

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order: 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Bryon Macron, Trustee Michael Costello, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey, Administrative Assistant Kim Buell, Mr. Thorne, Dr. William Kramer of Kramer & Associates

Ms. Bowers explained the needed language for a resolution and explained the process to ask for certification to raise an annual amount. Ms. Bowers said the when trustees approve a resolution, there is an additional form asking for the certification of the millage versus the valuation. Mr. Thorne confirmed.

Discussion and explanation was held regarding bonds, and the differences between Design Build and Design Bid Build, also known as “Traditional”. Mr. Thorne stated there are several ways to contract and it depends on how much liability the township wishes to assume. The contract that would give the greatest protection and involves the oversight of the project the least, would be the design build. Which would allow the trustees to approve a design of a building. The design build firm is then responsible for the design, building of the building, within the time frame set forth by the trustees to meet the specifications for a particular amount of money. Mr. Thorne said it is imperative that whomever the township uses has enough insurance/bonding to cover the process.

The trustees agree they are interested in “Design Build” which would hold accountable the individuals responsible for the complete design and construction of the building. That makes the individuals in charge of everything and if it is not done, they would be responsible. Mr. Thorne said if the trustees are interested in the design build, changes to the contract will be needed.

Ms. Bowers stated that she is interested in what is best for the residents since the taxpayers are paying for the building.

Mr. Thorne and Trustee Costello will be meeting with architect, Daniel Fredericks this Thursday to discuss the contract and confirm whether or not Mr. Frederick’s is willing and able to do a design build.

Ms. Bowers said if we are not on the ballot in August, it will put construction behind until 2018. The trustees agreed the township can’t move forward in the process until a levy is passed.

5:12 pm Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to 121.22G2 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of discussing purchase of land for a public purpose. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Joining executive session will be Attorney William Thorne, Dr. William Kramer and Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

Roll call vote: Bowers- Yes, Macron- yes Costello- yes.

5:28 pm Mr. Costello moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting. No decisions will be made and no actions taken.

Roll Call: Macron-yes, Costello-yes, Bowers-yes

No decisions were made no actions taken.

Mr. Costello announced Dr. Kramer is present and explained that he has completed an evaluation of the Lafayette Township Fire Department in addition to conducting a one day retreat for fire department personnel who were able to attend. Dr. Kramer has submitted his final report. He states Lafayette Township has a quality Fire Department and do very well within the budget limitations. Lafayette Township, Chippewa Lake, and the Village of Gloria Glens should feel good about the protection they are receiving. He feels that if the station is placed appropriately and staffed 24 hours daily that it would be an enhanced service to the community. Dr. Kramer reviewed his findings with the trustees regarding the evaluation and based his findings on facts, figures, codes, standards and legalities. He mentioned a few of the Fire Department personnel had concerns with Trustee Costello being the liaison for the Department, in addition to his fire department staffing duties and explained in his report that he relayed to the department they should feel fortunate to have a trustee that has the firsthand knowledge about the fire department who is also on the Board of Trustees. He ended by thanking everyone for allowing him the opportunity to work with Lafayette Township and said it has been a privilege and welcomes any questions or concerns both now and in the future. The trustees thanked Dr. Kramer for all his work and for going above and beyond.

Ms. Bailey voiced her concerns with the Fire Association being added to the VFIS policy due to them not being listed under the township. Mr. Costello stated there is no price difference and there are associated members, such as the explorers, that are actively involved in many ways and feels it is important for them to be covered. The trustees agreed to cover the Fire Association under the VFIS policy at this time and if at any time the township would be charged, the trustees would reevaluate having the Fire Association covered under the policy.

Mr. Costello met with the Fire Chief from Wadsworth, Chief Hall and Assistant Chief Winter regarding the Lexipol program. Wadsworth has had the program for approximately a year and a half and still have not yet implemented it. Wadsworth likes the customize ability of the program and that all the policies are referenced under state and federal law. Mr. Costello gave an explanation on how the program works. Assistant Chief Winters received a quote which is based off the number of full time and part time employees. The recent quote obtained was for \$1,623.00 for an annual renewal. The trustees discussed the pros and cons of the Lexipol program and how the program could alleviate the issues with implementing the current policies and procedures within the department. Also, if the program were to be purchased how policies would be kept updated and relayed to personnel within the department. Ms. Bailey has reservations whether or not the department will keep up with the ongoing changes and updates to policies and procedures if the program is purchased. Mr. Macron and Ms. Bowers agree this is part of the Chief and Assistant Chiefs responsibilities and don't feel the burden of purchasing the program should be made with public money. Mr. Costello will report back to the trustees regarding Lexipol.

Ms. Bowers announced we have received the 2017 Bureau of Worker's Compensation projection. Ms. Bowers recently met with Careworks. Mr. Andy Franks insists our benefits are in part due to our timely reporting that is always accurate and on time. Mr. Frank was extremely complimentary of Ms. Bailey and her work.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve a resolution requesting a certificate of estimated property tax revenue from the Medina County Auditor consistent with the approval and direction we receive from the prosecutor's office on April 13, 2016. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Once the certificate is received, the language will be reviewed, information filled in and then it will require signatures. Once completed Ms. Bowers will take it and have it filed.

Mr. Costello moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Macron.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer