

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Friday, July 19, 2019

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

Meeting called to order: 3:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Ms. Jill Heck forwarded the Board of Trustees a proposed resolution of support to relieve Chippewa Lake flooding issues, noting Westfield Township, the Village of Westfield Center, the Village of Chippewa Lake and the Village of Gloria Glens have already passed resolutions. Trustee Bowers stated the Medina County Parks district has declined to adopt a resolution in support. Trustee Bowers has talked with numerous people who wish to be a part of the Muskingum Watershed District which she was informed is practically impossible. In order to become a part, the District would need to be recreated which can be accomplished due to statutory authority.

Mr. Mark Krosse, volunteer with Save the Lake Coalition, gave history of how and why their group formed. The Coalition is requesting to expand the existing Muskingum Watershed District to include Chippewa Lake which would allow access to funds helping to alleviate flooding. He shared their progress thus far and the intentions of how they continue to seek help and support to save Chippewa Lake. The Save the Lake Coalition reached out to the Watershed Conservancy District and the Chief Engineer indicated a willingness to accommodate a portion of the Coalition's appeal and he requested evidence of public support. Thus far they have received resolutions of support from the three Villages and Westfield Township petitioning the Board of Trustees of Muskingum. In March the Board denied the Coalitions request. Since the denial the Coalition has been conducting in depth research and discovered that in 1961 when the Chippewa sub District was formed it covered 33 miles of the Chippewa Creek Waterway as its main watercourse. The sub district provides ongoing maintenance and because the Village of Chippewa Lake and Parker Beach declined to join the district at the time, two miles were left out. Trustee Bowers said Lafayette Township is a party to the Upper Chippewa Watershed District but it is not part of the Muskingum Watershed District which causes complication because there are two districts. Trustee Bowers said the Upper Chippewa Watershed District was created approximately 2011. Mr. Krosse gave the history of the Muskingum Watershed District and how and why it was formed. It is the strategic plan of the District to reincorporate the portions that were left out of the watershed including the Medina County portion. Mr. Krosse believes the Park District has declined because they do not wish to negatively impact the working relationship they currently have with Muskingum and believes Muskingum has tabled the Coalitions request for the same reason. The Coalition has met with the Board Chair of the Park District this past Monday and explained all the benefits but the Parks District wishes to remain neutral. Mr. Krosse explained the more recent efforts the Coalition has taken and the formal petition process they are seeking. The Coalition discovered that in 2013 the main District discovered they are on top of the Utica Shale finds and are currently receiving royalties. He described how a portion of those funds are being used and pointed out the average residential assessment in the Chippewa sub District is \$10/annually. The average residential assessment in the main district was \$12/annually and has been lowered to \$6/annually. Trustee Bowers said we are charged more and still don't receive service. She said the township has completed this process before and the Upper Chippewa Watershed District Balance Growth Plan was developed and adopted by several jurisdictions which drain into the "channel".

Mr. Krosse explained being a part of the main district, the services would be for flood control, and numerous watershed and water quality management services under part two of the petition. Trustee Bowers explained the proposed development in Chippewa Lake has collapsed and gave an explanation of how that development would have benefited the Lake as it was not going to have development along the actual lake shore. She is personally against having the land against the lake shore developed because homes will have run off into the lake and contain contaminants.

Resolution 15-2019 Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve a resolution supporting efforts to relieve Chippewa Lake flooding issues including working with the Watershed Conservancy for Southern Medina County. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Guyles Clifford commented on how nice it is to see the American Flag up at the new Safety Services Building.

Mr. Bill Wardle, Toucan Drive, inquired when the township anticipates having the street cleaned as promised. Trustee Bowers explained the service department has been working tirelessly due to the heavy, relentless rain. She explained the development is on the service departments list of items to complete however, it is a project that will be fit in between contracted road projects. She explained how the township has had assessments recommending the next steps to prevent this type of occurrence from happening in the future. Trustee Bowers said the procedure that had been followed on their road is what the township utilizes for all roads and it is not a township decision, it is a Medina County Engineers decision. She acknowledge this process did not work on that road due to the limited amount of traffic flow. Mr. Wardle stated he lives on the corner and vehicles consistently cut the corner to sharp, making ruts in his property. He requested township assistance in erecting something to deter traffic from cutting across his property. It was determined that delineators would be installed.

Police Report:

Sergeant Josh Wilson reported a total of 343 calls for the month of June and gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls. He presented two copies of the amendment for the contract between Medina City Police Department and Lafayette Township. Trustee Bowers explained there are a number of serious car accidents that occur at the intersection of Ryan Road and Route 162 and inquired who at the police department can assist her in obtaining necessary accident information for her to present to Ohio Department of Transportation. Sergeant Wilson recommended speaking to the lieutenants.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the contract with the new amendment between Medina City Police Department and Lafayette Township. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Costello swore in Xavier Payton from Medina City Police Department.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Hall reported 66 runs for the month of June. 59- Lafayette Township, 2- Medina City, 4-Village of Chippewa Lake, 1-Gloria Glens. 2- Automatic Mutual Aid received, 1- Mutual Aid given. 1,377.9 miles logged on all vehicles and 131.60 gallons of fuel.

Chief Hall publically thanked Service Supervisor, Rick Evans for assistance with a home removal of a bedridden bariatric patient.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- Replaced signs- Ryan Road due to an accident, Ballash & Chippewa Road-due to an accident, Carriage Lane- stop sign- bent post. Replaced railroad sign and stop ahead sign-stolen

- Mowing roadsides, complex, Tech Park, Lions Park, township properties
- Mr. Evans stated the part time summer help will be leaving and returning to college
- Dennes Concrete is currently repairing concrete on Wagon Trail, Imagine Lane, Meadow Haven, Honey Shade and Technology Lane. They anticipate completion within 2 weeks, weather permitting. The extreme heat has caused the concrete to expand and the expansion caused significant damage.
- Rerouting ditch work and building six foot shoulder on Egypt Road
- Mr. Evans will meet with county engineer regarding upsizing driveway culverts on Carlton and Egypt Roads
- Mr. Dan Becker, Medina County Engineers Office inspected the 30 inch culvert on Ballash Road due to the recent flooding. Mr. Becker assured Mr. Evans the culvert is of correct size and there is no need for an increased size in the pipe
- Maintaining the ditches and culverts from obstructions due to the recent heavy rains
- June 16th, June 20th and June 28th Egypt, Lance, Carsten, Ryan and Ballash Roads flooded due to flash flooding from the heavy rains. The flash flooding caused even the six foot culverts to be overcome. Trustee Bowers informed Mr. Evans Lafayette Township was included in the declaration for the emergency and if there are any expenses that were extraordinary that were incurred as a result of flooding to please forward them to her for her to seek reimbursement from Federal funds
- Westfield Township assisted Lafayette Township with ditching issues due to the flooding the Saturday after the flooding
- Chatham Township has assisted in trucking dirt
- Mr. Evans thanked Medina Township for allowing the use of their chipper which allowed for the proper clean-up of the down trees from the storms
- Mr. Evans thanked Chief Hall and the fire department for their assistance and use of the tanker truck to clean the slurry off a road way
- Ongoing vehicle and equipment preventative maintenance
- Keeping shop cleaned and organized
- Mr. Evans stated the carpet in the administration offices need cleaned noting there are grease spots- Trustees approved
- Portable toilets were placed in Chippewa Lake for the annual Fourth of July Parade. Trustee Bowers thanked Mr. Evans for his assistance with the parade
- Moved the Lafayette Township Fire Department Memorial to the new Safety Services location
- Pinnacle Monuments has reset and leveled 50 headstones
- Trustee Costello thanked Mr. Evans for moving the barricades to the new Safety Services Building.
- Reid Road is in need of attention. It has caused damage to several plows and ruined several cutting edges this past season. Mr. Evans presented a quote from Most Paving and Mr. Keith Riedel has agreed to contribute \$4,000.00 to the overall cost. In order to avoid hitting the manholes and to prevent damage to the plows, the department will leave the shoes on the plow and lay salt
- Contractors performing work in Hunters Run were informed of curb work that needs attention. Trustee Bowers noted the repairs will be paid for utilizing funds in an assessment account. When subdivisions are being developed the county engineer's office creates the assessment account. This is an assessment that the residents within the development pay in addition to the taxes paid

Trustee Bowers confirmed with Fiscal Officer, Shirley Bailey that \$11,000.00 can be certified in order to make the necessary repairs to Reid Road.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve Most Paving Company's proposal for 1.5 inch overlay on Reid Road in the amount of \$11,948.00. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Strogin reported as of June 30th, (half of 2019), the total estimated value to date is \$3,972,507.00 with 2018 at \$28,912,648.00. Last year 69 permits were written for new homes in comparison with 13 for half of 2019. The fees to date are \$11,387.98 with a total in 2018 at \$61,865.48. Ms. Strogin informed she has received information for the annual APA training. This year the APA is celebrating its 100th annual anniversary conference which will be a three day affair. Ms. Strogin voiced concern over the cost and encouraged attendance at the mock ZBA this Thursday. Trustee Bowers stated Mr. Thorne will conduct a full zoning board workshop this year.

Community Resource Officer Report:

Ms. Detchon reported:

- She received a donation of a case of 9 volt batteries from Drug Mart which will be used to replace batteries in smoke detectors for township senior citizens
- Received a donation of free weights from Planet Fitness in Brunswick for the new Safety Services Building
- A donation of a two story chain ladder for use in the fire tower is in process. The ladder will be utilized for children to practice escape from windows during an actual fire
- Ms. Detchon has made contact with the inflatables representative regarding a possible donation of an inflatable catch pad to use under the ladder when the children practice using the chain ladder. The catch pad can also be used at two story house and University center in emergencies.
- A set of sheets have been donated for the bunk rooms at the Safety Services Building. Ms. Detchon is in the process of contacting the company to seek an additional donation of twelve sets which would allow a spare set for each bunk
- Chief Hall confirmed mattresses and bed frames have been donated by Seeley Mattress
- A bowflex machine, tread climber and an elliptical machine have been donated for the fitness room at the Safety Services Building
- Ms. Detchon has been in contact with the Office of Older Adults. She cannot take a delivery route for Meals on Wheels because their individuals are paid. She will drive a route and when meals are delivered it will allow her to speak to residents about services the township has to offer
- Ms. Detchon stated the green, reflective address signs are still available for \$15 including installation and encourages residents to purchase
- If residents have a long extended driveway she encourages them to contact her or the fire department so a marker can be placed at the driveway alerting the fire department how much hose would be needed to reach the residence in the event of a fire, saving precious time. Trustee Bowers will include in the next township newsletter
- Two lawn chairs were donated and delivered to elderly township residents.
- Conducted a welfare check on an elderly Carsten Road couple who happened to be at lunch
- Ms. Detchon has been working on the preliminary work for the cemetery grant.

Trustee Bowers thanked Ms. Detchon on behalf of the Board and stated they appreciated the work she is doing.

Recreation:

None

Economic Development:

Trustee Bowers said an Economic Development meeting is scheduled for August

Cemetery:

Ms. Detchon and Trustee Bowers are working on preparing the necessary work to apply for a cemetery grant.

Old Business:

Ms. Buell stated Ms. Evans requested placing the employee handbook on the agenda. Trustee Bowers requested the Board table the employee handbook until the new Safety Services Building and the zoning book are complete as right now Mr. Thorne has a lot to address. The Board agreed.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$3,999,205.44

Pooled Investments: \$2,186,913.90

Available Checking Balance: \$1,812,291.54

Ms. Bailey gave a breakdown of the fire department requisitions. Chief Hall stated the requisition for twelve, fifty foot sections of Mercedes 2.5 inch fire hose was a combined purchase with Westfield and Seville in order to receive a discounted rate.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the requisitions for the month of June 2019. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Warchola moved to approve the Special Construction Meeting of May 20, 2019, Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019, Special Meeting of June 7, 2019, Special Construction Meeting of July 1, 2019, and Special Meeting of July 5, 2019. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved: _____

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

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