

**Minutes**  
**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
and  
**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**  
Special Meeting  
**May 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees, Medina County, Ohio met in special session, May 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 6776 Wedgewood Road, Medina, OH. Notice of this meeting was consistent with ORC 121.22 and the township's open meeting policy.

**Meeting called to order:** 1:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola & Fiscal Officer Laura Ruebensaal. Chief Winkler answered questions by phone.

Chief Winkler explained a change by Cleveland Clinic, the Township's medical control, to ESO reporting systems and an opportunity for the township to switch to ESO in a shared service with Seville. He shared his opinion that ESO has benefits but not enough to justify going the increased cost alone. The agreement with Seville has a 30 day out on either side. The Chief advised the ESO program is more of a one stop shop, saving entry time. Trustee Costello reported he discussed the program with a representative of Richfield FD which started using ESO for about six months ago. That representative expressed dissatisfaction. Trustee Bowers noted her reservation sharing a service with a partner that can leave the agreement, leaving Lafayette on the hook for increase costs. Chief Winkler asked for more time to investigate what other users have experienced. Trustees agreed.

An agreement was presented for the fire department to use a private property for training. It was noted that the township has not been requested to enter into any agreements for similar events. Atty. Thorne advised that the agreement contains terms the township cannot agree to. Trustee Bowers will follow up with the owner of the property.

Trustee Bowers reported Armstrong cable declined to fund building out unserved areas of the township at this time but maybe included in their 2- year projection. She had a conversation with Commissioner Hutson regarding possibly obtaining Recovery funds. Commissioner Hutson advised it isn't out of the question but so far Commissioners have been considering projects that provide a more countywide benefit. She also advised she has kept in communication with Senator Romanchuk and his staff regarding this matter and believes pending legislation may include funds available for broadband expansion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Costello, Trustee

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Martin Warchola, Trustee