

**Lafayette Township Board of Trustees
Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Organizational Meeting of Lafayette Township was called to order by Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey at 10:15 a.m.

Members present: Trustees Lynda Bowers, Michael Costello and Bryon Macron.

Fiscal Officer Bailey asked for nomination of officers. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Macron for Trustee Costello to serve as board president and Trustee Macron to serve as vice president for the year 2016. All voting in favor, motion passed. President Costello assumed presiding over the meeting.

It was discussed and decided that trustee liaisons for 2016 would be Bowers – Service, Zoning & Economic Development; Costello – Fire & Rescue, Macron – Recreation and Police.

It was noted that the township will continue to follow the statutory holiday calendar for 2016.

Trustees tentatively set the clean-up day, including shredding, for May 7, 2016 subject to verification/approval of the waste management authority.

Resolution 1 – 2016: A RESOLUTION ENACTING THE 2016 LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BODY RULE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Macron to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 2 – 2016: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE. Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Macron to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.

NOTE: Regular meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Feb. – Dec.

Resolution 3 – 2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Costello to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 4 – 2016: A RESOLUTION CONTINUING AUTHORITY OF THE FISCAL OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE AND MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND UP TO \$3,000 AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE TRUSTEE LIAISON FROM ANOTHER FUND WHEN SUCH EXPENDITURES ARE NOT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Macron to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.

10: 35 a.m. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Costello to recess into executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22G1. Roll call vote: Trustee Bowers - Yes; Trustee Costello – Yes; Trustee Macron – Yes.

Roll call vote out of executive session: Trustee Bowers - Yes; Trustee Costello – Yes; Trustee Macron – Yes.

It was announced that no decisions were made in executive session. Organizational meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Costello to appoint Jocelyn Kogler to the Zoning Board for a term commencing January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020; Diane Wenslow to complete the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019 and Steven Shields for a one year alternate member term expiring 12/31/2016. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Costello to appoint Russ Green to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term commencing January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019 and Justin Peroli to complete the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019. No alternate members were appointed at this time.

Trustee Bowers will notify appointments of respective organizational meetings and make arrangements to administer oaths of office.

There was discussion regarding the zoning secretary position in light of new OPERS regulations for retiring members. In order to allow sufficient time to accurately understand the new requirements, Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Costello to appoint Marlene Oiler as temporary Zoning Secretary with no compensation for a period of 60 days. All voting in favor, motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the annual benefit dinner and the disproportionate responsibility/cost to a small number of residents/businesses. It was agreed that Trustee Bowers would discuss with interested parties the suggestion of merging the event with a community potluck event similar to an annual event hosted by Chatham Twp.

Fiscal Officer Bailey reviewed recommended General Fund appropriations with trustees. For the appropriation resolution, Fiscal Officer Bailey will include proportionate appropriations for legal fees. Trustees approved the proposed budget amounts as presented by consensus.

Mr. Costello made a motion seconded by Mr. Macron to pay the warrants of the township.

The meeting was NOT adjourned but continued until January 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in order to complete appropriations and any other business that may need to come before the board at that time.

On January 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Costello called the meeting to order. Mr. Costello made a motion seconded by Ms. Bowers to continue the meeting to Thursday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. to complete appropriations and any other business that may need to come before the board at that time. Notice to be sent to the Medina Gazette and posted at the township hall.

On January 14, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. Mr. Costello called the continuation of the meeting to order. Mr. Costello made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macron to recess the meeting for approximately 5 minutes to move from the township meeting hall to the township administration office where

trustees would have access to a computer to view the website which would be discussed during the meeting. All voting in favor. Meeting reconvened at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Trustees reviewed the proposed 2016 Fire and Rescue budget with the Fire Chief. Trustees approved the proposed budget figures as presented by consensus . Trustee Bowers and Fiscal Officer Bailey agreed to review all of the previously approved proposed budget for math accuracy, compliance with the current certificate of resources and prepare the 2016 appropriations resolution and call a special meeting for review and approval.

At approximately 5:05 p.m. Trustees were joined by Jay Goodman of Absolute Zero Internet Studios to review the Township’s newly created website. Trustees impressed upon Mr. Goodman that the goal is to have the site organized in the most user friendly way possible including easily readable fonts and an ease of administration. There was discussion on how to go about reorganizing the information and tweaking the format. Ms. Bowers will follow up with suggestions for menu buttons and page content for each menu button.

Mr. Costello reported the new ambulance had been painted red and white like one of our older ambulances as opposed to all red – the color scheme requested and consistent with our newest ambulance. Mr. Costello was requested and authorized to negotiate a reduction in price with the vendor to accept the vehicle as painted rather than a correction.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer