

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Lafayette Township Board of Trustees & Lafayette Township Fire District**  
**July 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Township Safety Services Building, 6367 Technology Lane, Medina. 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

Trustee Costello called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Trustees Costello, Bowers, Warchola & Fiscal Officer Reubensaal.  
Also present, Law Director Thorne

**Consent Agenda:** Department reports were accepted (attached hereto).

**Minutes:** Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trustee Warchola to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 28, 2021 and Special Meeting of July 12, 2021. All voting in favor, motion passed

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer Reubensaal reported the tax budget has been filed with the County Auditor and that she will be applying for recovery funds prior to the deadline.

**Service Department:** Service Director Evans reported Trustee Bowers inquired if the county would extend the cleanup voucher program to assist residents in the Chippewa Lake area with flood debris. He reported the county will not extend the program. Trustees Warchola and Costello agreed he should keep an eye on the situation to determine if it would be helpful to place a roll off dumpster in the area. Trustees agreed admin should refrain from renting the townhall effective August 1, 2021 until repairs are completed to ensure there is no mold issue. Service Director Evans highlighted portions of the written report already accepted,

**Old Business:** Trustees discussed a grant application is in the process of being written to help offset the cost of a Columbarium for the Waltz Cemetery. A Columbarium project was previously authorized as a lower cost alternative for residents. Service Director Evans reported he and Trustee Bowers met with the County Engineer and the County Prosecutor again regarding the resident having flooding issues on Lake Street. It remains a civil matter and the resident continues to be encouraged to seek appropriate legal advice on the private property remedies that may be available. Regarding the Euclid Street Bridge project, the County Engineer has recommended a 2-lane, the project funding provides for a one lane. Trustee Bowers and Planning Director, Denise Testa, met with Commissioner Hutson regarding a concern the recommendation could derail the project. Commissioner Hutson assures, the project will move forward. Discussion is ongoing.

**New Business:** Trustee Bowers noted that earlier in the day she attended her 3,500 meeting representing Lafayette residents. Trustees approved and administrative requisition for \$4,778.33.

**Special Presentation:** Trustee Costello introduced resident David Barlet and his service Dog Gunner. After being missing for two days, Gunner was found by an 11 year old neighbor boy, Cooper who was also present at the meeting. Mr. Barlet thanked Cooper and the community for coming together to help find his service dog. Fire Chief Winkler thanked Cooper for his assistance. Police Chief Kinney presented Cooper with a certificate of appreciation for his initiative in helping find the dog. Trustee Bowers also thanked Trustees Costello, Warchola and Chief Kinney who assisted in the organized searches for Gunner.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Michael Costello, Trustee

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Marty Warchola, Trustee