

Minutes  
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 17, 2019

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey, Legal Counsel- William Thorne.

Meeting called to order: 3:50 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Hall presented three candidates to the Board of Trustees. Kayleigh Orner, Firefighter II/Paramedic from the Village of Chippewa Lake. Christian Hall, Firefighter II/Basic EMT. Kinsey Mumaw, Firefighter I/Paramedic. Trustee Warchola swore in all three candidates.

**Public Participation:**

Mr. Ted Lesiak spoke regarding the potential development of Medina Country Club property which is now the Golf Course PUD. Discussion concerning the ownership of the open space on potential development took place. He presented to Legal Counsel- William Thorne and Zoning Inspector Alliss Strogin, a permanent easement which would be granted to the Home Owners Association, HOA, to maintain open space in perpetuity to the subdivision. Ms. Strogin explained that part of the golf course open space needs to be in perpetuity to the HOA. Mr. Lesiak explained currently the open space dedicated to the development itself can only be used for golf course activities however, should the golf course cease to operate the HOA has a permanent easement to maintain that part of the open space as open space under Lafayette Township code which would prohibit any building, commercial activity, no alteration of landscape, no dumping, no alteration water courses or any other activity that is not consistent with township PUD open space requirements. Trustee Bowers explained the township has to approve whatever the preservation mechanism is. Mr. Lesiak said formal subdivision plans have yet to be submitted, but the easements will be included at such time. Mr. Thorne will review the documents and give his input.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Hall reported a total of 41 runs for the month of May, 35- Lafayette Township, 1- Westfield Township, 5- Village of Chippewa Lake. Chief Hall gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls.

Chief Hall reported that due to the recent, consistent rain, the department is prepared should there be a water emergency. The department assisted with two flooded homes.

Trustee Bowers explained the original note for the new Safety Services building is set to expire which is currently at a rate of 3.1%. The note was rebid and negotiated with Huntington Bank at a rate 2.95% with a six month prepayment which is waivable. Trustee Bowers explained the importance of having the six month ability to waive.

**Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the new one year note with Huntington Bank at 2.95% authorizing the Board President, the Trustees and the Fiscal Officer to sign all documents as necessary. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Trustee Bowers the Euclid Avenue Bridge has been an issue for the township for a number of years. This bridge land locks and isolates a number of houses and this is a reason the fire department carries over a 1,000 feet of hose in order to be able to extinguish a fire in that area should there be one. Mr. Rob Henwood, Medina County Department of Planning Services has found a critical infrastructure grant that he feels the township has an opportunity to receive. The County Commissioners have authorized and approved a thousand dollars to participate toward the process. The Medina County Parks District has offered \$40,000.00 toward the project and Lafayette Township would need to approve \$1,000.00 toward it.

**Trustee Bowers moved to approve \$1,000.00 toward the application. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Trustee Bowers went on to explain if this application is approved, it has to be a public property. Currently it is private property but as in any effort to improve a roadway, bridge, etc., if it can be brought up to standards and this project would do that, the township could accept dedication of Euclid Ave and she feels this is the most responsible thing to do with the township being responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, plowing, etc. Trustee Bowers explained currently there are policies set in place so emergency apparatus does not cross the bridge due to safety concerns.

**Resolution 16-2019 Trustee Bowers made a motion that Lafayette Township offer cooperation in the future of the Euclid Avenue Bridge project up to and taking dedication of the property. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Trustee Bowers and Mr. Henwood prepared a letter to go along with the application. Trustee Bowers read the letter aloud. She requested Mr. Henwood inform the township of any additional support that may be needed. Mr. Henwood said they are excited and looking forward, assuming they receive approval from the State of Ohio for the project. Mr. Henwood said they are hoping to contribute approximately \$400,000.00 federal funding toward the project providing grants. Discussion of possible future plans of the area were discussed.

**Correspondence:**

Trustee Costello stated he received a message inquiring about the installation of the 3 foot bike signs on Ryan Road between Route 42 and Route 162. Service Supervisor, Rick Evans stated he does not have any signs left that were donated by Bike Medina County. Trustee Costello will make a phone call and request additional signs.

Trustee Bowers received a message informing her a resident was syphoning water out of their basement onto the lawn in the area of Lake and Chippewa Road. The concern was this is a zoning matter to which Trustee Bowers said the township has no control or authority over this matter. The Ohio Revised Code does not give townships the same authority as cities and villages. The Ohio Township Association has lobbied for expanded authority for a number of years. She said the township does what the township has the authority to do.

**Police Report:**

Officer Winebrenner reported a total of 345 calls and gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls.

Conversation took place over what to do with the cages from the old police cruisers. It was determined there was no interest for the cages.

**Trustee Bowers made a motion to dispose of the old police cruiser cages however Service Supervisor, Rick Evans sees fit, as the cages have no value and serve no public purpose with a value of less than \$2,500.00. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Trustee Bowers explained Medina City requested a copy of Lafayette Township's levy income for 2018 for their audit purpose for some basis for which the payments are made. When Lafayette Township's next payment is sent to Medina, documentation from the Auditor's Office will be sent as well. She explained when the information she requested from County Auditor's Office was received it doesn't match our records. Ms. Bailey has been in the process of reviewing the discrepancies. Trustee Bowers requested the Board's approval if the Auditor's figures are accurate giving her authority to release the additional check.

**Service Department Report:**

Mr. Evans reported:

- American flags have been hung on Route 42 and Route 162 in observance of the upcoming holidays
- Mowing of roadsides, complex, Technology Park, Lions Park, Cemeteries and township properties along with weed control. Rota tilled flower beds along with mulching and planting
- Egypt Road project-rerouting the ditch at the corner of Egypt and Carsten Roads to allow for the increased shoulder and for the Bridge #8 replacement. The project is now currently on hold due to the recent rain
- Reviewing replacement of drive culverts on Carlton and Egypt Roads. Letters will need to be sent to homeowners
- Keeping culverts clean from recent flooding

- Received a phone call from CSX regarding closing Deerview Lane for 3 days, June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> to repair the crossing. Ms. Buell will send notification to the Medina Gazette
- Keeping with all vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Replaced starter on the paver along with welding
- Replaced the steering valve on the roller, replaced fuel pump and lines
- Welded custom aprons on the back of the Western Stars in order to haul and dump asphalt
- Kept shop organized and cleaned
- Placed American flags on headstones of veterans in Waltz Cemetery
- 11 Footers need poured at Waltz Cemetery- weather is not cooperative

Mr. Evans requested assistance to have the Cemetery UAN program loaded onto his computer for cemetery reference. Trustee Bowers will assist.

**Zoning Report:**

Ms. Strogin reported there has been activity but none of significant value. The total estimated value to date is \$3,541,405.00 with 2018 at \$28,912,648.00. The fees to date are \$10,399.11 with a total in 2018 at \$61,865.48. Ms. Strogin emailed the Board a new township map. She explained there was a change concerning the Medina Golf Course Overlay District, which had not been updated on the map. Trustee Bowers thanked Ms. Strogin for following through on the map.

**Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the new legal map of the township. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

**Community Resource Officer Report:**

- Ms. Detchon attended Senior Day in May at the Medina County Fairgrounds.
- She met with the Fire Chief and obtained a wish list from him for the new department. Currently, Ms. Detchon is working on having a roll chain ladder donated so the department can utilize during public training.
- Ms. Detchon is presently working on seeking a donation of 9 volt batteries for the department to replace batteries in smoke detectors throughout the township.
- Attended a workshop presented by Ohio Human Service Training System on Civil Rights Compliance and respecting their rights.
- She visited the residents of Chippewa Lake due to the recent flooding and received positive feedback.
- A talk on scams will be given on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Medina City- Ms. Detchon will inform township residents and invite them to attend

Trustee Bowers said Ms. Detchon is preparing a talk for parents on a variety of ways children can be exploited on computers and what to look for. Ms. Detchon is waiting to hear back from the Sheriff for the contact information.

**Recreation:**

None

**Economic Development:**

None

**Cemetery:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Information was received in the mail informing First Energy is in bankruptcy.

Westfield Township will be borrowing tables & chairs over the Labor Day weekend.

The new Safety Services Building grand opening open house is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trustee Bowers requested Chief Hall inform her of any special arrangements the department or association might be interested in partaking at the open house.

**5:06 p.m. Trustee Bowers moved to recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel hiring, and for the purposes of discussing eminent legal case with Legal Counsel and invite Legal Counsel- William Thorne and Service Supervisor, Rick Evans pursuant to exceptions in Ohio Revised Code 121.22G.**

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

**6:05 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.**

**Trustee Bowers moved to hire Ben Miller in the service department at the rate of \$17.00/hour full time at the recommendation of Service Supervisor, Rick Evans. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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

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Martin Warchola, Trustee

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Michael Costello, Trustee

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Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer

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