

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Lafayette Township Board of Trustees & Lafayette Township Fire District**  
**April 19, 2021 4:00 p.m.**

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, April 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via zoom. 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 was called to order at 4:05 by Trustee Bowers as Chairman, Trustee Costello was experiencing technology issues. Trustee Costello joined the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members present: Costello, Bowers, Warchola, Ruebensaal.**

**Consent Agenda:** Mr. Warchola made a motion seconded by Ms. Bowers to approve the consent agenda of the minutes of the regular Meeting March 15, 2021, Special meeting March 18, 2021, Special meeting April 1, 2021 and the Special meeting April 5, 2021, renewal of the township insurance with Ohio Insurance Services and accepting monthly reports from the Fiscal Officer, Zoning, Fire, Police and service. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal requested trustees amend Resolution 16-21 (2021 Appropriations) to reflect totals only to make it easier to work into the UAN system. Ms. Bowers made the motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to amend to the totals of \$2,330,140 for the township and \$1,170,336 for the Fire District, all voting in favor, motion passed. Ms. Bowers noted the original version of the resolution should be left in place in the Resolution book attached to the amended version, properly preserving the record.

**Correspondence:** Ms. Bowers reported a resident brought to her attention a comment on the Gazette facebook page by someone represented to be Rollo Rognvaldson. This rather unique name is that of an historical Viking, but we can find no such person in current property or voter records. The post was regarding development at Ryan and Wedgewood Roads over the past 4 – 5 years reporting Trustee Bowers owned, rezoned, sold and acted as the Realtor for these projects. Ms. Bowers stated the post is false in its entirety. Those properties, formerly owned by Gray, Safranski and Citron, were never owned by the Bowers family nor was she involved in any professional way with their sale or development. She reminded all real estate transactions are a matter of public record so her comments are easily verifiable. As an aside, Ms. Bowers reported there is currently development in the pipeline on part of the Medina Country Club to the west of Ryan Road. In the interest of full disclosure, she reported her father-in-law built the Country Club in the 1960s and sold it while she was still in school. The Bowers family was approached to

sell 60 acres of the Bowers farm to be included in this proposed project but declined. The Bowers family farm remains completely intact. Ms. Bowers stated she brings this up, first to address on the record in an open and transparent way any notion that township business was conducted improperly. And second, because it is the political pranking season, to remind that we can probably expect more of the same and want's residents to know that if there is a question about township business, the trustees are always available to answer those questions.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Trustees approved the sale of two Scott airpicks no longer needed by the Lafayette Department to the Erhart/York Department for \$5891 each. Chief Winkler reported on replacing tires on 101-3. Chief Winkler reported that in the structure fire on Coon Club road, the department was able to contain the fire to the garage. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to accept the only bid received (Dalmation) for the sale of SCBAs.

### **SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

Trustees approved the recommendation of Service Director Evans to install a flag pole at Shaw Cemetery and to replace the pole at the townhall moving it to a new location closer to the administration buildings.

### **RESOURCE OFFICER**

Resource officer Kim Detchon reported she has been working with social services and drug/alcohol abuse resources to address a situation that has been putting a strain on rescue services. The patient is now receiving in-facility treatment which has resolved the situation.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Costello opened nine responses to the township's request for qualifications as follows: TTL Associations, Malinik, Smith Grp, Domekor Architects, NV Five, Lewis Land Professionals, BSHM Arch Inc., CESO Inc., TDA Then Design Architecture and Greenland Engineering. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to accept all of the applications. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Ms. Bowers reported the motion to transfer for 5912 Second Street under the reutilization program has been filed with the court but the order has not yet been received.

Ms. Bowers reported the bid tabulation was received from the County Engineer's office regarding the improvements for First, Second, Sixth and Chestnut in the total amount of \$21,864.50 to Melway, the only bidder. Ms. Bowers made a motion to award the bid, seconded by Mr. Warchola, all voting in favor, motion passed.

### **New Business**

**RESOLUTION 17-21:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY VALUED AT LESS THAN \$2,500 AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE – 2 desks from the fire department. Mr. Costello made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola to approve, all voting in favor, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 18-21:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL A TRUCK BED NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE. Mr. Costello made a motion seconded by Mr. Warchola, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers commented on a complaint received at the administration office from a resident who mistakenly believed the township hosted Easter Egg hunts in the subdivisions but not the rest of the township. The events were organized by members of the homeowners associations in those subdivisions for it's members, not by the township. But it does raise the question, it might be a good idea to survey residents to see if there is an interest in forming committees to pick back up township wide holiday events. Mr. Warchola questioned if the township was ok insurance wise providing equipment, etc. to these events. Ms. Bowers reminded that when that issues was addressed earlier we included block party events which are requested from time to time, these types of events for the HOAs.

Trustee Warchola reported he felt it would be a good idea to create and/or update job descriptions and was willing to take on this project. Trustees agreed.

Trustee Warchola advised he would like to schedule an annual sexual harassment training. Trustees agreed. Chief Winkler reported he believes many of the fire department personnel may have already completed this training on Lexipol. He will check and advise.

**Announcements-** The resolutions, road bids and minutes will be at the Administration Building for signatures. Anything else to discuss before we adjourn?

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business to come before the board, Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to adjourn. All voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.