

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017

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

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

Mr. Costello moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017. Mr. Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Financial Report: Ms. Bailey reported:

Fund Balance: \$2,165,530.78

Pooled Investments: \$2,053,872.81

Available Checking Balance: \$111,657.97

Ms. Bailey stated the checking balance of \$111, 657.97 reflects the funds moved into the General Fund.

Ms. Bailey presented no requisitions this evening.

Ms. Bailey stated the trustees approved the Amounts and Rates at the October Regular Trustee meeting but due to the police levy reduction of funds being down to \$289,600.00 the trustees have to approve a new Amounts and Rates.

It doesn't make sense to Ms. Bowers why the levy was reported at a higher collection on the Amounts and Rates when the township is not supposedly authorized to collect more than the levy was originally passed for unless the Auditor's Office didn't catch the error.

Ms. Bowers moved to approve the amended Amounts and Rates. Mr. Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers has received two quotes for the township health insurance and the information sent to both companies was accurate however, both quotes contained information that was inaccurate. Ms. Bowers said both companies will need to requote. Ms. Bowers said even with the disparity on the quote, our current carrier is still more economical. Ms. Bailey said the current carrier is going through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Mr. Costello requested the two new quotes for next Monday's meeting.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Hall reported a total of 52 runs for the month October (5-Fire, 31-EMS to Lafayette Township, 0-Fire, 6-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 1- Fire, 4-EMS to Gloria Glens, 2-Fire, 3-EMS Mutual Aid, No report on Mobile Integrated Health was given). Fuel Usage: 272.6 gallons of fuel, 2,051 miles were logged on vehicles.

Mr. Costello requested on future reports that “received” mutual aid be listed.

Chief Hall presented two heart monitor quotes. One quote was from Zole for approximately \$61,000.00 and Physio Control at an amount of \$48,784.00. Mr. Savetski said the difference is two separate manufacturers with slightly different operational processes. The majority of the county is utilizing the Physio Control and it appears to sync best with Medina Hospital’s equipment. Chief Hall requests the heart monitors be approved as efficiently as possible because the Cleveland Clinic has agreed to absorb the cost of the modems which are necessary in order for the units to operate. The cost for the modems are approximately \$1,000.00 apiece. Chief Hall will check when the payment for the invoice will be due and report back to the trustees. Ms. Bowers explained if payment can be made after the first of January the 2018 budget can reflect the purchase. If the payment is required prior to the end of the year the trustees will have a special meeting and transfer funds. Ms. Bowers noted the need for replacement is due in part to dated equipment and as of the end of the year, no longer able to be serviced. She said, “if we are without a monitor even for a day that could cost a life and the township is not going to take that chance”.

Mr. Costello made a motion to purchase two Physio Control heart monitors at an amount not to exceed \$48,784.00 in agreement with the proposal which includes a variety of other accessories. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bowers voiced concern over the number of recent calls for younger aged potential heart attacks. Mr. Savetski explained some of the “calls” could be classified as such due to the intake information through dispatch. The county doesn’t run Pro QA however, Medina City has a list of questions that are asked of the caller and then the information is categorized accordingly. Mr. Savetski works both systems and prefers Medina City’s system better.

Chief Hall announced Assistant Chief Winter’s resignation as he pursues a career as full time Fire Chief for Seville. He publically thanked him for all of his service to Lafayette Township and the assistance he personally provided him with.

Ms. Bowers acknowledged Assistant Chief Winter’s resignation. She said as Board of Trustees, they are all very pleased for him, stating he has prepared, earned and worked very hard to become a full time fire chief. Mr. Warchola congratulated Assistant Chief Winter and said in the short time he has gotten to know him, he has been an outstanding person. Mr. Costello congratulated him and thanked him for all he has done for the department since becoming the Assistant Chief. Mr. Costello acknowledged all his education he sought and shared with the department and kept the department progressive. He said Assistant Chief Winter always brought a freshness to the township.

Police:

Deputy Harhay reported 464 calls in Lafayette Township for the month of October with an additional 99 calls to the Village of Chippewa Lake. He gave a brief breakdown of the nature of the calls.

Ms. Bowers asked Deputy Harhay to explain the procedure used when deputies are dispatched for a suspected firearm discharge. Ms. Bailey stated she has been hearing discharging of a firearm late at night in her area. Deputy Harhay recommends placing a call to the department.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- Nearing completion of installation of the mandatory retro-reflectivity signs and posts throughout the township and Village of Chippewa Lake. The grant monies the township received included the chevron signs required at the curves making the approaching curve more visible during night time driving
- Road stripping has been completed on Eastlake, Ryan, Ballash, Carsten and Egypt Roads. Ballash and Ryan Roads were re-stripped due to lack of visibility while dark
- Mowing season should be completed for the remainder of the season
- Mr. Evans attended the semiannual Storm Water Commission meeting on November 16th. He received mandatory paperwork that will need submitted in 2018. He reported the health department is now part of the program and in approximately five years residences that have a septic system will be required to apply for an annual permit with a fee of \$65.00. If the septic is not functioning to code, the residence will be “flagged”. The Storm Water program would like seeding done after any type of ditching occurs. Mr. Evans does not feel he has the man power nor the budget to comply
- Ongoing maintenance on vehicles and equipment has taken place
- Preparing trucks with the necessary snow removal equipment
- Gutters cleaned on the service and administration buildings
- Mr. Evans confirmed the old F550 should last another year

Zoning:

Ms. Strogin reported through the month of October 2017 the valuation was \$15,494,966.00 versus 2016 totals at \$12,454,630.00. Fees collected through October 2017 are \$39,092.98 versus all of 2016 total at \$22,861.40.

Ms. Bowers questioned if the board should re-visit the footer certifications that were implemented as a result of issues with a particular builder. Ms. Strogin feels this certification has prevented errors when new homes are being built and recommends for the time being to leave the policy in place.

Recreation:

Mr. Costello announced proposals were received for the repair work to the baseball dugouts and for replacement windows in the administration building. The quote for the repair work to the dugouts is \$5,040.00 from Memory Builders and \$4,800.00 from Country View Construction. Mr. Costello relayed that Mr. Evans was hoping to have the work complete before the inclement weather. Ms. Bowers said the monies needed to complete the work will need to be taken from Improvement of Sites under parks.

Mr. Costello made a motion to award Country View Construction for the work listed on the received quote for the baseball dugouts in an amount not to exceed \$4800.00. Mr. Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Mr. Costello stated the two quotes received for the replacement windows in the administration building have approximately a \$1,000.00 difference. Mr. Costello will check with Mr. Evans

regarding the discrepancy between the two quotes as one reflects interior trim work around the windows. They will revisit the quotes at the next meeting.

Cemetery:

Ms. Bowers explained the township has a policy in place that a marble or metal urn must be used for a cremation burial. A family is wishing to bury their loved one in an approved biodegradable box specifically designed for such purpose. After confirming with the State of Ohio and the health department that there are no policies forbidding biodegradable containers for the burial of remains, Ms. Bowers proposed we revise our regulation to allow for such containers pending legal counsel review.

Ms. Bowers made a motion, for the purposes of this specific burial, that the township waive the current policy requiring the use of a marble or metal urn and allow the biodegradable cremains container designed for such purpose and allowing for township cemetery rules to reflect the new language of allowing a metal or marble urn or other container designed for interring cremains, pending legal advice. Mr. Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Old Business:

Ms. Bowers stated the Halloween event was a success and she has received much positive feedback. Ms. Buell stated she approximates just under 100 children in attendance. Mr. Costello stated the event was well attended despite the inclement weather.

Ms. Bowers reviewed the levy statistics state wide and how Lafayette Township paired up. She stated, “Out of 503 levy issues, 280 were safety services, fire, EMS and police and out of those had a 95.1% passage rate which was huge”.

Public Participation:

A resident voiced concern and requested an explanation as to why the township roads are not side stripped. Ms. Bowers explained that Lafayette center line stripes the roads. Once roads are stripped, the township would be required to maintain striping indefinitely. She gave an explanation as to the reasons why the township does not do side line stripping including; liability and cost. Ms. Bowers explained Lafayette Township does not have a road levy that would be required in order to incur the cost of maintaining the additional striping.

6:55 p.m. Ms. Bowers made a motion to recess in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel compensation, hiring, firing, discipline pursuant to 121.22G of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Warchola seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote; Bowers-yes, Costello- yes, Warchola-yes

8:05 p.m. Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Roll Call: Bowers-yes, Costello-yes, Warchola-yes

Ms. Bowers stated no decisions were made in executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer