

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019

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

Meeting called to order: 3:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Costello moved to approve the Special Construction Meeting of June 17, 2019, Regular Meeting of June 17, 2019, Special Meeting of July 15, 2019 and Special Construction Meeting of July 19, 2019. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Public Participation:

Mr. Clifford, Ryan Road, expressed to the Board to keep up the good work.

Mr. Bill Schmock inquired if the township will be approving the senior snow plow program for the 2019/2020 winter season. Trustee Bowers said it is a program that stays in place unless and until it is discontinued.

Trustee Bowers explained at the intersection of Route 162 and Ryan Roads Medina County have installed all the signs all that is available to the township at this time, in order to help prevent the number of accidents that occur. She said the Medina City Police has provided her with documentation and explained it is a lengthy process working with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Correspondence:

Ms. Buell said a thank you note was received from Bike Medina County thanking the township for installing the bike signs.

Trustee Bowers said the township received a verbal public record request from resident, Jeffrey Reusser. He wished to receive copies of the working draft that the zoning commission is working on concerning the Lake Road Overlay District and the agritourism. He has since been emailed both documents with a read receipt and copies were mailed via the USPS last week as well.

Trustee Bowers said a letter appeared on Facebook from a resident on Lafayette Road purporting to be a letter to the editor. She said she typically does not address social media misstatements on the record; however, believes she should because it contained significant misinformation regarding the new Safety Services Building. The letter refers to the Board's decision to build a Taj Mahal station. The decision to replace the antiquated building was a voter driven project, not the trustees. A committee of citizens asked for it to be put on the ballot and the voters made the decision, overwhelmingly. The architectural drawings and concepts were widely distributed in the press, on social media and in the community so residents could make that informed decision. She agrees the building looks large but it is not the administrative area. It is the less expensive equipment bays which are large – because the equipment is large. And appropriately, the building was constructed not just for today's needs but looking to the future as well. The letter reads the building was built on land that the township does not own. This is incorrect. The township owns the site and has since well before construction started. The letter reads the building will be controlled and operated by the Medina Police Department. This is incorrect. At the trustee's suggestion and for the convenience of Lafayette residents, one multi-purpose office may be made available where Medina Police

can meet residents needing to file routine reports and such. The letter questioned covert use by Homeland Security, alleging it is on the sign. The sign for the Safety Services Building reads “Lafayette Township- Fire- EMS- Police; No mention of Homeland Security. The letter identifies the Trustees as communists, we are not. Trustee Bowers said disappointment aside, she appreciates that the letter made clear trustees could do a better job educating the public about our services. Unlike the writer’s claim, Lafayette Township fire and rescue has not been an unpaid volunteer service for more than 25 years. Fire Chief Hall confirmed this. She stated we can use this lesson to make sure we reach out to residents explaining the responsibilities of the department, our staffing and the cost of the men and women who provide the service. Trustee Bowers final thought expressed her willingness to do all she could too acquire as much staffing as voters will support because we know it saves lives.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- Requested Board to review and approve Chippewa Lake Snow Agreement. Mr. Thorne will review the contract
- Review and discussion took place regarding the ODOT post construction release form. Mr. Evans has inspected the road and confirmed no damage to the roads
- Dispatched 8/18/19 by Medina Police Department-removal of fallen trees Ballash and Eastlake roads due to strong winds
- Mowing of roadsides. Complemented Mr. Tim for a job well done
- Acknowledged new hire, Ben Miller, for his hard work and dedication to the township thus far. He anticipates Mr. Miller receiving his CDL license in the next 6 to 8 weeks. He is need of actual drive time and Mr. Evans is trying to balance the work load and helping him practice
- Mowing Tech Park, Lions Park, complex, township properties and cemeteries
- Swept road and installed post and sign delineators at the corner of Kapok & Toucan as requested at the July meeting. Trustee Bowers requested Mr. Evans see if any new cost effective methods are available to help better stabilize the roads in the Raintree development (Kapok and Toucan Drive) until such time the roads are ready for hard surfacing
- Denes Concrete completed repairing streets, catch basins and curbs on Wagon Trail, Imagine Lane, Meadow Haven, Honey Shade and Tech Park. The cones will remain in Technology Lane until the construction is complete in order to prevent any damage
- Motor paving completed on Lake, 3rd and Gilbert streets, Melway is scheduled to return in a couple weeks to chip seal. Township will complete the bermming once chip & seal is complete which is approximately a \$3,000.00 savings to the township
- Westfield Township has been assisting with the ditch rerouting on Egypt Road and this is still in progress. Waiting on contractor to complete bridge project. Dirt has been trucked in to build 9 to 10 foot x 700 foot shoulder along roadside in order to install the necessary guardrail.
- Lafayette Township assisted Westfield Township with the replacement of a crossover pipe. Mr. Evans confirmed the reciprocal agreement with Westfield Township is still in date
- Trustee Costello received a phone call from a Ballash Road resident complaining of the shoulder at the intersection of Ballash Road and Route 162 due to the heavy rainfall. Westfield Township assisted with berming Ballash and Ryan Roads
- Preventive maintenance, wash & waxed the 2018 & 2019 trucks, preventative maintenance on 2012 dump truck
- Installed the berm box on Western Star #36
- Installed new drive chain on the roller. Reshimmed drive motor, rebuilt water bars, installed new hoses, welded the frame in places needed

- Keeping shop cleaned and organized
- Sprayed & pulled weeds
- Poured 9 footers at Waltz Cemetery awaiting delivery of headstones. Backfilled with topsoil around footers and filled in low spots.
- Many headstones have fallen with many in dire need of repair (old sandstone) at both Spitzer and Shaw Cemeteries. Mr. Evans said he is not sure the proper way to reset the old sandstone headstones. Trustee Bowers knows a gentleman (down state). She will make contact with him and inquire if he would be willing to educate Mr. Evans on how to reset the sandstone headstones.
- A lady from Colorado contacted Mr. Evans who is interested in searching for family members in Waltz Cemetery. Trustee Bowers said to direct the lady to her and she will assist
- Mr. Evans took inventory in Chippewa Lake per Trustee Warchola's request and reported there are 4 water boxes, 10 manholes and 7 storm drains in need of repair. The above stated caused damage to the snow plows and required consistent replacement of cutting edges. Trustee Warchola explained the only way to avoid the plows hitting the undulations is to raise the blade and install plow shoes, which leaves snow behind or fix the objects causing damage to the blades. Trustee Warchola requested Mr. Evans report an estimate on the repairs. Chief Hall recommended submitting the list to the Sanitary Engineers Office as he believes they are responsible minus the storm basins. Mr. Evans will check.
- Mr. Evans confirmed the Board is aware that the Medina County Solid Waste District will no longer host the township's annual clean-up day at their facility. Vouchers will be available to Lafayette Township residents as a onetime use to dispose of their rubbish

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 Agreement for Services of the Lafayette Township Service Department with the Village of Chippewa Lake consistent with the terms presented with the exception of the two "hold harmless" provisions in the liability which are struck out and initialed. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers stated Mr. Evans has traveled the ODOT detour route and the route has been restored to its previous condition.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the local maintenance detour rote post detour release form. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Police Report:

Lieutenant Marcum reported a total of 365 calls for the month of July and gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls. He said National Night Out took place on August 6th with Lafayette, Montville, Medina Townships and Medina City taking part. Lt. Marcum thanked everyone for their participation. Trustee Bowers requested the police be vigilant of the areas in the township where kids will be catching school buses.

Fire Report:

Chief Hall reported 63 runs for the month of July. 1- York Township, 1- Montville Township, 51- Lafayette Township, 1-Westfield Township, 1- Village of Lodi, 6- Village of Chippewa Lake, 2- Gloria Glens. Chief Hall did not report the mileage due to an error on the report. 222.40 gallons of fuel were used on all vehicles.

Chief Hall reported ISO contacted him and the ISO rating will be taking place this year. Chief Hall requested ISO meet in November due to the move to the new building, but that is the latest it could take place. Chief Hall said the rating is currently a 4-4Y and it is the goal to have the number decrease. ISO ratings occur every five years and the department has improved in areas since the last rating. Trustee Warchola inquired if the department conducts any internal ISO audits. Chief Hall confirmed there was a check list the department has improved upon since the last rating.

Chief Hall inquired about the completion date of the new Safety Services Building. The Board said the date has not yet been confirmed. Chief Hall said it won't take long to pack items up for the move. He confirmed with Trustee Warchola that he has his own internal punch list and plans in order to make the move to the building. Trustee Warchola requested a copy of the list and plans. Chief Hall said once the completion date is confirmed the department will be ready to execute the move.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Strogin reported as of July 31, 2019 the total estimated value to date is \$4,433,457.00 with 2018 at \$28,912,648.00. The fees to date are \$13,058.39 with a total in 2018 at \$61,865.48. She reported a total of 25 permits issued with the majority being for pools, sheds, decks, remodeling, etc.

Medina Country Club has filed for bankruptcy and she is unsure if their project will take place.

Wedgewood Estates has submitted several drawings and are ready for Board review and signatures. Wedgewood Estates is on the September CPC agenda. Mr. Thorne and Ms. Strogin will meet to discuss the Home Owners Association.

Community Resource Officer Report:

Trustee Warchola said Community Resource Officer, Kim Detchon could not make today's meeting. He informed everyone Ms. Detchon will be in charge of programming the new Safety Services Building sign. He requested the fire department inform Ms. Detchon of all events in order to keep the public abreast of township happenings.

Recreation:

No report

Economic Development:

No report

Cemetery:

Trustee Bowers confirmed the township has already applied for the cemetery grant.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

None

New Safety Services building open house is scheduled for October 27, 2019 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Trustee Bowers said she will contact Mr. Albrecht and see if the township can use his "Lafayette Express" for hay rides.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$3,682,558.18

Pooled Investments: \$2,188,757.44

Available Checking Balance: \$1,493,800.74

Ms. Bailey confirmed the bond retirement received on the levy to date is \$766,639.80 and the Safety Service Building is \$452,085.86. She explained the \$452,000.00 is what the Board has encumbered for the building. The bond retirement is what is to be paid back.

Trustee Bowers moved to pay the warrants of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Approved: _____

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

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