

Agenda
Regular Meeting
Lafayette Township Board of Trustees & Lafayette Township Fire District
May 17 , 2021 6:00 p.m.

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. Notice of this meeting 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, ORC Section 121.22

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Costello, Bowers, Warchola, Ruebensaal.

Consent agenda: Minutes: Regular Meeting April 19, 2021, Special meeting May 11, 2021 and acceptance of reports to be attached to the minutes: Fiscal Officer's financial report, Zoning Report, Fire Report, Police Activity Report, Service Report. Trustee. Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee. Warchola to approve, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal remarked on the financial reports which will be attached to the minutes. There were no questions.

DEPARTMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Winkler reported that Capt. Savetski was awarded a \$250 scholarship toward the cost to attend the Ohio Fire Chief's Association Leadership Development Conference in July and requested Trustees approve the balance, up to \$185. He also reported Officer's Uniack and Jenkins have the opportunity to attend a hybrid Fire Officer I and II through the University of Akron. The cost is typically \$500 each and the opportunity is for both courses at a cost of \$650.00. Trustee. Costello made a motion second by Trustee. Warchola to approve the costs for officers Savetski, Uniack and Jenkins, All voting in favor, motion passed.

Chief Winkler requested approval to sell the fire district grass truck, a 2004 F-250, estimated value more than \$2,500 online, consistent with the township's online auction authorization. Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve the request, all voting in favor. Motion passed.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT – Service Director Rick Evans presented the county engineer's estimate for the complex parking lot improvement. Ms. Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve the county engineer proceeding to advertise and receive bids for the project.

GUEST – Emergency Management Director Christina Fazio appeared to report on use of the Emergency Management building (the former Heather Hedge fire station) and to thank the township for providing the building for the agencies use, Director Fazio reported RFQs have been let to enlarge and add a second floor to the building. She advised the agency has \$800k in

grants for this purpose. Currently the building is full and some equipment is being housed in the parking lot. The Emergency Mobile Command and water rescue equipment is housed in the building and regular training is ongoing in the facility. Asst. Chief Holzman noted the appropriateness that the building is still being used for emergency and rescue services. Trustees thanked Director Fazio for the update.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Strogan reported the value of permits written as of April 30 is \$6,975,843 and fees of \$14,389.16.

RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT – Kim Detchon reported on assistance to a resident and that until Covid restrictions are lifted she continues to be limited but has also been assisting the fiscal officer.

Old Business – Mr. Warchola reported job description recommendations will be ready for the next meeting.

New Business

RESOLUTION 19-2021: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 16-21, 2021 AS EMS WEEK IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to approve Resolution 19-2021, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers reported that due to the Nexus tax appeal, the township has been notified that our certificate of resources will be adjusted. Accordingly, Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal requested commensurate adjustments to the permanent appropriations for 2021 (Resolution 20-2021).

RESOLUTION 20-2021: A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCING PERMANENT APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,100 FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND \$102,790 FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT. Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve seconded by Trustee Warchola, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers reported on the opportunity to make application by the May 21, 2021 deadline for Recovery Funds and HB2 Funds for the expansion of broadband into unserved areas of the township. Trustee Bowers noted that either application requires a project description and budget from Armstrong Cable. A conversation with a representative of Armstrong today was encouraging that Armstrong may provide this information that it has previously not been willing to do. Trustee Costello made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to authorize Trustee Bowers to pursue grant applications for build out of the broadband service in the township with Armstrong Cable.

Announcements: Trustees commented that high praise had been received from some residents who received assistance with wound care through the fire district community paramedicine program. Chief Winkler was asked to thank the department members who provided the service.

As there was no further business to come before the township, Trustee Costello made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bowers to pay the warrants of the township and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved: _____
Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Marty Warchola, Trustee