

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Lafayette Township Board of Trustees & Lafayette Township Fire District
February 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Township Hall, 6776 Wedgewood Road, Medina, OH. Notice of this meeting by zoom was given consistent with the Lafayette Township public body rule for the notification of meetings to the public and news media and the amended Ohio Revised Code providing for virtual meetings. The meeting is being held by zoom in order to ensure compliance with social distancing protocols under Governor DeWine's current order while also ensuring all that wish to observe our meetings have the opportunity to do so, consistent with ORC 121.22 and the township's open meeting policy.

The meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola, Fiscal Officer Laura Rubensaal and Law Director William Thorne

Consent agenda was considered as follows:

1. The Minutes Pending Approval for the Special Meeting of December 14, 2020, the Regular meeting of December 21, 2020, the Organizational meeting of January 1, 2021 and the Special meeting of January 20, 2021
2. Acceptance of the service, police, fire and zoning reports.
3. A correction to Resolution 9 – 21, under administration clerical, the end of the first sentence should be 20, not 19. The mistake was a word processing error, overlooked when updating the annual document from the previous year.
4. Requisitions submitted by the Fiscal Officer
5. Paying the warrants of the township as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, a copy of which will be appended to the minutes.
6. Updating the service / tuition reimbursement agreement to be signed by firefighters, EMTs, or Paramedics.

Mr. Warchola made a motion seconded by Ms. Bowers to approve the items on the consent agenda, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Fiscal Officer's report. Fiscal officer Rubensaal provided the financial report for the month, FO Rubensaal requested **approval to apply a balance in the safety services building account to the principal on the note Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to approve, all voting in favor, motion passed.**

In correspondence the Medina County Park District requested a **letter of support for the Chippewa Inlet Trail Rehabilitation project to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to approve, all voting in favor, motion passed.**

Zoning: Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to appoint Bill Lister to the BZA seat expiring December 31, 2025. All voting in favor, motion passed. Ms. Bowers reported a complaint had been received regarding the size of numerous signs in the front lawn of a Ryan Road property. Mr. Thorne was requested to review the zoning code for enforcement recommendations. Ms. Bowers reported that in the meantime, she will attempt to speak with the owner as a gentler way of addressing the issue.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Alliss Strogin reported building permits totaled more than \$21 million in new value for the year 2020 and is already more than \$2M for the beginning of 2021.

Community Resource – Kim Detchon reported she made and donated 300 masks for Shop with a Cop. She indicated shop with a cop looked a bit different this year due to Covid-19 restrictions but was a great success. Ms. Bowers asked Officer Detchon to work with the various organizations in the township hosting Easter Egg hunts for any assistance the township might provide.

Cemetery: Ms. Bowers reported there is not much activity in the township's five cemeteries this time of year. There have been a few burials but so far, no weather-related issues.

Old Business – Mr. Costello noted that work coordinating replacement of the Administrative office and fire department copiers is ongoing. There is one additional quote expected and some additional information that should be available by our next meeting.

New Business – Trustees asked FO Rubensaal if she would take on the project of revamping the township's website. She agreed. Ms. Bowers reported that she has communicated with Sheriff Grice regarding reviving Sheriff Hassinger's litter patrol program which included non-violent offenders cleaning ditches in the townships. Sheriff Grice is already working on it, hopefully we will get some news soon. Ms. Bowers reported that there are three Easter Egg Hunts she is currently aware of scheduled in the township, Hunters Run, Dover Highlands and Chippewa Lake Village. ZI Strogin obtained 1,800 plastic eggs filled with candy from ATT&T Pioneers to donate to the events. Ms. Bowers requested Resource Officer Detchon coordinate with these events for fire, police and the resource officer to offer any involvement they might like to have. Ms. Bowers reported an issue has come up with a previously approved variance. Many years ago, a Gilbert Street property owner obtained a variance to build a home. However, neither the variance or associated documents recite what the variance was. The concern is the ZI really doesn't have the appropriate information upon which to issue a building permit. Additionally, in the future, a title search may not pass for a future seller/buyer if the terms of the

variance is not clear. Ms. Bowers said she felt the township had the burden of providing a clear description of the variance it granted and did not feel the property owner should be penalized by having to pay another application fee. **Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to waive the re-application fee for the Gilbert Street variance. All voting in favor, motion passed.**

Mr. Costello asked the board to consider inclusion in the Medina County Highway Engineer's 2021 Pavement Marking Project as a means to get lower pricing on any pavement marking we may need. **Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to approve inclusion in the Medina County Highway Engineer's 2021 Pavement Marking Project, all voting in favor, motion passed.**

The board advised the FO Rubensaal to forward utility bills and work with EMA to transfer utilities for the Chippewa facility to EMA.

Mr. Warchola thanked the service department for a job well done plowing during the recent weather events. Ms. Bowers echoed including there were even good comments on social media coming from the Village on how efficient the plowing was.

Ms. Buell advised there was a lot split that had been approved by the ZI needing trustee signatures to be filed.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

Laura Rubensaal, Fiscal Officer

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee