

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

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

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. 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 was 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Trustees Costello, Bowers, Warchola, Fiscal Officer Rubensaal and Law Director Thorne

The Consent agenda was considered as follows:

1. Minutes for the regular meeting, February 15, 2021.
2. Acceptance of the service, police, fire and zoning reports.
3. Resolution 12 - 2021: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY
4. Resolution 13 - 2021: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES QUALIFICATIONS
5. Resolution 14 - 2021: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A CEMETERY ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND, TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT CURRENTLY IN THE CEMETERY FUND TO THE NEWLY CREATED CEMETERY ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND AND TO EXTINGUISH THE CEMETERY FUND
6. Authorizing Trustee Bowers to make a MCDAC grant application
7. Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to renew the township insurance.
8. Resolution 15 - 2021: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021.

There were no questions or additions to the consent agenda. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to approve all items on the consent agenda, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Rubensaal submitted the current payment listing and fund status. She reported the routine 2018-2019 audit is underway.

Resolution 16 -2021 A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 PERMANENT

APPROPRIATIONS. Trustee Bowers explained in the general fund, the new assistant of Fiscal Officer Rubensaal has requested as compensation that the township only cover the cost of monthly medical insurance. This has resulted in a savings of about 75% in that line item. For the safety services building the appropriation proposed to be paid toward the mortgage is the entire anticipated levy collection. However, if we keep the belt tight, any extra inside millage collected on new construction and the rollback that distributes in October could also be applied toward the mortgage. The goal remains paying off the mortgage as quickly as possible which will eliminate the tax levy residents pay. Trustee Bowers reminded department heads the appropriations take into account worst-case needs to ensure available funding along with appropriate carryover balances to the next year. Projects still require board approval.

Trustee Warchola made a motion seconded by Trustee Bowers to approve Resolution 16-2021, all voting in favor, motion passed.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

Old Business

Trustee Bowers reported bid tabulations had been received from the county engineer's office for the improvement of Ryan at the twp. line to S.R. 162 at \$42,421.44, Ballash Rd. from the twp. line to 162 at \$16,759.90 and all of Eastlake at \$12,095.55 for a total of \$71,286.89 from Melway Paving. This is about \$16,000 under the engineer's estimate. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to accept the bids, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Administrative Asst. Buell reported there was still information needing reviewed in order to make a decision on the replacement of the administrative office copier. Trustees agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

New Business

Trustee Warchola and Chief Winkler reported on the application of William Gross. On the recommendation of Chief Winkler, Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to hire William Gross subject to a background check, verification of a valid Ohio driver license and the standard probation period. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers reported the Medina County Planning Commission recommended approval with modifications of the Taylor Heights subdivision. On March 9, 2021 the Lafayette Township Zoning Commission determined the recommended modifications had been made, that the development complied with the Lafayette Township Zoning Code and recommended approval subject to review and approval of the HOA Docs and landscape plan by the Law Director and Zoning Inspector. She also noted that while the recommendation was approval as the plan complies with the zoning code, two of the zoning members did indicate they did not like the

plan. Trustees agreed the plan complies with the requirements of the Lafayette Township Zoning Code. Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve subject to receipt and approval of the HOA Docs and landscape plan, seconded by Mr. Warchola, all voting in favor.

Service Supervisor Evans had sent notice to trustees that First, Second, Sixth and Chestnut street are in need of improvement. He requested approval to have the County Engineer bid the needed improvements. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to request the county engineer do all things necessary to bid the improvement of First, Second, Sixth and Chestnut Streets. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustees requested Administrative Asst. Buell firm up details for clean up day vouchers with the County. Trustee Bowers will prepare a flyer.

Trustees authorized Trustee Bowers to work with Service Supervisor Evans and Law Director Thorne to write specs and request bids for resurfacing the township complex parking lot. This is not an approval of the project, just soliciting bids.

Trustee Costello set a special meeting for Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to be held in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel compensation and appointment. He also noted possibly discussing the administrative office copier at that time if the information is available.

Announcements-

Trustee Bowers compliment the service department on continuing rehabilitation of the older pioneer stones in the cemeteries as time permits. She noted it is a challenging job.

Trustee Bowers reported she had reached out to representatives at the State level to stay on top of any new distributions that might be available as a result of federal aid for Coronavirus that could be used to continue funding around the clock rescue service and expansion of broadband to the underserved areas of the township to provide reliable internet service for students and residents working from home.

Trustee Costello reported he discussed the payment status of Lafayette Township dispatch fees. Sheriff Grice will assist in pursuing a response from the prosecutor and also indicated he is working to create an updated and uniform manner for billing.

Administrative Asst. Buell reported it was time to have porta potties placed at the ball fields. Great Lakes is sending a contract at the same rate as last year, \$95 per month for a regular and \$125 per month for the ADA compliant. She will have the contract reviewed by Law Director Thorne upon receipt.

Trustee Costello moved to pay the warrants of the township, seconded by Trustee Warchola, all voting in favor.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved

Lynda Bowers

Laure Rubensaal

Michael Costello

Marty Warchola