

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2015

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Bryon Macron, Trustee Michael Costello, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

6:01- Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess the special meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel employment, discipline and compensation pursuant to 121.22G1 of the Ohio Revised Code. Also joining executive session are Chief Jeff Hall, Assistant Chief Winter and Fiscal Officer, Shirley Bailey.

Roll Call: Bowers-yes, Costello-yes, Macron-yes.

7:47- Mr. Macron moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Roll Call: Bowers- yes, Costello- yes, Macron- yes.

Ms. Bowers made a motion that the Assistant Fire Chief's salary is increased annually by \$1,000.00 effective immediately. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers made a motion for the trustees to approve the Burnham and Flower insurance renewal for plan three (3) which is the Lafayette Township Fire and Rescue benefits that are applied while performing a covered duty. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers moved to approve the Ohio Public Entity Consortium plan for vision insurance policy, submitted to VSP. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers stated it was realized today there was a typographical error in the cemetery rules and she has made the change. On page one, item #6 has been added. It lists under general rules that a single grave site is a 4' x 12' parcel and a plot is four contiguous grave sites totaling 16' x 12'. While making that change Ms. Bowers realized the original resolution stated, "Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Lafayette Township that the Lafayette Township Cemetery rules attached here to and made a part hereof", does not say anything about approving the rules.

Ms. Bowers made a motion for a resolution to amend and adopt the cemetery rules as written. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Costello made a motion to adopt the drafted resolution received from Westfield Township as follows:

A resolution to support and the implementation of a flat rate fee for the provision of fire and rescue services within the Lodi Fire Department service area, and a procedure for the collection of said fee for “non-response” calls.

Ms. Bowers stated there is a typographical error at the top of the drafted resolution and if approved Ms. Bowers will make the change to reflect Lafayette Township. Ms. Bowers stated we have an obligation to protect our taxpayers and if our service is supplanting theirs instead of being mutual aid than a change is needed. Mr. Costello stated Lodi mayor has changed from Westfield being number one to Chatham being number one and Lafayette being number two and Westfield is number three. Mr. Costello stated Lafayette has gone to Lodi quite a bit last year, nowhere near what Westfield did though. Westfield organized two meetings last year where a chief sent a trustee from all jurisdictions to the meetings and then the fire chiefs met to establish a fee schedule for basic life support calls and an advanced life support calls. Mr. Costello believes that all surrounding townships have passed the resolution with the exception of Chatham Township. Mr. Costello explained a non-response call means no one from the department answers at all. Ms. Bowers asked if this occurs with any other department where Lafayette responds. Mr. Costello said it has, approximately twice in the last year. Ms. Bowers wanted to ensure Lafayette is not usurping our mutual aid agreement. Ms. Bowers stated a Westfield resident contacted her two years ago regarding the statement “we don’t need to talk to you, Westfield, Lafayette staffs and we will use them”, that was said during a meeting. Ms. Bowers ultimately attended a meeting and told them that Lafayette cannot allow them to abuse our tax dollars. Mr. Costello stated that Lodi has hired a full time fire chief and is doing a much better job.

Mr. Costello made a motion that the trustees approve a resolution to bill the Village of Lodi for non-response calls pursuant to the outline resolution and the terms established within the resolution. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Macron suggested once the resolution is signed, that it be forwarded to the county prosecutor.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to promote Carlos Vasquez to full time at the rate of \$16.50 per hour, which is the designated rate for full time road man within the service department, effective immediately. Mr. Vasquez’s probation will run until such time he obtains his CDL. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey confirmed Mr. Vasquez will be full time as of today, March 2, 2015.

Ms. Bowers stated that there are old documents, audio recordings, bank deposit slips, etc. that are listed on the already approved retention schedule. She said on the list there are old police records prior to 2006-2007 and would like to hold off on destroying those records due to a recent request from Steve Clark for an old report for someone picked up on a warrant. Ms. Bowers would like to get any warrants from Lafayette Township that are still outstanding from the court. Ms. Bowers suggested once we receive the list to pull all the reports that still have a warrant and file them appropriately and dispose the rest. Ms. Bailey stated the township has received requests from the court to seal old records and we don’t have them anymore. Discussion was held what Ms. Evans pulled for destruction. Ms. Bowers will contact the clerk of courts tomorrow for Medina Municipal. Ms. Bailey stated that the trustees have a copy in their mailboxes of the records requested to be destroyed. Mr. Macron would like the documents to be shredded before the spring clean-up day on May 2nd to prevent a pest problem.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve the shredding. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Macron moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bowers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approved: _____

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer