

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2016

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Bryon Macron, Trustee Michael Costello, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

Mr. Joel Shodi, Engineering Manager from GAI Consultants, which is an engineering consultant firm hired by Nexus to manage road usage during construction of the pipeline project. GAI's duties will be to communicate with contractors involved to decipher routes to build the pipeline and develop a hall route map. No routes have been confirmed thus far. GAI communicates with communities to seek a Road User Maintenance Agreement (RUMA). Medina County is in the process of developing an agreement. All roads on the hall route map will be videotaped as close to the construction phase as possible to certify the condition of the roads before construction takes place. This tape will be available to Medina County and Lafayette Township. Ms. Bowers reminded everyone that the township has been in contact with Mr. Mike Salay, County Engineer, and he will be taking care of the contract for the video and before any agreements are signed, the township will be informed. This pipeline project is slated for spring 2017. Ms. Mary Carson from Percheron is also present and she will be the main point of contact for the project. Ms. Bowers confirmed with Mr. Evans, Road Supervisor that Ryan Road is slated to be resurfaced in 2017. It was recommended the road improvement project be delayed until after the pipeline project. Mr. Shodi will remain in contact with the township regarding the scheduling of the pipeline so it does not interfere with the Ryan Road resurfacing project.

Mr. Macron moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting- May 2, 2016, Regular Meeting- May 16, 2016, Special Meeting- May 26, 2016 and Special Meeting- June 3, 2016. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,358,865.00
Pooled Investments: \$1,542,180.29
Available Checking Balance: \$816,684.71

Ms. Bailey confirmed with the trustees that they have received financial reports and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Bailey said the requisitions submitted are from the fire Department and are under blanket certificates that were approved previously. The requisitions are as follows:

- Fire Safety Services: \$1620.00
- Ohio Fire Chiefs Conference Registration & Accommodations: \$725.00
- North Coast Awards: \$39.00
- Lake Refrigeration: \$355.00
- Online Pals Course: \$120.00

Ms. Bowers moved to approve the requisitions listed above that fall under the blanket certificates. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

A brief discussion took place regarding the tax budget and it was noted that this is not the spending budget.

Mr. Macron moved to approve the 2017 tax budget as prepared by the fiscal officer. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers requested a date for an exit conference (audit). The trustees request Ms. Bailey arrange the meeting for Monday, June 27, 2016 at 4:00pm.

The employee handbook revisions have been reviewed by the trustee. Ms. Bailey will incorporate the revisions into the handbook and forward to the prosecutor for approval and recommendations.

Correspondence:

Ohio Edison will be cutting trees via helicopter with a suspended boom mower. This will be occurring from now until September.

The township received information regarding voting for local FSA County Committee members.

Mr. Macron received a compliment on the fire station town hall / paint.

Fire Department Report: Chief Hall reported a total of 68 runs for the month May (11-Fire, 43-EMS to Lafayette Township, 1- Fire, 3-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 6-EMS to Gloria Glens, 0-Fire, 4-EMS Mutual Aid). Fuel Usage: 208.3 gallons of fuel, 1,967 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Mr. Costello relayed there was a gas odor in the administration building last week and when the gas company was called, it was recommended the fire department have a “sniffer”. Chief Hall said the fire department has meters that detect explosive limits and are in the process of replacing them. The current meters only detect natural gas. One of the meters being replaced is out of service and replacement parts can longer be acquired. Chief Hall said for the last 21 years he has been with the department, Lafayette utilizes Columbia gas for a sniffer. Ms. Bailey stated the gas company recommended opening the windows to air out the building but the windows are broken and do not open. She recommends replacing the windows.

Safety Officer Chris Blair gave an update on Mobile Integrated Healthcare and handed out copies of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Executive Summary reviewing the stats to date. He stated the mobile phone has been set-up specifically for Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Business cards and flyers have been made. The department in conjunction with the Cleveland Clinic will be interviewing with News Channel 5 next week to help promote the program. A meeting took place last week with Dr. Vrobel, Dr. Myers from the Cleveland Clinic and Rick- EMS Coordinator and they are pleased with the programs progress thus far. Captain West and Officer Blair recently obtained their EMSI cards and it was recommend teaching other members of the department the four criteria to recognize which are: congestive heart failure, hypertension/hypotension, and diabetes and fall prevention.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported crossover pipes were replaced on Coon Club, Egypt and Deerview Roads. Drive pipes and ditch enclosures have been started on Deerview. Mr. Evans inquired about the status of the payment plan which would help those residents paying for the replacement of drive pipes and ditch enclosures. The trustees have not received an update from the prosecutor's office as of yet. Mr. Evans said this holding up progress because he would like to go straight down the road and replace the necessary pipes but has to await payment. The department has been trimming and chipping trees along road sides and patching holes on roads. All township roads approaching a state road must have two signs, one on each side of the township road. The ditch at the corner of Ballash and Route 162 has been enclosed because of installing the necessary signage and for safety reasons. Flags have been hung for the upcoming holiday and will remain up until after Labor Day. The cemetery has been prepared for Memorial Day and flags have been hung. Equipment maintenance and cleaning is ongoing. Hydraulic line on the bed of the F550 has been replaced. Quick coupler on the backhoe has been replaced and was expensive at an approximate price of \$3800.00. Rotary mower blades have been changed. Oil has been changed on the new John Deere. It has 183 hours on it and is less than a year old. The baseball dugout has been completed, the concession stand has been painted. Repair on the salt bin has started. Mowing of roadsides, cemeteries and township properties is ongoing. Mr. Evans reported that on clean-up day 9,630 pounds of shredding was done in four hours. That was triple the weight in double the time. Mr. Evans requested the trustees sign the letter requesting the OPWC funds to repave Ryan Road from Route 162 to Kennard Road in conjunction with Westfield Township.

Ms. Bowers moved to approve signing the request for OPWC money for the improvement of Ryan Road in the joint application. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey announced the township has received the estimated pricing for road striping from the County Engineers Office.

Zoning:

Ms. Strogin stated as of May, the township is 120% total of all of 2015 as far as valuation. The fees are 80% of 2015. Ms. Strogin reported the cellular phone plan with AT&T had limitations with how many phone lines we could have. After reviewing the current plan, AT&T offered a plan that allows up to 25 lines, with no change in services and the price was reduced an estimated \$40 to \$50 per month. Ms. Strogin received permission to make the change from Mr. Costello.

Ms. Bowers stated several House Bills have been passed and three affect townships. One bill states townships can now require residents to keep their sidewalks cleared of snow during inclement weather. That's permissive, the House passed it but the Senate has not yet. If it passes decisions will need to be made. The two that passed are medical marijuana which goes into effect September 6, 2016. The township will have the ability to limit the number of dispensaries and Ms. Bowers suggests zoning start reviewing. The other bill is the agritourism bill which will go into effect August 16, 2016 which creates new exemptions for zoning. Ms. Bowers read and discussed the bills. She attended a class held at Miami regarding agritourism bill. Ms. Bowers recommends waiting for the prosecutors suggestions before sending it to the zoning board. Ms. Bowers will forward copies of the bills to the trustees.

Ms. Bowers explained the process in which the Legislature utilized in legalizing medical marijuana.

Recreation:

The new dug out has been built and is complete.

Economic Development:

Ms. Bowers reported the County Commissioners have changed marketing strategies and marketing personnel for Technology Park. Approximately two weeks ago it has been turned over to NAI Cummings. Ms. Bowers attended the interviews and feels positive about the change.

Police Report:

No report available. Ms. Bailey stated reports are not being received on a regular basis. Mr. Macron will be meeting with Captain Centner tomorrow and will address the issue. Extra patrols are being conducted in Hunter’s Run development due to issues taking place.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Participation:

None

Ms. Bowers moved to pay the warrants of the township. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:17 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer