

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019

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

Meeting called to order: 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the Special meeting of September 6, 2019, Special meeting of September 16, 2019, Regular meeting of September 16, 2019, Special meeting of September 30, 2019. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Public Participation:

Resident, Dave Hollish, Carlton Road, requested the Board give approval for a “No Jake Brake” sign to be posted at Columbia Road. Due to the construction on Smith Road the traffic has been rerouted causing a noise nuisance for him. He spoke to the state and they informed Mr. Hollish someone from the township must initiate the action. Trustee Bowers said she doesn’t have a problem initiating the action but reminded Mr. Hollish the township has not had success in the past and asked that he please understand this requires time. Mr. Evans suggested contacting the county due to it being a county road. Mr. Hollish was informed the county would make contact with Lafayette.

It was brought to Mr. Hollish’s attention that Nexus has granted Chesapeake Energy the right to place a “fill station” on the Mann property. The Board confirmed they have not received any information regarding this. Mr. Hollish contacted the PUCO, the DNR, Medina County, and elected state officials and gave an explanation on his findings. He was informed Chesapeake Energy can be considered a utility company and would be subject to township rules and zoning. He will forward Trustee Bowers the information he has so she can research and what if any actions the township can/should take. Mr. Hollish requested to be notified if the township receives information. Trustee Costello said the Board will request the Township Legal Counsel review the information and advise accordingly.

Trustee Bowers informed Mr. Hollish, Mr. Evans has been working on replacing and installing the needed drive pipes along Egypt Road. Mr. Hollish said Mr. Evans has performed fantastic work and is pleased with the progress noting it is a noticeable difference.

Ms. Donna Beheidt, candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives for the 2020 election, introduced herself and welcomed any questions or concerns the residents of Lafayette Township may have.

Financial Report:

Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$3,211,362.00
Pooled Investments: \$2,192,144.89
Available Checking Balance: \$1,019,217.11

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Ms. Bailey said she has received the resolution on the Amounts & Rates from the Board of Revisions. Trustee Bowers explained one is for the Fire District and one is for the Township at Large. She reviewed and said there were no changes.

Trustee Bowers moved to accept the Amounts & Rates as recommended by the Budget Commission. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey explained two Lafayette Township firefighters contacted Ohio Deferred Compensation and requested monies be withheld. Ms. Bailey contacted Ohio Deferred Compensation and was informed they cannot participate in the program as they are not part of OPERS nor Ohio Police & Fire. If they currently serve on another department and are part of either of the above stated, they may qualify but must do so through that particular department. Ms. Bailey requested Chief Hall inform personnel why they are not eligible to participate and of the proper procedure to follow. Ms. Bailey read the stipulations set forth by OPERS.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the requisition for office supplies from Staples for Administration, Zoning and the Fire Department, in the amount of \$241.54. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Correspondence:

None

Trustee Bowers announced the Lafayette Township Zoning Commission has completed their review and public hearing on the proposed amendments to the zoning resolution adding section 226 for Agritourism and amending section 310.3 the Lake Road Overlay District. The Agritourism has to do with a change in the state statute. The Zoning Commissions recommended approval to the Board of Trustees and the County Planning Commission has recommended the approval. The Board of Trustees must hold a public hearing within thirty days with publication. Trustee Bowers will forward Ms. Buell the advertisement for publication.

Trustee Bowers moved to set the public hearing for November 18, 2019 at 6:15 p.m... Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers has voluntarily been assuming the zoning secretary position and has saved the township approximately \$6500.00 this year.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- Mr. Evans confirmed the smaller trucks work well in Chippewa Lake. Mr. Evans stated he is need of additional seasonal help in order to maintain snow removal throughout the township
- Ditching and mowing of the roadsides, complex, Technology Park, Lion's Park, township properties and cemeteries is ongoing. Spraying and pulling the weeds
- Topsoil was placed along the replaced curbs in Tech Park and the developments
- Met with Medina County Sanitary Engineers to address the issues with the water boxes in Chippewa Lake
- Cleaning and maintaining township equipment. Serviced the new F550
- Preparing the plow equipment for the imminent weather
- Replaced three hydraulic hoses on the John Deere boom mower due to leaks
- Keeping the shop cleaned and organized
- Replacing the bad lights and ballasts in the old station 1
- Mr. Evans requested an update from Ms. Detchon on the cemetery grant. She informed that Trustee Bowers is handling the grant. Trustee Bowers stated that grant has been submitted but the information hasn't been released.
- Mr. Evans said the pavement in the Raintree Development is doing fine for the time being and the roads will be reassessed in the spring
- Explained the Chippewa Contract Agreement for Services with the Village of Chippewa Lake

18-2019 Trustee Bowers moved to approve a resolution reauthorizing the Chippewa Lake Snow Plow Agreement 2019/2020. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Police Report:

Lieutenant Marcum reported a total of 380 calls for the month of September and gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls.

Trustee Bowers requested the police department make priority patrols in the early mornings within the developments as the children are catching the buses and many of the areas are dark especially when the time change occurs.

Fire Report:

Chief Hall reported 56 runs for the month of September. 1-York Township, 46- Lafayette Township, 2- Westfield Township, 4- Village of Chippewa Lake, 3- Gloria Glens. Five mutual aids were received and three mutual aid given. He reported 131.90 gallons of fuel were used on all vehicles. 1,210 miles were logged on all the vehicles. Chief Hall gave a breakdown of the nature of the calls. The average response time will be reported monthly and starting next month the report will be cleaner especially in part to operating out of one facility.

Chief Hall reported the department will be collectively going in with all other departments in the county for the State Fire Marshalls Marks grant. Chief Strazzo from Brunswick Hills Township offered his services and will be assisting all departments. Trustee Bowers will be attending a Seek meeting with Emergency Management in Columbus and invited someone from the fire department to join her.

Chief Hall confirmed he has enough volunteers for this Sunday's open house.

Ms. Bailey said she received an invoice from First Communications that was ninety days past due. One invoice was sent to Heather Hedge and one was sent to the new Safety Services Building on Technology Lane. Ms. Bailey explained to First Communications she will not be paying the late charges. It was determined the fire department will install a mailbox at the new Safety Services Building. The Board stressed all mail is to be delivered to the administration department and distributed accordingly. All Fire Association mail will be delivered to the Fire Association's Post Office Box.

Trustee Bowers reminded Chief Hall the Board passed a resolution stating after three calls regarding gas wells warrant a charge. She explained the township residents should not incur the cost of the department being dispatched for negligent gas leaks. This is to pressure the gas companies to fix the gas leaks. Chief Hall was instructed to inform the Board so Legal Counsel could send proper notification.

Trustee Costello explained he has been the main trustee overseeing the construction of the new Safety Services Building. He suggested since the fire department taking occupancy and Trustee Warchola is the Fire Liaison, it makes sense to have a single contact person.

Trustee Costello made a motion placing Trustee Warchola as the contact person for the general contractor, architect and working with Lafayette Township's Owner's representative, Bill McDonald. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Stogin reported it has been a light month in the zoning department. Ms. Stogin reported as of the end of September 2019 the total estimated value to date is \$4,743,152.00 with 2018 at \$28,912,648.00. The fees to date are \$14,424.21 with a total in 2018 at \$61,865.48.

Ms. Stogin requested the Board's signatures on the mylar copies for the lot splits on the Deer Farm property. The home located on Westfield Road that had been issued a Cease and Desist in April has complied with the

township regulations. Ms. Strogin has now lifted the Cease and Desist order. She explained the Wedgewood Estates HOA documents have not yet been approved and gave a brief explanation.

Community Resource:

Ms. Detchon reported she conducted a senior talk on self-defense in September at 699 North Huntington Street, Medina. Medina City Police Department asked Ms. Detchon to prepare information on crime prevention for an event they were presenting at Medina Hospital. Ms. Detchon has familiarized herself with the security cameras at the new Safety Services building. Ms. Detchon is still educating herself on programming the electronic sign at the new building. Continued preparing for the Grand Opening of the new Safety Services Building Open House. Ms. Detchon attended House of Worship training in Brunswick. She explained it is a security program that is conducted by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. She has been working with the Association to bring the program to Lafayette Township. She anticipates hosting after the grand opening. Ms. Detchon reported Inflatable Design was not able to provide the inflatable mattress they had originally agreed to donate. She anticipated utilizing the donated mattress under the safety escape ladder during the Open House. The ladder is to teach children how to safely escape a second story building. Ms. Detchon will contact the schools requesting the use of their safety mats. She recommends using “spotters” to ensure children’s safety. Trustee Bowers requested Ms. Detchon work on devising a program educating parents on internet and electronic safety. Ms. Detchon has had discussion with the Sheriff and is waiting to hear back from him. Trustee Bowers requested Ms. Detchon write a small explanation on banking scams and forward it to her for the newsletter. Trustee Bowers thanked Ms. Detchon for taking care of the brightness on the new electronic sign at the new Safety Service Building. She said other than the one complaint, everything else regarding the sign has been positive feedback. She also received compliments on the American Flag out front of the new building. Ms. Detchon explained the brightness and temperature controls are not working on the sign and she is working on having the issues fixed which will be covered under warranty. She has been in contact with a gentlemen in California and with the representative in Cleveland. She has not yet heard back from either gentleman.

Recreation:

None

Economic Development:

None

Cemetery:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Employee Appreciation dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Buell requested Fire and Service send an email to all employees with “Save the Date” information which will be followed by invitations.

Trustee Bowers reviewed the Open House agenda for the new Safety Service Building open house. Discussion over the time capsule took place.

Ms. Julie Latchaw, Huntington Bank, manages the banking relationship with Ms. Bailey regarding the township accounts. She discussed earning interest on the funds in the townships operating accounts. The Board agreed to allow Huntington Bank to activate the interest earning feature beginning November 1, 2019. Ms. Latchaw explained the interest earned every month will be paid out the following month on the 15th. Ms. Latchaw had an in depth conversation regarding banking fraud and warned the public of the phone spoofing scheme.

Trustee Costello moved to pay the warrants of the township. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

7:42 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

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