

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
And
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees, Medina County, Ohio met in regular session, Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette township Safety Services Building, 6367 Technology Lane, Medina, OH 44256. Notice of this meeting was consistent with ORC 121.22 and the township's open meeting policy.

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola
Also present: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Lyons.

Minutes: Trustee Bowers made a motion second by Trustee Warchola to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting September 20, 2021, the Special meeting of October 4, 2021 and the Special meeting of October 13, 2021. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda: The board accepted reports from Fire, Police, Service, Zoning and the financial report from Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal.

Fire Chief Winkler updated on members completing programs. Trustee Warchola made a motion second by Trustee Bowers to approve the application of _____ subject to the standard background and license checks. All voting in favor, motion passed. Trustee Warchola commented the Lafayette Department is doing a good job recruiting qualified candidates. Trustee Costello inquired if the department will be doing Visit from Santa or the Parade like was done last year. Chief Winkler responded no decision has been made yet.

Zoning Inspector Strogin reported year to date permit values (report attached). She also reported on a complaint of excessive dirt being moved. The appropriate county agency is doing the follow up on the complaint. Trustee Bowers reported the legal review, a year of going over the code section by section, is complete. Items that are not enforceable, contrary to statute or items over which townships have no authority have been recommended removed. Some of the highlights of recommendations for changes include adding a requirement for new construction to include street number signs at the street and increasing the minimum acreage for PUDs from the statutory 40 acres up to 75 acres. The current zoning code, 160 pages, section by section has been typed, all of the recommendations have been typed and now needs to be converted to one recommended whole document. Trustee Bowers and Zoning Inspector Strogin explained the process remaining is for the zoning commission to do a complete review of the book as a whole. County Planning must review and make recommendations, then the zoning commission holds a public hearing, makes its recommendation to the board of trustees and finally the board of trustees has a similar process. Trustee Bowers stated that even though there is still a long way to go before the project is completed, the 6 or so hour meetings, extensive typing, etc., work she has been doing herself, is done so asked the board to approve moving forward with advertising for a zoning secretary and bringing on an alternate since the schedule and workload should go back to normal now. Trustee Warchola made a

motion second by Trustee Bowers for Trustee Bowers to work with Zoning Chairman Javorek to advertise for a zoning secretary and alternate board member. All voting in favor.

Correspondence: Trustee Bowers reported the County Commissioners approved the engineering contract for the design of the bridge to Cunningham and Associates last Tuesday. The Park District portion, separate from the bridge replacement, should be done at their meeting on October 21, 2021. The park district timeline goal for installation of the temporary road access is November. A resident brought up the possibility of using the second bridge that exists. The county engineer indicated in an email bridge cannot be safely used either. The reason the temporary is being installed and the reason the township is involved financially on that portion is because it is being done in order for the township residents impacted by the bridge replacement project to have access to their homes and for emergency vehicle access while the replacement is underway. Trustee Costello asked about the Dickman Director renewal that was placed on the agenda. The board determined there was no need to renew because technology is available to easily identify property owners whenever necessary. Trustee Bowers noted NPDES public education compliance for 2021 is completed, the county is contracted to file the annual report. By consensus, the board agreed to resume making the town hall available for use. The wall where mold was suspected was opened and dry rot was found. One contractor is providing a quote to repair the walls and replace windows as necessary. Other quotes are being sought. Trustee Costello reported the shred event went well collecting about 2,400 lbs of paper.

New Business: Trustee Warchola stated he would work on finding a suitable place for the fire safe filing cabinet that Ms. Buell wants removed from her office.

Public comment: Former Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey disagreed with the cost of the fiscal officer assistant presented in the township newsletter. She noted that the pay received by the current fiscal officer is reported to be less than she was making and that could not be correct. Ms. Bailed stated “it can’t be less because there was an increase”. The board responded it is correct that the current fiscal officer is paid less than she was. All of the current elected officials have been accepting less than the statute authorizes. Ms. Bailey also stated reasons why she felt the current fiscal officer should not participate in medical insurance. Ms. Bailey stated the health insurance is \$21,000 per year. Ms. Bailey commented on the audit released in June. She disagrees with the state findings in the audit. She was advised she should take that up with the State Auditor. Lee Lipka, Palker Rd. asked if the junk car resolution is in effect. Trustee Bowers indicated it is and the subject of his complaint has been advised. Mr. Lipka provided additional information for the law director and zoning inspector to consider. Al Johnson wanted to know who paid for the township newsletter. The board responded to the township using a mailing list obtained from the County Auditor.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Trustee Costello made a motion to pay the warrants of the township and adjourned, second by Trustee Warchola, all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Approved:

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee (Chair)

Laura Ruebensaal

Martin Warchola, Trustee