

Minutes  
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 1, 2018

**Meeting called to order:** Ms. Bailey called the Organizational meeting of Lafayette Township to order, January 1, 2018 at 10:25 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

**Ms. Bailey called for nominations for chair and vice chair. Trustee Bowers nominated Trustee Costello as Chairman of the Board and Trustee Warchola as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2018. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Trustee Costello certified all notices were posted pursuant to the public body rule and Ohio's open meeting rule 121.22 and the certificate of such has been documented to the file.

**Trustee Costello moved to approve the Lafayette Township 2018 liaisons as follows; Trustee Bowers –Service Department (roads, buildings & grounds, recreation), Zoning, Cemetery and Economic Development. Trustee Warchola- Fire Department. Trustee Costello- Police and Safety Services Building Project.**

**Trustee Bowers moved to have the Lafayette Township 2018 holiday calendar consistent with the Ohio Revised calendar for state employees. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

After discussion, trustees agreed to set the Annual Lafayette Township Spring clean-up day, including paper shredding, for Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 8:00am to noon, with an additional fall clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018 without shredding subject to verification/approval of the Medina County Recycling Center. An additional paper shredding day will be offered on the November voting day at the Lafayette Township Hall pending confirmation with the shredding service.

Trustees agreed to have the annual 2018 Halloween Event on Saturday, October 27, 2018 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Trustee Warchola will inquire whether the Fire Association is interested in hosting a donation only hot dog and hamburger luncheon during the event.

The 2018 Lafayette Township Christmas dinner will be held at Williams on the Lake on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. pending confirmation with Williams on the Lake.

An outdoor community movie night is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018 at dusk at Assembly of God, Lafayette Road. Ms. Buell stated the pastor of the church had previously reached out and offered their grounds to host our next community movie night complete with a concession stand and restrooms. Ms. Buell will schedule the event and keep trustees informed.

Trustee Bowers stated pursuant to the recommendation of Chief Hall on December 27, 2017, the trustees appoint Mr. Tim Holzman as acting Assistant Fire Chief effective December 31, 2017.

**Resolution 1 – 2018: A RESOLUTION ENACTING THE 2018 LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BODY RULE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA. Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution 2 – 2018: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE. Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola 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 – 2018: 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 ANY OTHER FUND WHEN SUCH EXPENDITURES ARE NOT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS. Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution 4 – 2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND BOARD PRESIDENT OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE TAX ADVANCES COLLECTED INCLUDING SIGN OFF AS THEY COME IN ON THE AUDITORS RESOLUTIONS. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve. All voting in favor, motion passed.**

Trustee Bowers requested Ms. Bailey prepare a year to date revenue report which she then compared to the first Certificate of Resources along with the estimate the county made in December 2016 for 2017 collections, noting the townships revenues were down. The amount of revenue the township is short is commensurate with a bump in foreclosure rates where taxes are not paid until those homes are sold unless sold at sheriff's sale. She noted there is a lot of new construction starting to take place in 2018 that did not have tax collection in 2017. In addition there is a large factory going in at the end of 2018 and the collection in 2019 will have significant growth with the township receiving half of the inside millage due to the dual jurisdiction property. Trustee Bowers stated the residents need to be informed of the tax abatement and the positive effect the new company will have on the township. She said, "That fifty percent of something on a declining balance to a 100% collection over 15 years, is a whole lot more than 100% of nothing".

Trustee Costello will contact Mr. Thorne regarding the status of the Sheriff's Contract.

**11:16 a.m. Trustee Bowers moved to recess into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 for personnel purposes, hiring, firing, appointment, compensation and demotion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Costello- yes, Warchola- yes, Bowers- yes**

**Executive session held. Organizational meeting reconvened at approximately 12:26 p.m.**

Ms. Buell inquired whether or not the bids were ready for advertisement. The trustees are awaiting Mr. Thorne's approval and Ms. Bowers will contact him to see where his review lies. Once approved, the bid will be sent to the Cleveland Plain Dealer for advertisement.

Trustee Bowers will assist Ms. Bailey in obtaining the necessary prevailing wage paperwork on Wednesday.

A special meeting is set for 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2018 for the personnel matters with an executive session anticipated and any other business.

Trustee Costello moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bowers.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Michael Costello, Trustee

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Martin Warchola, Trustee

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Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer