

Minutes
Special Meeting – March 30, 2022, at 8:00 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 a special meeting, on March 30, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Lafayette Township Town Hall, 6776 Wedgewood Rd., Medina, OH 44256. 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 Warchola called to order the special meeting of the Lafayette Township & Lafayette Township Fire District at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Trustees Warchola, O'Neil, Fullerton

Also present: Lafayette Township Service Supervisor Rick Evans and
Fire Chief Winkler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Warchola states there's only a couple of things that we need to address. The real reason for the meeting is that we had to have a special meeting to get our current appropriations approved and it has to be turned in by tomorrow and Laura needed some time to get that turned in. I went thru this over the weekend and as far as I can tell I think I have it right. I sent it to Laura for a review before I sent it out to everybody for your reviews and she was ok with it.

Trustee Fullerton: I would like to interject Something had come up that I would like to bring up before the budget because I haven't budgeted for the road and bridge. The Main Drive project / Euclid Bridge Project Grant money came in for that \$389,000. The County pitched in some money and they need us to pitch in some money as well to help the project get started. They do want to put it out for bid in a week or two and they're asking the Township to put in \$90,000 for that Project. I know that's a lot of money, but my biggest concern is that the residents back there that need this new bridge, they need this new road to assume access they have back to their neighborhoods. So, I think it's a good deal and I'd like to make the motion to approve the \$90,000 to add to that project for the county to move forward. Trustee Warchola Seconded the motion. Any discussion?

Trustee O'Neil: Is there a way to make the \$90,000 contingent upon anything? They're depending on grant money correct for this project right?

Trustee Fullerton: Well they got \$389,000. The Grant money has to be spent by March 31.

Trustee Warchola: They are on track and aware of the deadlines. Is your concern we lose the \$90,000?

Trustee O'Neil: I'm just concerned we lose the \$90,000 if they don't meet the deadline.

Trustee Warchola: Add \$90,000 to permissive. The \$185,000 is going up to \$275,000. So, all the totals go up by \$90,000. A motion to approve Resolution 11-2022 for permanent appropriations.

Trustee Fullerton seconded

Trustee Warchola: All in favor Aye All opposed same sign. All approved motion carries

The Township Insurance. If we go to a 4000/8000 deductible from the 2800/5600 deductible, we will save money. I sent info to all of you are we ok with that? I would move that we sign the new contract with Ohio Insurance Services for our 2022/2023 medical plan. That will change our deductible from 2800/5600 to 4000/8000. A Motion to accept the change.

Trustee O'Neil seconded.

Trustee Warchola: All in favor Aye All opposed same sign. All approved motion carries.

The only other thing I have is I received a letter from Armstrong to expand services to residents that don't have it in their service area. They want \$300,000 to expand Broadband services. It was stated last year that this would give us 100% Broadband coverage in the township, but it will not. It will cover all residents that currently do not have coverage in the Armstrong area, approximately 40-50 homes, but it will not cover areas currently in the spectrum service area which at last count was approximately 10-12 homes. As for the money, it must be spent by a certain date too. There is a good chance it won't be completed by the given date. They want us to prepay with the understanding if it doesn't get done the money is returned. Legal Counsel Bill Thorne has not reviewed it yet. I'll make a motion to approve the letter from Armstrong to expand services to the residents in their service area that presently do not have service.

Trustee O'Neil seconded

Trustee Warchola: All in favor Aye All opposed same sign. All approved motion carries

Trustee Fullerton: The Main Drive Project I will bring up on Monday when others are there. I would like to make a motion for the ODOT bid for salt. * *

Trustee Warchola seconded. All in favor Aye All opposed same sign. All approved motion carries.

Dianne Wenslow: Question about the Main Dr. Project. Where are we getting all this money? You just approved \$90,000 for this project. There is no question the work needs to be done that area is a mess.

Trustee Warchola: The \$90,000 came out of Road/Bridge money.

Unknown Resident: I live on Ryan Rd, and see a lot of heavy truck traffic How can we get a no-truck road?

Rick Evans: The county has that road listed as an 80,000# road. I am trying to get it approved to reduce the weight limit.

Trustee Warchola: Thank you all for coming and I apologize for the early morning meeting, but it was the only time all of us were available. I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

Trustee O'Neil seconded


Trustee Warchola: All in favor Aye All opposed same sign. All approved motion carries


Meeting ended at 8:22 a.m.

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Approved: 
Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer


Marty Warchola, Trustee


Ty Fullerton, Trustee


Chris O'Neil, Trustee