

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2015

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Macron said Ms. Bowers was unable to attend this evenings meeting and there are items that require all three trustees' attention therefore he requests a special meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:00p.m. at town hall for the purposes of awarding the service department pole building bid and any other business that comes before the board. Mr. Macron would also like to set up a time line for the possibility of a new Fire Department and requests both Chief Hall and Assistant Chief Winter's presence at the special meeting.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,549,378.73
Pooled Investments: \$1,539,237.56
Primary Checking Balance: \$1,010,141.17

Mr. Macron questioned what happened with the resident who had insufficient funds when her check was cashed for the rental of town hall. Ms. Bailey stated the resident came in and paid cash.

Requisitions:

Service Department: \$46,182.09
Administration: \$0
Fire Department: \$5,919.52
Police: \$0
Zoning: \$90.50
Total: \$52,101.61

Ms. Bailey stated the reason for the high amount in the service department was due in part to the repairs on Fayette Boulevard. Another high amount was for shimming work performed by Melway on Palker, Ryan and Egypt Roads. Lastly, \$5,000.00 was used for the purchase of crack seal for township roads.

**Mr. Macron made a motion to approve the requisitions in the total amount of \$52,101.61.
Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Correspondence: Mr. Macron reported there was flooding at Ryan Road residence and Ms. Bowers has contacted the County Engineers Office regarding the issue and is awaiting a response. There is an issue on Egypt Road regarding a homeowner's use of fireworks and the Sheriff's Department is involved.

Fire Department Report: Chief Hall reported a total of 38 runs for the month June (7-Fire, 22-EMS to Lafayette Township, 3- Fire, 2-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 3-EMS to Gloria Glens, 1-Fire, 0-EMS Mutual Aid). Fuel Usage: 275.7 gallons of fuel, 2,306 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Chief Hall reported nine Lafayette Fire Department personnel completed the Incident Safety Officer Course offered by the Ohio Fire Academy. Mr. Macron thanked the Fire Department for giving up personal time for training.

Service Department Report: Mr. Evans reported he removed and replaced 27 yards of concrete and two catch basins on Fayette Boulevard that were cracked and broken. Mr. Evans re-poured 7” of concrete to be compliant with Medina County code. Mr. Evans will be submitting a bill to the County to try and recoup some of the funds. Sixty feet of Palker Road had to be dug up. The service department laid a 10” base, 6” of 411 and put in 4” of a hot mix base and 3” of top mix. Patching has been done on Ryan, Egypt, Palker, Deerview, Lance and Carsten Roads. Roadsides are being mowed regularly. Some ditching on Ballash Road has been done. Mr. Evans has put the salt out for bid. The service department has been replacing signs with the retro-reflectivity signs on rainy days when no other work can be performed. There are 242 signs total that have been replaced. The signs on the “private roads” have not been replaced but will be “tagged” for the new sign tracker system. The department has been keeping the mowers, trucks and all equipment washed and greased as needed. The complex has been sprayed for weeds but the weather has not been cooperative making it difficult to keep up with the spraying. In the cemeteries, when time allows, the department makes repairs on headstones in need. Ms. Bailey stated the welcoming township signs have the incorrect township establishment date. The signs are listed as the township being established in 1812, the correct year is 1825. Mr. Macron recommends leaving the signs until they are in need of replacement. Mr. Macron requested the township flags be lowered to half-mast until Friday in memory of the four marines and a sailor killed in Chattanooga Tennessee. Mr. Costello asked Mr. Evans about the cement repairs made on Wagon Trail where the service department patched one of the bigger areas. Mr. Evans stated they are testing a new product from Crack Co. Mr. Evans stated the other area on Wagon Trail will need to be cut out and then filled in with a minimum depth of 1”.

Police Department Report: Sergeant Sanford stated Mr. Macron has the reports. Sgt. Sanford stated, “continuing on from our earlier conversation, we are going to end up changing the hours for the two full timers, it is not locked in stone yet or which days off. Probably this Thursday I will have a better idea of what that will be”. Sgt. Sanford has received calls from Grizzly regarding the repairs to car 11, although it is not major repairs, the vehicle is nickel and diming. Mr. Macron said it takes approximately six months to receive a new police car and will bring up the topic at the Wednesday, special meeting.

Zoning: No report

Recreation: Baseball has completed the season and the portable toilets have been removed from the grounds.

Economic Development: No report

Old Business: Mr. Macron reported the townships new website was launched today. Thanks to Mr. Jay Goodman with Absolute Zero. The website still has a few “kinks” that are being worked out and wants to remind everyone this is a work in progress. Mr. Goodman gave a brief demonstration and introduction to the new website. Mr. Macron said the new website has the capability of keeping a record of how many people are utilizing the website and thanked Mr. Goodman for his work. . Mr. Macron asked the fire department to decide if they would like to be a part of the new township website.

New Business: None

Public Participation: Ms. Mary Kerstens of Columbia Road asked if there is anything additional that can be done regarding the stop signs at the intersection of West Smith and Columbia Roads to increase the visibility or raise awareness of the stop signs at this intersection. She has concerns for the safety of everyone who utilizes this intersection and with the amount of semis now passing through this area along, with the number and severity of accidents that are occurring potential life loss is increasing. Mr. Macron will inform our Sergeant and request additional officers to be present at the intersection. He said as an example, placing lights around a stop sign to draw more attention to the sign is a state decision. Ms. Kerstens said currently a single stop ahead sign is in place. Mr. Costello asked if there is any obstruction inhibiting the view of the signs. Ms. Kerstens replied, “No, the vehicles are just simply not paying attention and the semis are unable to stop in time like a car can”. Mr. Costello will contact the County Engineer to see if they can offer any suggestions. Mr. Macron will check with Sheriff Miller and request if the speed trailer can be placed in the area as well. Resident, Stan Vitkovik, west Smith Road asked why there is a flashing light on Stone Road when west Smith and Columbia Roads are more traveled. Mr. Evans stated there were many accidents involving Medina County Career Center students on Stone Road. Mr. Macron informed that every year at conference the trustees are given a report of all accidents within the county and the trustees do pay close attention to the high accident areas.

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

Mr. Macron moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Costello

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer