion to approve the quote for \$2,400.

Rich 2nd.

All in favor.

Plans for a new electronic community sign were discussed; a \$6,200 grant is available, but the full cost is ~\$30,000 and trustees expressed concerns about the expense. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Township garage sale and Trick or Treat Stroll scheduled; candy donations accepted at the fire station. Residents can set up tables for events by contacting organizers in advance.

ZONING:

Temporary signs do not require permits unless placed in prohibited locations like roundabouts.

Unapproved advertising signs on telephone poles are not allowed and are removed.

The rundown property at the roundabout is unresolved due to ongoing litigation and bankruptcy issues.

Zoning Report is attached. Zoning Inspector was unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDIENCE:

Eric Stutzman read off questions that were not answered at the Trustee candidate night.

Rich adjourned. Jason 2nd. All in favor.

Next Trustee meeting will be October 7, 2025 at 6pm at the Community Center.

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Zoning Report for September 2025.

YTD	Permit Applications received	new	Street	Details
4	New Dwelling	1	5348 Chadwick Road	New 2459 sq. ft S/F Dwelling
10	Accessory Building	1	7948 Proctor Road	30' X 50' Steel Accessory Structu
		1	12644 Carter Road	32' X 52' Accessory Structure
	Deck/Porch			
1	Fence	1	12286 Carter Road	83' of 6' white vinyl fence
6	Additions to main dwelling	1	7754 Brakeman Road	2960 Square foot addition to S/F Dw
2	Pool	1	7902 Lester Drive	above ground pool
2	Agricultural			
	Sign			
	Home Occupation Type 1			
1	Home Occupation Type 2			
3	Solar PANELS			
2	Demolition			
	Cell Tower			

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Attached: Candidate Night questions that were read.

Who	Subject	Question
Jason Rodgers	Financial Status	I have recently requested financial information from Leroy's Fiscal Official and have received a response from the assistant that it will be a while before my request will be fulfilled. With early and mail-in voting just a couple weeks away, how can constituents make a decision to vote for an incumbent with no financial information to base their decision on?
Heather Shelton	Ohio Checkbook.gov	Why has the Township not moved forward with implementing and using Ohio Checkbook.gov? Fiscal Officers, current and previous, repeatedly say they don't have time to fulfill financial statement requests from residents. Implementing this system would solve this.
Admin	Recording	When will the meetings start being recorded and posted for those that are physically unable to attend either due to work or other commitments able to view them? The summary provided does not provide all information or discussions to allow a fair representation of the trustees and what is occurring and what is truly discussed and asked during the meetings.
Zoning	Sub developments	I recently noticed signs around town for Booth Farms sub developments. Are these allowed, and will we be seeing developments pop up in our township?
Fiscal	Community sign on Vrooman	Did I hear correctly that the new digital sign on Vrooman has a cost of \$30,000.00?
Zoning	Round About	What is going to be done to be rid of the old Subway/Debate store which is in clear shambles and solely anymore an eyesore. Can it just be leveled and made into parking for the local area businesses aka Capps, VFW?
Fiscal	Financial Reports	Where are the financial reports showing what money exactly is coming and and where exactly the money is being spent?
Trustees	Townhall	Why has the hall not been updated to allow even a bathroom for attendees or if not possible, why is another location not being used which would be more appropriate?
Zoning	HOA - Fencing	Why has it been allowed in such a rural area that there is such a fence restriction? We are not an HOA, yet zoning guidelines appear as such. What will be done to address these concerns.
Trustees	Garage	Several years ago we had funds earmarked for a new garage for our road department equipment, with a safe office and bathroom for the employees. Plans were made, part of the Covid money was supposed to be allocated. Material costs were exorbitant at that time but years later we still have our expensive equipment out in the elements and possibly storage fees for some at the county. Recently I read some of the funds were reallocated. What is the current situation and is there a solid plan to move forward to shelter our equipment from the elements and our employees? And if there isn't one, where has the money gone?

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		Some of our roads have had "half-finished" repairs done that were left to re-deteriorate, leaving behind a mess, and which wastes the money spent on the half finished repairs. Shirley drive is a case in point. Again, what are your plans for addressing this problem.
Jason Rodgers	Roads	
Zoning	Zoning	What are your plans for getting property owners of the old "Freries" and gas station, and the building on the traffic circle taken down or repaired. These eyesores are a detriment to our township. Real country living is one thing, but "totally run down" properties need to be cleaned up or eliminated. Can we pass a Leroy ordinance dealing with the upkeep of poorly maintained properties?
Jason Rodgers	Road priority	Our township roads need to be a priority. We used the have personal who knew how to tar and chip to keep the cost lower. We need to return to that.
Trustees	Attorney at Township meetings	Attorney Ron Graham is at every meeting I have attended. Why is he there and who who's pays his fees? At the meeting on 8/12/25 Mr. Graham stated, "It's a courtesy the township trustees extend to the public, no law that says they have to do this, it is a courtesy." in regard to questions being asked. The state of Ohio has an open meeting act R.C. 121.22, also known as The Sunshine Act.
Trustees	Questions & Concerns for Road Department	Questions & Concerns for Trustees – Road Department 1. Future Plans •What are your short-term and long-term plans for the Road Department? •How are priorities for projects (paving, ditching, maintenance) being set? 2. Transparency & Communication •Could there be more transparency about road work and scheduling? •Is it possible to have an online schedule or calendar showing what projects are planned each day or week? (Understanding that plans may change due to weather or emergencies.) 3. Ditch Maintenance •Can there be a posted schedule for when and where ditches will be dug or maintained? •How do residents get advance notice of ditching or drainage work near their property? 4. Community Engagement •Is there a way for residents to provide feedback or request clarification on road projects? •Could updates be shared more regularly online, such as on the township website or social media?

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Attached: Community Sign In Sheet

DATE: 9.16.25

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HERB SEARSON	12469 SEELEY RD
JEFF Bassett	13665 Seeley Rd
Eric STUTZMAN	13574 Shirley
Rudy & Jeannette	6384 Paine Rd
Susan Hanna	7357 Leroy Thompson
Ray Greig	13346 Radcliffe
Deirdra Oross	6758 Kniffan Rd.
Andy Oross	6758 KNIFFAN RD
Corey Keeney	5350 Blair Rd.
Linda Burhenne	13254 Girdled Rd
Leslie Bassett	13665 Seeley Rd.
Joe Radman	7109 Beckman Rd

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