

**Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and
Lafayette Township Fire District Meeting
March 21, 2022**

Trustee Martin Warchola, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
Roll call: Warchola, Fullerton, O'Neil, Ruebensaal- all in attendance

Other township departments in attendance: Alliss Strogan, Zoning Inspector; Rich Javorek, Zoning Chair;
Assistant Fire Chief Holzman; Rick Evans, Service Department; Bill Thorne, Legal Advisor

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Marty Warchola, Chair asked the board whether they had the opportunity to review & read the meeting minutes from the meeting of 3.7.22? Any comments? Any issues? Motion was made by Trustee Fullerton to accept the minutes; seconded by Trustee O'Neil. All in favor? Aye- Minutes have been approved.

- **Consent Agenda**

- Consisting of:
 - Fiscal Report
 - Fire District Report
 - Fire Department Report
 - Service Department Report
 - Zoning Report
 - Police Report
- Asking for motion of approval. Trustee Fullerton made motion to approve, Chris O'Neill second. All in Favor? Aye- Those opposed same sign; consent Agenda Reports were approved.

Public Participation from anyone?

- **Chris Rogers, flood issues on 7382 Lake St.** Here on behalf of Lisa Knight, we had rain and it did not flood this time. Water is above the discharge pipe. There have been some bright lights; Chris O'Neil and service manager Rick Evans came up with some ideas on their own. After the last meeting; the county park manager came up with some ideas which their board rejected. Even people who are trying to help are not getting anywhere. Help us to find the right people to solve the problem.
- **Marty:** That's what we want to do. As we've mentioned before the township may not be able to provide a solution, but we are trying to direct you to people who can. Chris, anything you can add?
- **Chris:** We are continuing to look. We walked through with the people from Chippewa Lake.
- **Marty:** It is a start.
- **Marty:** Anything else?
- **Dianne Wenslow:** Is there any way the board could use microphones? We are sometimes unable to hear back here.
- **Marty:** I will look into it.
- **Marty:** Anything else?

- **Fiscal Officer:**
 - Mail for Alliss Strogin from the Medina County Engineer's; they need your signature on a few items.
 - **The Medina County Farm Bureau** is soliciting your membership, you can look at that and let me know in the future.
 - **Great Lakes Portable-** port-a-potty for the baseball fields. Estimate for \$235.00 monthly for the summer (typically April-Sept). Marty made a motion to approve this; seconded by Chris O'Neill. All in favor, Aye; all opposed same sign. Motion was passed.
 - **Clean up Day.** How are we going to organize that this year? Discussion regarding voucher versus tonnage. The voucher program is 2 months long. I think the voucher serves the residents; they can choose what day they want to go. Voucher program starts April 2nd and runs until July 30th. Ty moved to approve the use of the voucher program; Marty seconded that. All in favor- AYE; all opposed same sign. Motion was passed. Add to website; talk to Sherri about program.
 - **Appropriations:** based on our certificate and based on our needs. Trustee Warchola would like to make a motion to appropriate for calendar year 2022 eight hundred thousand dollars for the fire department and 1.2 million dollars for the township. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Fullerton; seconded by Trustee O'Neill. All those in favor Aye; all those opposed same sign. Motion was passed.
- **Service Department:**
 - Ty has the ODOT salt contract for this fall that needs signed.
 - I brought back Tim McGill, part time to help with road projects.
 - An individual that reached out to me from the Medina County Probation Department that needs 50 hours of community service. I let him know that once the weather clears, we can use him.
 - Albert Johnson: comment about the amount of litter in the ditches on Ryan Rd.
 - Discussion regarding our liability for having a county individual/community hours. Per legal, that should be covered under the county.
 - Carsten Road, we replaced the drain on the east side of the road. Talked about improvement for drainage. Once the weather breaks, he will be able to cross over and add additional pipe.
 - Rick does have to order additional salt for this year.
 - Discussion about overflow salt area & having to cover it w/ tarp. Ty would like to purchase additional salt for next year, as prices will probably continue to rise. It would save us some money. Will continue discussion, see about cost & report back.
- **Fire Department:**
 - Precision Pipeline was out here a couple months ago, kind of messed up the decking out here. They were working out there again today & I talked to them. They fixed up the area; grass seed, etc. Did not damage the actual gride.
 - County rope team has been training in our tower; work on their skills. Good partnership. Trying to work with the county teams more
 - Want to thank Lt. Jenkins who coordinated getting the state fire marshal here to put on a life safety course, three-day course. Several departments throughout Northeast Ohio came down and took that class. He also coordinated getting the mobile search and

rescue lab from the state fire marshal, and the Ohio fire academy. Our department used it and several neighboring departments.

- **Police Department:**
 - Nothing in addition to what has been submitted.
- **Zoning Department:**
 - Report for January & February; valuation over last year, fees over last year also.
 - Very hectic
 - Regarding the Country Club; final status of the HOA documents; hasn't been recorded yet.
 - Brought Phase 1 drawings that need to be signed; will not be dated until HOA documents are filed.
 - Has the document with the Park District been recorded yet? (Talking to legal) I have not heard whether the court approved it, I did hear that no objection had been raised. The email Bill Thorne received does have an attachment that includes the whole subdivision.
 - Should be ready to move forward in 1-2 weeks
 - Marty: I would like to thank Alliss and Bill for all the time they spent on this project! Thank you very much!
- **Correspondence:**
 - Ty has one, he met with Sarah, a resident regarding Memorial Park. That is the park with the gazebo on it. She reached out and would like to re-do the sign, re-letter the sign, and put some plants in the area. Ty is wanting to know if the board is okay with her doing this? Marty: Discussion regarding legal liability. Could have her sign a waiver. Make sure we have it written that she is a volunteer, doing it on her own. Marty made a motion to allow her to do that under Ty's supervision; Chris seconded the motion. All those in favor- Aye; all those opposed same sign. Motion passed.
 - Side comment from Alliss about the sign by the Town Hall, not being updated. Comments were made, that since we have the electronic sign, we are no longer placing information on the Town Hall sign. It also needs to be replaced as it is close to falling apart.
- **Marty: not having an executive session**


Old Business:


- **Trustee O'Neil:**
 - Dover Highland's HOA contacted me regarding the streetlights that were discussed last year at the corner of Wycliff and Coverdale. The HOA needs to get a petition to get them installed. Not sure what the status is. The HOA must have 75% of the residents to agree to put the lighting there. The township would have to order the light from Ohio Edison, but the HOA is billed and must be willing to be assessed for the cost. IS there a special form? Someone might want to reach out to Ohio Edison for the cost and estimated monthly charge.
 - They would probably have to send an engineer out again; cost has probably changed since last year.
 - Marty: Any other old business? No

New Business:

- **Chief – Alert Siren:** Discussion about Alert Siren and cost to install. Money that was donated for installation, short fall for installation funds. We have a \$31,000.00 bill to install but only about \$15,000 in pledges to cover that.
 - Discussion regarding other fire needs. We need to buy repeaters for our new Marks radio system, we are having issue with coverage in certain areas. Looking to boost communication. We only have 2 mobile radios for our apparatus, actually need more mobile radios. The Nexus Grant has \$7500.00 maximum. Needs some direction on which way to go.
 - Marty: We need to get the radios and repeaters.
 - Discussion regarding options, needs.
 - Motion was made by Marty to direct the Chief to apply for the Nexus Grant for the needed radios & repeaters; seconded by Trustee Fullerton. All in favor- AYE- Motion passed.
 - **Melways’ Bid for Tar & Chip:**
 - Discussion about the bid for tar & chip for the township roads. Melway is the low bid. Ty Fullerton moved to approve Melway for the tar & chip contract; Marty seconded the motion. All in favor Aye; all those opposed same sign. Motion was passed.
 - **Resolution:**
 - It will be available at the Town Hall. The resolution is in regards to the ARP money; Recovery Plan Money. Marty provided background information on the Recovery Money, how it could be used, the recent law change, and the use of a standard deduction for loss of revenue.
 - Township has received a distribution of money from the ARP, he ARP ACT of 2021..the township will use the standard allowance....
 - Marty made a motion that we approve the resolution, seconded by Ty. All in favor Aye, all opposed same sign. Motion passed.
 - Question was asked whether we could use the money for the siren? Comment was made that some of the money was already committed to the use of broadband expansion. Need to be very judicious in its’ use. Comment about whether there is any specific grant for broadband expansion.
 - Any questions?
 - **Medical Insurance**
 - Marty just received information on Medical Insurance cost for next year.
 - Standard proposal, rates went up for everybody.
 - Our agent proposed that we change our deductible. This makes the rate for the township lower. He proposed \$4000/ per person; \$8000/per family. Our overall rates would drop, the deductible is fully re-imbursed by the township. Potential savings as \$19,000 without loosing benefits. Will bring to next meeting for a full review and approval. Deadline is May.
- **Any other New Business?**
- **Any additional public participation?**
- Marty made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and pay the warrants of the township. Seconded by Ty. All in favor; AYE All opposed same sign. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

- Approved:

Martin Warchola, Chair 

Ty Fullerton, Vice Chair 

Chris O'Neil, Trustee 

Laura Rubensaal, Fiscal Officer 