

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey, Trustee Martin Warchola- Absent

Ms. Bowers explained when Mr. Warchola was appointed notice was given that he would be out of the country and unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Mr. Costello moved to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of June 20, 2016, Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017, and Special Meeting of March 27, 2017. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,411,167.12
Pooled Investments: \$1,547,841.04
Available Checking Balance: \$863,326.08

Requisitions:

Fire Department:
Swingle- \$110.85
P.J. Hughes-\$902.00 (2 yr. maintenance- generator at both stations)
Fire Safety Services- \$7,600.00
Life Care- \$69.00

Ms. Bowers moved to approve the above requisitions. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey stated Absolute Zero invoiced the township for website services covering services from April 13, 2017 to April 12, 2018. The trustees agreed the township didn't receive the level of service expected and is actively pursuing a new company to design a single website to accommodate all township departments. Ms. Bowers stated the township consistently receives complaints regarding how difficult the current website is to navigate and locate necessary information. Resident, Laura Ruebensaal handles IT coordination for Chase Bank and has offered to assist a township committee in seeking the appropriate website services. Ms. Bowers stated there are very talented residents in our township happy to assist the township with their talents when necessary. Mr. Costello previously requested Bill Thorne send Absolute Zero a letter terminating the contract and will follow up.

Ms. Bailey announced she received an invoice from Lexipol and the trustees agreed to discuss with Mr. Thorne.

VFIS insurance renewal was received for a one year rate of \$2,178.00. Mr. Costello said in addition to the extra insurance coverage for fire department personnel, the township receives added training at no additional cost.

Mr. Costello made a motion to renew the annual VFIS insurance renewal in amount of \$2,178.00. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey stated the Medina County Emergency Management TRT funds were paid on February 6, 2017 in the amount of \$1,788.89. The funds are paid to the All Hazards Team by townships and cities within Medina County. The All Hazards Team consists of personnel from different departments throughout the county which utilize the county equipment in the event services are needed. The annual fee is based on the size of each community.

Fire Department Report: Chief Hall reported a total of 43 runs for the month March (9-Fire, 29-EMS to Lafayette Township, 1- Fire, 1-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 1- Fire, 1-EMS to Gloria Glens, 0-Fire, 1-EMS Mutual Aid). Fuel Usage: 225.1 gallons of fuel, 1,451 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Mr. Costello asked if the Mobile Integrated Healthcare numbers are correct and stated the number of calls have dropped significantly. Chief Hall will check with Lieutenant Blair and report back.

The trustees acknowledged receipt of resignation Firefighter/EMT, Jason Smith, due to his relocation to Westlake, Ohio.

Chief Hall confirmed training is still occurring at the home on Ryan Road and will inform Ms. Bowers when training is completed so the home can be taken down.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Costello stated Mr. Evans had requested off and forwarded his monthly report. (see attached copy of report)

Ms. Bowers moved to accept the service department report as submitted by Mr. Evans. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Durapatch conducted a demonstration last week on a couple township roads. Mr. Costello said, "It is an impressive piece of equipment as far as repairing cracks and potholes in roadways". Mr. Evans will monitor the repair work performed by Durapatch over the next few months but does not have the funds in the service department budget for this year. Mr. Costello stated if the repair work is acceptable, perhaps we could share the purchase of the equipment with another township. Ms. Bowers will check with the different entities around us that have used it for their crossovers and if it does a great job, the machine would pay for itself in just a few years.

Ms. Bowers stated in the past there was a litter patrol program the Sheriff's Department ran using inmates but the program was stopped by Sheriff Miller citing it was too costly. Townships have reached out several times to Sheriff Miller requesting he reinstate the program with townships funding but he has no interest. Approximately a year ago Ms. Bowers started collaborating with the Common Pleas and the Municipal Court to see if a community service program could be initiated. The details have been worked out and at no cost to the township except for safety vests

and trash bags people are assigned to 20 hours of litter patrol on our roads. Ms. Bowers will oversee the program on the weekends and during the week Service Director, Rick Evans handles the crew. As of May 1, 2017 a full crew will be out 2 to 3 days a week. Mr. Costello stated Ryan Road looks much better.

Police Report:

Deputy Harhay reported a total of 357 dispatch calls for the month of March and are broken down into 62 different types of calls. Ms. Bowers thanked and complimented him on the reports being submitted. Deputy Harhay requested the trustee's consideration in purchasing a radar detector for car #11. Car #10 currently has a radar detector.

Ms. Bowers made a motion authorizing Trustee Costello to make decisions in purchasing a radar detector for car #11 within the fiscal officer's authority of \$3,000.00. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Strogin reported as of the end of March the permit evaluations written thus far for 2017 is \$3,563,956.00. All of 2016 was totaled at \$12,454,630.00. 2017 fees collected thus far is \$7,923.22 compared to 2016's collection of \$22,861.40. Ms. Bowers said, "The good thing is since we haven't started collecting the fire levy yet and it doesn't start collecting until 2018, all of the new construction comes into that stream so the levy will roll back before we even start collecting it". The footer certification fees collected are \$2,913.20 and the process with the footer certifications is progressing. Ms. Strogin wrote a permit for a new business, Medina Heavy Equipment located on Lafayette Road and will be writing a permit for a pizza place on Lake Road. Ms. Bowers thanked Ms. Strogin and wished her a happy birthday.

Recreation:

Mr. Costello reported the Lafayette Baseball League is currently sifting the dirt on the baseball fields and preparing for the season.

The trustees have agreed to host a Lafayette Township Community Movie Night in conjunction with the Fire Association. More details to follow.

Ms. Bowers announced the clean-up day notice has been sent by e-mail twice and has been in the trading post. She offered making postcards, at no cost to the township, and placing the notices in paper boxes/doors. An announcement was made that professional shredding services will be on site and new this year will be a medication take back. A deputy from the Sheriff's Department will be present while medications are being dropped off in a secure container. Chief Hall will provide two Sharps containers for syringes.

Public Participation:

Jim Rohrer, Chippewa Lake Road questioned the ISO rating of Lafayette Township in regards to his homeowners insurance. Ms. Bowers stated the fire department has worked very hard to achieve an ISO rating of "4" which is a good rating and we are extremely proud of.

Mark Albrecht, Lafayette Road, requested the times and dates of the meetings be listed on the website. The trustees informed him there has been issues with the website and when the website is

functioning properly it is not easy to navigate. The trustees are currently in the process of seeking a new service for the website.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session to consider the employment discipline or compensation of an employee pursuant to 121.22G1 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Costello seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote; Bowers-yes, Costello- yes

7:24 p.m. Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Bowers-yes, Costello-yes

No decisions were made.

Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Costello

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer