

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017

Meeting called to order: 2:03 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola

Others Present: William Thorne- Township Legal Counsel

2:04 p.m. Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing safety services contract negotiations.

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

3:34 p.m. Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Special Meeting.

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

Mr. Costello made a motion to negotiate a one year contract with the Medina County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection to Lafayette Township with a term in the contract having a thirty day out clause without penalty, along with quarterly reviews and quarterly meetings to review the contract. The contract is subject to William Thorne's, Township Legal Counsel approval. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. Mr. Warchola third the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to pay the law director fee of \$100.00 to allow Lafayette Township Legal Counsel, William Thorne to attend the Law Director Township Association meeting. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Thorne stated there are discrepancies he discovered while reviewing the paperwork for the physio heart monitors. Mr. Thorne advised if payment is not paid in full, an interest rate would be imposed placing the cost over \$50,000.00 which would require the monitors go out to bid. Ms. Bowers suggests paying the bill in full.

Mr. Costello made a motion giving authority to Trustee Bowers, Fire Liaison to work with township legal counsel, William Thorne and Chief Hall to renegotiate and correct any errors in the cardiac monitor contract. Mr. Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Thorne has reviewed the service department mower contract and has found discrepancies. Ms. Bowers stated the mowers do not have to be purchased on state bid. Mr. Thorne agreed but requests reviewing the contract whether state bid or not. Ms. Bowers stated no contracts go out of the township without prior approval from William Thorne.

Ms. Bowers stated there are a number of residents being told by Medina County Auditor, Mike Kovack's office, even though they have more than ten acres and conducting agricultural activities on their properties, if they cannot provide documentation that they are making \$2,600.00 per year they will be removed from the C.A.U.V. program. Ms. Bowers said the properties are more than ten acres which exempt them from providing income. Mr. Kovack's office has indicated that these are not "commercial" agricultural uses. Discussion took place on how to protect Lafayette Township residents who are part of the C.A.U.V program.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to prepare a request to the County Prosecutor to review the C.A.U.V. complaint issue the trustees have received from Lafayette Township residents when the residents qualify and don't qualify. The letter will be available for trustee signatures within a few days. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Thorne discussed the letter the township received from Huntington Bank regarding the Bridge Depository Contract. He explained that Huntington Bank wants to join the new state pooling program which was not available when the original depository went out. Huntington Bank wishes to "bridge" the two agreements by adding an addendum in place of giving individual securities that they will secure through the pool. Mr. Thorne stated Huntington Bank never signed the original depository when they took over First Merit so they cannot obtain a bridge without an original. Huntington Bank also wishes to extend the agreement to 2022 and Lafayette depository was redone in 2016 with a deadline of 2021. Mr. Thorne will meet with Ms. Bailey and have her contact Huntington Bank and gather the necessary information and proceed as necessary.

Mr. Thorne stated there are no policies with the state nor the health department stating cremains be buried in approved container. Mr. Thorne has no issues with the following language: "Cremations may utilize a metal or marble urn or any other container designed for interring cremains". Ms. Bowers said the motion had been made on November 20th pending this approval.

Mr. Thorne stated upon his review the township deed does not include a lot of the authority the township has when dealing with cemetery lots. Ms. Bowers requested reviewing the cemetery rules and deed more in depth while at Winter Conference in January. She said Lafayette currently has some requirements that are not necessary, imposing an unnecessary cost to our residents burying in township cemeteries.

Mr. Thorne stated the paperwork from Polen Implement only contains a purchase agreement. He said he discovered discrepancies in the paperwork and will speak with Mr. Evans in the service department for clarification. Mr. Thorne confirmed with the trustees that the new mowers will be bought out right and have the option for roll over. Ms. Bowers said we are receiving a substantial trade in offer and they would like to roll over yearly for \$1500.00 because the mowers would always remain under warranty with no maintenance and it includes storage. Mr. Costello will contact Mr. Evans for additional information. Ms. Bowers reminded that any paperwork the township signs is a contract and trustees do not want signatures on contracts without Mr. Thorne's prior review and approval.

Mr. Thorne stated he still needs to obtain the state contract pricing for the 2018 Ford F350 from the service department. He only received the price and the specification paperwork.

Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Warchola.

Meeting adjourned 4:02 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer