

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2015

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

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

Ms. Bowers moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015- Regular Meeting and September 30, 2015- Special Meeting. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,762,810.63
Pooled Investments: \$1,539,644.90
Primary Checking Balance: \$1,223,165.73

Requisitions:

Service Department: \$4,675.56
Administration: \$705.41
Fire Department: \$4,082.72
Total: \$9,463.69

Ms. Bailey explained the service department total is a little higher due to tearing down the newly acquired property on Big Injun Trail and for the top mix used on Lance Road.

Mr. Costello confirmed with Asst. Chief Winter the requisition for 2 personnel to attend the Basic Firefighter class in the amount of \$1,388.00 can be removed from the list due to the class being cancelled. The fire total listed above reflects this new fire department total.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve the requisitions for October 2015 minus the \$1,388.00 for the cancellation of the Basic Firefighter class under the Fire Department totals bringing the new total amount for requisitions to \$9,463.69. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Correspondence:

Ms. Bowers spoke with Lafayette Township resident, Mr. Heath, and related he was very impressed with the Fire Department and performance of the foam used to extinguish the field fire on his property and was happy that the woods were not damaged.

Ms. Bailey received a letter from Ohio Department of Transportation with a listing of possible proposed United States state bicycle routes and explained this possible route is to help alleviate some of the issues with bicyclists on the roads. Ms. Bowers attended a meeting addressing this project and believes this applies more to cities than it does to rural townships but realizes the township may be responsible for paying into part of it.

Fire Department Report:

Mr. Costello announced Chief Hall will not be in attendance this evening. Assistant Chief Winters reported a total of 50 runs for the month September (8-Fire, 30 -EMS to Lafayette Township, 0-Fire, 6-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 0-EMS to Gloria Glens, 4-Fire, 2-EMS Mutual Aid). Fuel Usage: 291.1 gallons of fuel, 1,892 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Asst. Chief Winter invited everyone for cider and doughnuts at Station #2 (Heather Hedge) on Halloween night.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported the department did ditching on Carsten, Egypt and Lance Roads. Chatham Township assisted in shimmying on Lance Road utilizing their road grader. The department mowed the ditch lines. They installed 2 new school bus signs on Carsten Road and a hidden drive sign on Lance Road. The department has been keeping the properties mowed, picking up trash and general maintenance. The house at 73 Big Injun Trail has been knocked down and 75 yards of dirt has been hauled in. The property has been graded, seeded and straw spread.

Mr. Costello asked when salt will start arriving. Mr. Evans stated we currently have a bin full.

Police Report:

Sgt. Sanford reported the lettering for the Lafayette Township cruisers has been ordered and is expecting arrival this week.

Ms. Bowers has compared the budget commission report with Lafayette Township Certificate of resources and it is exact. Ms. Bowers said there is still one ambulance levy completely rolled back that is still not being collected and the police levy was rolled back on the vote and the effective rate is even less than that now due to new real estate.

Ms. Bowers moved to approve a resolution 14-2015 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Strogin reported to date that the zoning department has exceeded the number of fees collected for this year from last year's totals. Ms. Oiler requested the trustees schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Costello made a motion to acknowledge the October 19, 2015 receipt of zoning commission approval and recommendation for proposed zoning amendments to section 303, 304 and the new section 310 setting a public hearing for November 5, 2015 at 6:45pm. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

The trustees set a special meeting for Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:00pm for the purpose of reviewing the Request for Proposals (RFQ's) followed by the public hearing at 6:45pm.

New Business:

Employee Appreciation Dinner has been set for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Costello reported the 2015/2016 OTRAMA anniversary of insurance for property and casualty is up for renewal. Ms. Bowers explained that Ms. Bailey reviews every line item on the insurance to ensure that everything remains current and ensure compliance notices are sent. Mr. Evans keeps up with the forms the insurance company requires and Ms. Bowers meets annually with the insurance company for review. All this contributes to lower insurance rates.

Ms. Bowers said today the insurances that need approval for renewal are for both property/casualty and medical and the total is less than half of what we were paying back in 2004. She said with a straight renewal we have no increase and the insurance has suggested changing some of the limits. Ms. Bowers has reviewed the suggestions and if we increase it would be less than 1%. Ms. Bailey explained most of the limits are currently at 3 million dollars and the insurance suggests going to 4, 5 or 6 million. Discussion was held and it was felt that 3 million dollars is sufficient.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to approve renewal of the property and liability insurance plan through OTARMA, as the policy is written. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey said the medical insurance is up for renewal as of January 1, 2016 and the insurance requests approval as soon as possible. Ms. Bowers said they worked very hard on balancing the health account versus the deductibles in order to keep the total annual premium down. The annual premium is the lowest even on the renewal than it has ever been, since Ms. Bowers has been a trustee and feels we shouldn't make any changes at this time.

Mr. Costello made a motion to complete the renewal for January 1, 2016 OPEC healthcare insurance renewal plan. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Public Participation:

Resident, Mr. Clifford thanked the trustees for all their hard work and all they do for the township.

Ms. Bowers explained they will be going into executive session to discuss a land reutilization program and when property goes into foreclosure and no one purchases it at Sheriff's sale, the township has the opportunity to acquire it. There is a property that has gone through the process and for whatever reason it didn't make it to the auditor's office correctly and the trustees are required to make decisions in executive session. The property the township is looking to acquire adjoins township property and could potentially save the township \$90,000.00 improvement of a private road later. Ms. Bowers explained the process of acquiring different properties

Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session at 6:29 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and the sale of property at competitive bidding pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22G2. Mr. Macron seconded the motion.

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

Joining executive session is Fiscal Officer, Ms. Bailey and Service Supervisor, Rick Evans.

8:49 p.m. Mr. Macron moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

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

Ms. Bowers made a motion to authorize Trustee Lynda Bowers to do all things necessary to acquire a certain parcel in a land reutilization program that is currently available. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer