

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Participation:

Mr. Mark Albrecht inquired about the townships intentions regarding the mound of dirt at the new Safety Services Building site as it was his understanding the dirt would be removed. Trustee Costello confirmed the dirt is not being removed. Trustee Bowers explained there are several areas that are going to require fill dirt and on the second specification sent out, when the adjustment was completed, the township was told it is a balance site and the dirt will not be removed. Mr. Albrecht inquired about the thickness of the concrete pads. He was under the understanding it was going to be 8 inches thick and it appears it is 6 inches thick. Trustee Costello said he will look into it. Discussion took place over areas that will require stabilization due to poor soil. Mr. Albrecht stated his intention is not to cause turmoil but as a taxpayer he wants to ensure everything is being completed properly and to spec. Trustee Costello met with Lewis Land Professionals and the architect regarding the ground and it was mutually agreed to allow an additional 3 to 4 weeks for the ground to dry from the excessive rain. Trustee Bowers said the township is not willing to move forward just to complete the job, the township is willing to wait the appropriate amount of time to ensure the project is done correctly. Mr. Albrecht questioned the “buy in” period if the soil dries, then it is paved, and the job fails. Trustee Bowers responded, “one year from the completion of the project because it is a government contract”. Mr. Albrecht is concerned next spring when the frost comes out of the ground there could potentially be issues. Trustee Bowers explained one option is to add limestone. Mr. Albrecht said he is knowledgeable about proof rolling but not as educated with stabilization and voiced his dissatisfaction/concern with the soil issue from the start of the project.

Mr. Nate Epic, Director of the Medina County Parks District was present seeking a resolution in support of grant application identifying slightly more than 51 acres on Lake Road the Parks wish to acquire in cooperation with Clean Ohio Funds. Mr. Epic explained the property is a nice wooded “buffer” between a heavy industrial area and the remainder of the Chippewa Watershed. He provided a property map.

Resolution 13-2019 Trustee Bowers moved to approve a resolution to expressing support for the Medina County Park Districts application for Clean Ohio funding for the acquisition for approximately 51.25 acres in Lafayette Township known as 6038 Lake Road. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- The 2019/2020 ODOT salt bid was awarded to Cargill @ \$76.32/ ton. Slight savings from last year
- Mowing of the roadsides, complex, Tech Park, Lions Park, township property and cemeteries is underway
- Culvert #28 on Ballash Road needs to be upgraded from 15” to 24” due to flooding across the road in heavy rains
- Egypt road project - rerouting ditch to build a 6’ to 8’ shoulder. Mr. Evans presented a quote of \$17,364.00 from the Medina County Engineers Office for paving from bridge #8 (near Waltz Cemetery) going west to Carsten Road. The quote includes berming, striping and paving. Trustee Bowers said the Board appropriated \$140,000.00 in Motor Vehicle Gas.

- Medina Police Department requested “road closed” signs to be posted on Columbia Road due to train that was stopped for 3 hours. Signs were posted at Route 42 and Smith Road
- Medina Police Department called Sunday May 19th for a down tree across Lance road
- Routine maintenance on vehicles and equipment as well as washed and polished
- Paver and roller maintenance has been taking place, waiting for parts
- Keeping the shop clean and organized
- Replaced ballast and bulbs in light fixture in Town hall and in men’s room. Replaced ballast and bulbs in light fixture along with the battery in smoke detector in administration building
- Backflow test performed April 30th
- Pulling weeds on complex and Memorial Commons
- Burial Saturday, May 4th in the afternoon following the annual township clean-up day
- Received a quote of \$8750.00 from Pinnacle Monument to level 50 headstones at Waltz Cemetery. Mr. Evans said there are several headstones in dire need of repair.
- 12 footers for headstones need poured at Waltz Cemetery, weather permitting. Mr. Evans confirmed with Ms. Bailey the funds are available
- Mr. Evans requested permission to have the UAN Cemetery system installed on his computer which would allow for him the necessary information when needed opposed to relying on Ms. Buell.

Trustee Costello made a motion to approve the quote from the Medina County Engineers Office in the amount of \$17,364.00 for the paving of Egypt Road from bridge #8 to Carsten Road. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 into the Cemetery Fund for the purposes of authorizing and entering into an agreement with Pinnacle Monument for the purposes of leveling and straightening the at risk headstones. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Hall reported a total of 42 runs for the month of April and gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls. 2- Mutual Aid given, 4- Automatic Aid given, 36- Non mutual aid calls. Total of 222.2 gallons of fuel for all the vehicles.

Chief Hall presented two candidates to the Board of Trustees with recommendation for employment, James Bernard and Sarah Bucca. James Bernard is a Level II firefighter/Basic EMT, Sarah Bucca is a paramedic.

Trustee Warchola swore in Mr. James Bernard and Ms. Sarah Bucca and the Board welcomed them to the township.

Trustee Warchola, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, publically thanked the fire department personnel and their families for their continued dedication. To show appreciation, Trustee Warchola presented Chief Hall with four tickets along with a parking pass and food vouchers to the Indians game which was donated by Brilliant Signs. The Board requested Chief Hall awarded them to department members as he sees fit and reminded the chief he is not allowed to redeem them personally. The Board reiterated the tickets were not purchased utilizing township funds and that they were donated by Brilliant Sign Company.

Resolution 12-2019: Trustee Warchola moved to approve a resolution recognizing May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Lafayette Township, Medina County, Ohio. With a theme of “EMS STRONG, BEYOND THE CALL”. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

A brief intermission from the regular meeting took place to celebrate with refreshments in honor of the Lafayette Fire Department personnel.

Discussion took place regarding rolling the note for the new Safety Services building. Ms. Gordon has a number of other opportunities bidding on the note.

Resolution 11-2019: Trustee Bowers moved to approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 in notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing fire station improvements and related appurtenances. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers stated the interest and rates structure is currently better than when the original note was completed.

Trustee Bowers informed the State Fire Marshall sent out a synopsis regarding general regulations for burning. Trustee Bowers will forward the information and requested it be placed on the township website as well as the fire department website. Assistant Chief Holzman recently contacted the state for the burning pamphlets. Ms. Detschon requested Chief Hall provide her pamphlets for community outreach and also some to be placed in the administration building. Ms. Buell requested a literature display rack for the administration building and will gather information to present at a later date.

Chief Hall requested Medina Police Department notify him of any potential blocked roads or unscheduled road closings. This would be important information in the event the fire department has an emergency call.

Discussion took place regarding payroll and FBI & BCI background checks. Trustee Warchola said new employees must provide a voided check or statement from the bank containing the banking information to the Fiscal Officer.

Trustee Warchola made a motion to utilize Montville Township Police Department to run all BCI and FBI background checks for potential new hires pending Montville’s approval. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Police Department Report:

Lieutenant Marcum reported a total of 455 calls for the month of April and gave a breakdown on the nature of the calls.

Zoning Department Report:

Zoning Inspector, Ms. Strogan explained she has been writing permits with the majority being for ancillary items such as sheds, decks, fences, etc., with only 11 new home permits for the first four months of 2019. The total estimated value to date is \$3,427,450.00 with 2018 at \$28,912,648.00. The fees to date are \$9,810.38 with a total in 2018 at \$61,865.48. Ms. Strogan received a drawing from the deer farm outlining how the property is intended to be split for sale. Ms. Strogan is awaiting the formal documents to arrive.

Community Resource Officer Report:

Ms. Detschon submitted a proposal for Cartoon Communication Service for the publication of an activity book geared toward the township including Chippewa Lake that the township will utilize. Ms. Detschon requested the Boards input and welcomes the feedback. She explained she has been researching other police and fire departments throughout the United States and it is proven the friendlier the entities are with their communities, the more successful they are in supporting. The township anticipates offering safety town in 2020. Ms. Detschon wishes to become recertified as EMT. The Medina County Career Center will be offering the course

this August through December. She will be contacting the state to see if she is eligible to challenge the test as she has already taken the course twice, but requested Board approval to attend if she can't challenge the test. Ms. Detschon will be attending Senior Day at the Medina County Fairgrounds and is prepared to give a speech on the ten most financial scams for seniors if needed. In her research she has come across a host of flyers that she will redesign for Lafayette Township on a variety of topics. She continues to work on the "Vial of Life". Ms. Detschon continues to research the fire grant that is available. Trustee Bowers announced there is a meeting set for August with the Medina County Health Department to coordinate distribution of services the Health Department offers and potentially offer services at the new Safety Services Building.

Recreation:

No report

Economic Development:

Trustee Bowers said she will be submitting a few paragraphs to the Medina County magazine outlining the new Medina County magazine how the township is relevant to Medina City. She wishes to include the community paramedicine the township is offering along with the community resource officer. Trustee Bowers will forward to the Board prior to submission.

Cemetery:

Discussed in service report

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$4,041,902.81
Pooled Investments: \$2,067,459.30
Available Checking Balance: \$2,008,543.51

Ms. Bailey informed \$1,418,035.55 is what is remaining out of the bond for the new Safety Services building. Discussion took place over the bond money collected and future collection. Trustee Bowers anticipates the levy being paid off in approximately 5-7 years.

Requisitions:

Ms. Bailey noted the following are pre-approved and paid for:

Administration: \$147.97
Service Department: \$9,462.95
Zoning Department: \$0
Fire Department: \$0

Grand Total: \$9,610.92

Requisitions:

Ms. Bailey stated the following requisitions are to be approved:

Administration: \$382.68
Service Department: \$16,320.80
Zoning Department: \$0
Fire Department: \$8,763.44

Grand Total: \$25,466.92

The majority of the requisitions for service department is for the repair of concrete in the developments. Trustee Bowers explained although the county inspects the depth of the concrete, the township requires township presence when a concrete road is being poured in order to ensure proper depth.

Trustee Costello moved to approve the requisitions totaling \$25,466.92 and \$9,610.92. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Resolution 14-2019 Trustee Bowers moved to approve a resolution adopting a plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program administered by Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board for participation by eligible employees of the Lafayette Township of Medina County. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey discussed with Legal Counsel, William Thorne, opportunities to rebid depository contracts due to exceptional interest rates and feels she could secure better rates. Trustee Bowers instructed Ms. Bailey to have Mr. Thorne prepare the necessary paperwork.

Old Business:

Ms. Buell stated the county has not reported the total tonnage of trash collected on the annual township clean-up day. She reported approximately 135 vehicles came through despite the cold, rainy weather, which was an increase from last year. Ms. Buell stated she was informed by the Solid Waste District they will not be hosting township cleanup day in the future and explained the Solid Waste District adopted a voucher program which enables township residents a two or three month period of time to dispose of their refuse and the township will be billed accordingly. The cost to the township will remain at the discounted tonnage rate (for those utilizing the voucher). Each vehicle will be weighed prior to entering and the cost will be prorated. The Solid Waste District pays additional employees during the township cleanup day when held at their location.

New Business:

Waltz Church Memorial Day ceremony taking place at 9:30am on Sunday.

Correspondence

Trustee Costello announced he has had numerous conversations with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding postponing the Route 42 road project until June 7th as the early closure of the route originally scheduled would affect Richardson’s farm at the height of their busiest season. This would be the third time that would impact the farm in less than twelve months. Approval was given to Mr. Evans to have signs posted along the detour.

Trustee Warchola moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Costello.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved: _____

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTIONS:

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