

Minutes
Special Meeting – October 4, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.
Lafayette Township Board of Trustees & Lafayette Township Fire District

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, October 4, 2021 at 8:45 a.m. at the Lafayette Township Safety Services Building, 6367 Technology Lane, Medina. Notice was given consistent with the Lafayette Township public body rule for the notification of meetings to the public and news media and ORC Section 121.22.

Trustee Costello called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Members present: Trustees Costello, Bowers & Warchola

Also present: Medina County Engineers Chrissy Briggs, Dan Becker,
Lafayette Township Service Supervisor Rick Evans and Zoning Inspector
Alliss Strogin and Fire Chief Winkler.

Trustee Bowers reported that late Friday afternoon, Medina County Engineer representative Becker and Service Supervisor Evans advised that the road installation connecting Technology Lane to the Redwood project was faulty. Viewing the planning commission agenda, it was noted that project was on the agenda with a recommendation of approval on October 6. For that reason, if the township is to object to accepting the condition of the roadway, it needs to be done before that meeting. Engineers Briggs and Becker reviewed the installation concerns. Service Supervisor Evans concurred it should not be accepted. One of the concerns expressed was how the roadway may drain. Trustees agreed to move the end of the meeting to the site to have the roadway flooded by using a fire tanker, testing the drainage. Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trustee Costello to not accept the road installation of the connection of Technology Lane to the Redwood project. All voting in favor. Zoning Inspector Strogin was requested to deliver this information to the Medina County Planning Commission prior to its October 6, 2021 meeting. Engineers photographs and notes attached hereto.

Trustees discussed the need to install a temporary access road for the Euclid Street Bridge project. The temporary access is necessary for residents who live in the development. The Medina County Park District has approved participation in the project at \$10,000 with the intention of maintaining the access in the form of a walking trail after the project is completed. Trustees discussed with Supervisor Evans what manpower the township could bring to the temporary access installation to defer project cost. Supervisor Evans will review the project. Trustee Costello made a motion second by Trustee Warchola for the township to contribute \$25,000 in collaboration with the Medina County Park District. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustees received a request from the Dover Highlands HOA for two street lights to be installed on Ryan Road, one at the intersections of Coverdale and another at Wycliffe. Trustees discussed the process of requesting First Energy installation and the petition required for assessing cost. First Energy advised their installation is running out about fifteen weeks. Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trustee Costello to request First Energy install street lights on Ryan at Coverdale and at Wycliffe. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Bowers reported paneling had been removed from an area of the wall in the townhall and it was determined the studs had dry rot, no mold was observed. Estimates for renovation are being

obtained. An HOA has requested meeting room use for the end of October. Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trutee Warchola to allow use of the township hall to resume. Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal requested Trustees accept the rates and amounts received from the budget commission assigned as Resolution 24-21. Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trustee Warchola to approve. All voting in favor. Motion approved.

Trustee Bowers expressed concern over rhetoric regarding trustees holding special meetings, especially those scheduled during business hours, in order to complete township business efficiently. She explained the need to conduct business when employees and agencies trustees need to interact with are available. She also explained consequences, especially the negative financial impact to taxpayers, if trustees fail to act in a timely manner on business needing to be conducted quickly from time to time.

Approved: _____
Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Marty Warchola, Trustee