

Minutes  
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 15, 2015

**Meeting called to order:** 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Mr. Costello made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015- Regular Trustee Meeting and the May 22, 2015- Special Meeting. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

**Financial Report:** Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,600,283.29  
Pooled Investments: \$1,539,137.24  
Primary Checking Balance: \$1,061,146.05

**Requisitions:**

Service Department: \$8,988.66  
Administration: \$110.35  
Fire Department: \$16,669.98  
Police: \$0  
Zoning: \$90.50  
Total: \$25,859.49

Ms. Bailey stated the requisition total for the service department is high due to the road repairs needed on Fayette Boulevard. Ms. Bowers questioned Mr. Evans if any of the funds are reimbursable out of the assessment fund from the County Engineers Office. Ms. Bowers explained that when a subdivision is created, the County Engineers Office creates an assessment fund. This is where funds are removed from when there are storm sewer repairs etc. Ms. Bowers stated most of the funds will be reimbursable. Mr. Evans will be following up with the county regarding the condition of several areas along Fayette Blvd. Mr. Evans anticipates the damaged area of Fayette Blvd will be repaired this week, if weather permits.

Ms. Bailey stated the Fire Department requisition total is high due to the purchase of four sets of turnout gear and the other high amount was for the labor of the air conditioning repairs to 107-1.

**Mr. Macron made a motion to approve the requisitions in the total amount of \$25,859.49. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

**Correspondence:**

Ms. Bowers stated the tax budget is due before the July meeting. Ms. Bowers and Ms. Bailey have reviewed the budget.

**Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve submission of the tax budget at a zero increase to our levies and the numbers are consistent with the 2015 appropriations budget. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Mr. Macron said a thank you card was received from Waltz Church thanking the Lafayette Service Department for hard work that went in to preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day Service. Mr. Macron received two phone calls complimenting the Fire Department for the outstanding service they provided. Mr. Scott Romanoff was also singled out for exceptional service. Mr. Macron said it is very gratifying to receive calls like that. Mr. Macron spoke with Mr. Jay Goodman, Absolute Zero, regarding the new website and it should be up and running next week sometime. Ms. Bowers said she is surprised how many residents utilize the township website and many people complain about the difficulty navigating the current website.

Mr. Costello presented a citizen recognition award to Mr. Richard Duecker.

**Mr. Costello moved to approve a resolution recognizing Mr. Richard Duecker for his heroism and willingness to take immediate action to extinguish a fire on the front porch of a neighbor's home on May 28, 2015. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Hall reported a total of 67 runs for the month May (11-Fire, 46-EMS to Lafayette Township, 1- Fire, 2-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 3-EMS to Gloria Glens, 3-Fire, 1-EMS Mutual Aid). Fuel Usage: 406.7 gallons of fuel, 2,737 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Chief Hall reported the Fire Department has received the Insurance Organization Survey (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. Chief Hall is happy to report that Lafayette's classification has dropped to a "4" (see attached written classification). Equipment upgrade and staffing helped getting it lowered. This classification will go into effect on September 1, 2015. Mr. Macron stated the lower the number the department receives, the better Lafayette residents personal homeowners insurance premiums will be, affecting everyone within the township. Chief Hall stated it was a learning experience meeting with ISO. Chief Hall believes there is only one ISO rated "1" fire department in the state of Ohio and maybe only ten across the country.

Mr. Costello informed everyone the Medina County Township Association met last month for discussion concerning the All Hazards Team and one issue was the funding for the team. All townships and villages pay into the All Hazards team and were under the direction of the Medina County Fire Chiefs, which is not a recognized political organization within the county. There was representation at the meeting from the Prosecutors Office, the Fire Chiefs Association, and EMA and discussion was held trying to determine how to fund the team, the overall structure and voting process to take place in establishing funding for the Hazards Team. Mr. Costello informed it had been determined for the All Hazards Team to form a Council of Government (COG) which will have representation from the townships, fire chiefs along with a couple citizens. In the interim, the Hazards team will operate under the EMA Council of Government. The directive and decision from the meeting was for all trustees to relay the information to their Boards and determine if their townships were willing to join the All Hazards Team COG and support the decision of the operation. Ms. Bowers stated, "It is also important to note that there has been no concern about how the funding has been spent, there is no concern that every dime has not been accounted for,

and it is simply an audit issue that came up that no one ever thought through. It has always operated this way for many years and has operated fine but when they started taking a look at the structure they realized they needed to formalize things”.

**Mr. Costello made a motion for the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees to support the formation of a Council of Government to govern the Medina County All Hazards Team. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Resident, Sue Heiszek questioned the duties of the All Hazards Team. Mr. Macron gave a description with examples. It was explained that there is specialized equipment and training that fire departments aren't always trained for and the equipment is not used regularly therefore it is not cost effective for all departments to have. Mr. Costello mentioned the All Hazards Team is also in the initial stages of forming a water rescue team.

**Mr. Costello moved to approve a resolution establishing the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees as the selection and approval authority of fire department officer promotions with the input of the Fire Chief. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Ms. Bowers mentioned that it is not necessary to have this resolution, this is law. This is just clarification.

Mr. Costello stated the trustees will be meeting next Friday with Mr. Bill Kramer from Cincinnati. He will be presenting information to the Board of Trustees on doing an overall fire department evaluation. Ms. Bowers suggested having the prosecutor at the meeting.

**Service Department Report:**

Mr. Evans reported using Westfield's Township equipment to mow the back slopes and ditches. Three new culverts were installed on Egypt Road and they had to change the grade on one of them. Mr. Evans met with Mr. Dan Becker up on Gilbert Street concerning the sink hole. They ran a camera through the pipe and there is no obstruction in it. The pipe was installed incorrectly with no knowledge of who installed it. Mr. Evans believes in order to properly fix the issue, the pipe needs to be completely dug up and redone with an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. Mr. Evans has not personally ever witnessed flooding in that area. Mr. Evans reported ditching has been done on Carsten Road. He has met with the County Engineer regarding road bids. The service department has patched some potholes. The dugouts have been torn down and removed at Lions Park. Mr. Evans met with Mr. Chad Baker of the Lafayette Youth Baseball League and replaced the center column pillar in the dugout at Mann Field. It was a safety hazard because the center concrete blocks were preparing to cave in toward the interior of the dugout. Mr. Evans recommends some type of safety stop in front of the dugouts preventing a driver from accidentally driving into a occupied dugout. Mr. Macron has spoken with Mr. Chad Baker and after the baseball season a meeting will be held to discuss any issues/concerns. Mr. Macron stated safety is our number one concern. Ms. Bowers reminded Mr. Evans that one of the portable toilets needs to be moved to Lions Park for the Fourth of July. Ms. Bowers also stated there was a complaint regarding the outhouses not being cleaned often enough. Mr. Macron contacted the company. Mr. Evans reported the sign tracker is up and running and the department has started to "tag" the signs except on private roads. Mr. Evans said the initial set-up was time consuming but in the long run it will be a time saver. Ms. Bowers said in the townships most recent risk management review, from a liability stand point, risk management was thrilled to know we purchased the sign tracker. The

service department has washed and waxed the trucks and excavator. Replaced the blade and welded the safety shield on the berm mower. The service department placed all the flags in the cemetery and Mr. Macron recommends keeping all the flags up through the Fourth of July weekend. Mr. Macron requested the service department replace the POW flag at Memorial Commons. Mr. Evans stated they straightened a few headstones that were falling and there is still enough work to send someone up there full time for the entire summer. Ms. Bowers said the attendees at the service were pleased at how nice the cemetery looked. Mr. Costello said he received numerous compliments on how nice the cemetery looked.

**Police Report:**

Sergeant Sanford reported that Mr. Macron was given the activity sheets for the month. Activity is picking up due to the nice weather. Sgt. Sanford has not been around since the first of June due to vacation. Sgt. Sanford said the communication between the township and the Sheriff's Department is being addressed. Sgt. Sanford recommends we contact or e-mail him when there is an issue and when a meeting is scheduled with administration along with the communication supervisor, he can back up complaints with dates and times. Mr. Macron stated discussion needs to start regarding the replacement of car 11. Ms. Buell questioned the process to request a deputy to forward addresses for late citations and Sgt. Sanford said he has requested the officers write all pertinent information in the remarks section of the citation.

**Zoning:**

Ms. Strogin reported things are picking up with the warmer weather.

**Economic Development:**

Ms. Bowers stated we are waiting on a plan from Webcom for technology Park.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Costello reported Asst. Chief Winter forwarded him an e-mail regarding the tornado siren and possible federal grant money. Mr. Costello will work with Asst. Chief Winter to review what's available.

**New Business:**

Ms. Bowers reported John Huffman, Overlook Drive, called and said there are websites that list Chippewa Lake Park as a forgotten location and the navigation is set for Overlook Drive. This is causing a lot of people to turn onto Overlook Drive and he is requesting a sign be posted at the end of Overlook Drive. Ms. Bowers explained that we cannot post a sign on public property but the property owners can erect an appropriate sign on their property. The board was in consensus.

**Building Bids:**

At 6:45 p.m. Ms. Bowers announced the township has received three building bids. Ms. Bowers will go through the bids to ensure they are consistent with the specifications which were written loosely, because it is a pole building. All contracts have to be approved by the prosecutor. The bids are as follows:

D.C. Curry and Lumber= \$107,900.00

People's Building Co.= \$97,956.00  
39 Erie Street

Hubbard, Ohio

Classical Construction LLC= \$121,450.00  
Applecreek, Ohio

Ms. Bowers stated the board will review the bids and do tabulation, send to review and may need a special meeting to award the bid at a later date.

**New Business:**

Mr. Macron has spoken with zoning and the township was looking for an alternate and there was only one applicant. Ms. Bowers stated we can run an advertisement but recommends holding off until after the remainder of the newsletters are distributed because it is advertised in the newsletter.

**Public Participation:**

Resident, Mr. Dave Hollish, Carlton Road, polled each of the trustees as to their reason for voting no for the Solid Management Plan. Mr. Macron responded that he liked the way it has been being operated. He feels there are some changes that can be improved upon internally and by voting “no” it would send them back to the drawing board with EPA and encourages continued use of the facility as well. Mr. Macron prefers the way recycling has been handled as opposed to having the recycling bins all over town. Mr. Macron said, “had they come and said we are going to encourage curbside pick-up of all recyclables by giving some kind of discount or encouragement, I would have been happier with that plan”. Mr. Costello said, “for me it was because of the recycling, if you look at the percentage of the waste that is being recycled is very low and many of the meetings and public hearings I have attended, people have been asking for curbside recycling and because that was lacking, that was my reason for voting no. It would be very simple to do curbside recycling particularly with the commercial haulers we have in the area”. Ms. Bowers responded, “I have attended a number of meetings, open houses as far back as two years ago and I am real familiar with what our plan is, what this proposal was. I believe that there is a less expensive way to do more recycling but the plan that’s proposed is not going to save money and it’s not going to create more recycling and I’d rather give the EPA a shot at that if we can’t do it ourselves. I don’t think it’s well thought out, I think a lot of it was knee jerk reactions and I think one city has agreed with us because Medina has voted against it as well, I understand”. Mr. Hollish thanked the trustees for the insight.

**Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to consider the employment dismissal, discipline, and compensation of a public employee consistent with Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1. Mr. Macron seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote: Costello-yes, Bowers-yes, Macron-yes.**

**8:31 p.m. Mr. Macron moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.**

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

**Ms. Bowers made a motion to pay the warrants of the township. Mr. Macron seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Bryon Macron, Trustee

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Michael Costello, Trustee

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Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer