

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Monday, June 4, 2018

Meeting called to order: 5:15 p.m.

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

Trustee Costello made a motion to accept the resignations of Lieutenant Chris Blair and Lieutenant Timothy Brunenmeister. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Review and discussion of a proposed resolution establishing a fee for non-medically necessary alarms resulting in emergency medical personnel being dispatched took place.

Resolution 12-2018. Trustee Costello made a motion to approve a resolution establishing a \$500.00 fee for non-medically necessary alarms resulting in the dispatch of emergency medical personnel with a limit of 25 calls within one rolling year. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Costello had conversation with Captain Baca of the Medina County Sheriff's Department about the concerns Lafayette Township has in regards to the policing agreement. The Board has continued to discuss concerns with the sheriff's department. To date, the issues have not been resolved. The Board has requested certain terms be placed in the policing agreement to ensure the service of the terms is provided. An additional issue is the Lafayette Township police cruisers have been involved in three separate accidents, while utilizing the vehicles for non-township business, one accident is currently in a lawsuit. The Board does not feel Lafayette is receiving the level of service for, which is being paid for, from the Medina County Sheriff's Department. The agreement is the township strives to get what is being paid for or seek a new policing service. Trustee Bowers explained legislation has been passed which allows a township to contract with any law enforcement agency. The Board has met with other agencies to gather information as to what would be most beneficial for the residents of the township. Medina City has proposed an engaging agreement. Trustee Costello will meet with the Sheriff's Department again in an effort to negotiate an agreement which would be fair to both entities. Trustee Bowers believes the Sheriff's Department has the desire to provide a good service to the township but doesn't believe they have the ability to do so due to several factors and constraints. It is the Board of Trustees responsibility to ensure the residents of Lafayette are receiving the utmost service for their money. Trustee Warchola has hesitations signing a contract with the Sheriff's Department because he said there are terms in the current agreement the sheriff's department does not abide by and questions if that level of service would carry over to a new contract and how to ensure the terms would be adhered to. Several residents joined the conversation and voiced their opinions both for and against the current policing service. No decisions on a policing agreement have been made at this time.

The new Lafayette Township Safety Service Building groundbreaking will take place on June 16, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. located at 6367 Technology Lane. The public is welcome to join and enjoy refreshments following the ceremony. Chief Hall will provide to Trustee Costello a list of past fire department members so invitations can be sent.

Trustee Costello stated the fire department is need of firefighters for staffing. Mr. Costello has devised an advertisement seeking interested individuals.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the advertisement seeking qualified part-time/volunteer and firefighters/EMT. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers announced resident, Tim Kling has a collection of antique fire marks he wishes to donate and have displayed in the entry of the new safety services building.

Trustee Bowers informed that Huntington Bank won the bid on the note for the new safety services building at a rate of 3.1 percent.

Trustee Costello has met with resident, Bill McDonald gathering information regarding hiring him as construction manager for the new Lafayette Township Safety Services Building. Mr. McDonald will make unannounced random visits to the site during key stages of the building process to ensure the building is being completed according to specifications. He has over thirty-five years' of construction experience and knowledge and lives in very close proximity of the building site.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve Trustee Costello's request approving him to work with Mr. Thorne, Lafayette Township Legal Counsel and Mr. Bill McDonald to write a construction manager contract at a rate of \$65.00 per hour not to exceed 12 hours per week. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey asked the status on the employee handbook. Trustee Bowers request Ms. Bailey forward the handbook to the trustees for their review prior to the next regular trustee meeting.

Trustee Bowers moved to pay the warrants of the township.

Trustee Costello moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Warchola.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer