

Minutes  
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Special Meeting  
Monday, December 9, 2019

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

Meeting called to order: 1:15 p.m.

Ms. Bailey confirmed Star Ohio handles the township investments which have a total current balance from all accounts of \$993,000.00.

Trustee Warchola will confirm with Chief Hall that the sirens run by radio communication. If so, the Board agreed to have the land line phones and internet disconnected at Station #2 which will be a savings of approximately \$130.00/month.

Mr. Evans informed the Board the ceiling leaked in the newly renovated town hall restrooms due to roof leaks.

Trustee Bowers said she anticipates going to mortgage for the new Safety Services Building by year end.

Ms. Bailey confirmed there is \$766,000.00 in the bank as of today. If the township finances the bond into a mortgage with Huntington Bank she believes we can mortgage approximately \$3 million at approximately 2% interest.

Trustee Bowers said during the Election Day open house residents approached her concerning the surveys Cloverleaf School District had sent out asking for input on how to spend the reported \$7 million from Nexus. Many residents hoped they would get rid of the income tax. There is approximately 13,700 voters in the school district with Cloverleaf receiving 266 responses from the survey with the majority in favor of a new school. Trustee Bowers attended the Cloverleaf Board meeting and on behalf of the Lafayette Township residents within the Cloverleaf school district she requested the school board review the issue further. The Board thanked Ms. Bowers and voted to send an out a Request for Qualifications for the new school. They also did a presentation showing how it will be on the ballot four years in a row. One for an operating levy for the new school and one is a bond issue to pay the second half of the new school because they said they have support for the levies according to the survey. Trustee Bowers sent a letter explaining the real challenge of placing four levies back to back four years in a row. One Cloverleaf Board member suggested placing the building of the school on the ballot.

Trustee Bowers said for road improvements, road and bridge monies cannot be used. She will include in the upcoming newsletter information regarding the motor vehicle license tax. She explained in the next budget cycle there may be an opportunity to roll to \$7.50-\$10.00 and if the

township doesn't the county can take it. She wants to ensure the residents are properly informed concerning the permissive tax that 100% goes to Lafayette Township.

**Cemetery**- it was determined to leave \$30,000.00 in this fund. Trustee Bowers said there are no major projects in 2020. The appropriation will be the amount of the carryover from 2019. Trustee Bowers said there is an annual capital cemetery grant. She said we did not receive the grant in 2019 and she believes there is a chance Lafayette will receive it in 2020. Trustee Bowers explained the township can apply for the capital project such as the crematorium. Trustee Bowers will check into it.

Ms. Buell said the Lafayette Youth Baseball League is anticipating opening enrollment to a larger area and they are expecting several additional teams than in the past. Discussion took place regarding applying for capital project funds to help with the baseball fields. Some of the suggestions were additional bleachers, rebuilding Lions Park, restrooms, etc.

**Medina City Police Account**- Ms. Bailey confirmed all monies have been forwarded. She said the appropriation needs to be what the Certificate of Resources states.

**Policing Services**- Half of the community Resource Officer payroll is deducted from this account. The Board agreed to budget \$25,000.00. Trustee Bowers said Ms. Detchon is planning on having safety town at the new Safety Services Building. She has been gathering necessary supplies, attending seminars, collecting coloring books and she has individuals making little buildings, stop signs, etc. Trustee Warchola said Ms. Detchon will not be available to attend the next township meeting and requested a monthly report. Ms. Buell suggested advertising the safety town in the schools in early April as many families start planning their summer activities early.

Trustee Bowers reminded Ms. Bailey to inform the Board if any adjustments are needed prior to the next meeting so a resolution can be prepared in order to close 2019. Ms. Bailey explained she and Ms. Evans have been working together and things are looking good.

**Zoning**- It was agreed upon to place \$40,000.00 in zoning. Trustee Bowers said the zoning secretary will be paid by the meeting in 2020.

Trustee Costello said he noticed the unsightly appearance and the odor emanating from the grease trap at the Safety Service Building. Mr. McDonald is aware of the issues. He will inquire with McCall Sharp the proper procedure for cleaning the trap. Mr. McDonald said the trap will need cleaned, then he will seal the lid with caulk and screw it down to see if that helps dissipate the odor. Mr. McDonald said there is general maintenance with the grease trap. Trustee Bowers requested finding out what is being put down the drain.

Trustee Warchola will be at the Safety Services Building this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and will check on the status of the requested duty list.

2:01 p.m. Trustee Bowers moved to recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel hiring, compensation, and potential litigation with Legal Counsel pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1. Joining executive session is Legal Counsel, William Thorne

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

**3:10 Trustee Warchola moved to reconvene the special meeting**

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

No decisions have been made.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 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