

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 18, 2018

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, Legal Counsel William Thorne.

Financial Report:

Ms. Bailey reported;

Fund Balance: \$2,254,281.91

Pooled Investments: \$1,962,700.07

Available Checking Balance: \$291,581.84

Requisitions:

Administration: \$290.31

Service Department: \$4,188.50

Zoning Department: \$0

Fire Department: \$400.00

Grand Total: \$4,878.81

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the requisitions totaling \$4,878.81. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Bailey has received the safety services building note documents which require Board signatures .The water and sewer permits have been obtained for the new building. The exemption form from Knoch Corporation has been received and needs be filled out and submitted to the Medina County Building Department.

Trustee Bowers made a motion authorizing the President of the Board, Trustee Costello to sign the Notice to Proceed document for the construction of the new safety services building. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Correspondence:

Trustee Bowers received two emails from residents inquiring the rationale in changing the policing service to Medina City. She responded to both residents via email and the residents felt we should have made the change sooner. Trustee Costello received an email as well and responded. Trustee Bowers noted that Ms. Bailey is always forwarded copies of township correspondence.

Fire Department Report: Chief Hall reported a total of 59 runs for the month May (12-Fire, 28-EMS to Lafayette Township, 3- Fire, 14-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 0-EMS to Gloria Glens, 1- Fire, 1-EMS Mutual Aid Given, 1-EMS, 0- Fire Mutual Aid- Received). Fuel Usage: 261.6 gallons of fuel, 1,732 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Trustee Costello requested Chief Hall track and include the “mutual aid received” in the monthly report and believes Emergency Reporting can furnish the information. Chief Hall will make an attempt to retrieve the information.

Chief Hall reported on the information received from Rob David, MedPro, regarding the fire department physicals. Trustee Bowers requested Chief Hall obtain information from Summa Health and University Hospitals regarding the physicals and receive the additional quotes from MedPro prior to next month's meeting in order for a decision to be made.

Ms. Bailey requested Chief Hall submit the December 2017 call runs so she can forward the information.

Police Report:

Trustee Costello stated no report was available this evening due to Deputy Harhay's vacation.

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans Reported:

- American Flags have been hung in the township
- Cleaned out cross over culverts due to flooding
- Mowing of township properties and cemeteries and roadsides
- Repaired sinkhole with stone and topsoil in tree lawn on Bittersweet and Honey Shade Court- will continue to monitor. Mr. Evans believes this is a result of incorrect installation of cub drains by the developer. He feels this should have been discovered during the county inspection
- Received complaints on Tyndale Lane regarding sinkholes in tree lawn and under sidewalk. Repaired by filling with stone and topsoil for safety reasons
- Sprayed weeds around road signs, hydrants, flower beds on complex, station 2, Lions Park, ballfield fences, Tech Park curbs and electric boxes
- Repaired culvert wash-outs along Coon Club and Carsten Roads
- Cut back berms on Ryan Road
- Trimmed trees on Ballash Road- obstructing the view of road signs. The OTARMA summer 2018 newsletter was received and Mr. Evans recommends the Board and Mr. Thorne review the article regarding road sign visibility. The stop sign on Rosemont Way has poor visibility. Trustee Bowers will speak to those property owners and inform them of the issue and safety concerns and advise Mr. Evans what steps to take
- Patched small pot hole on Gilbert Street

EQUIPMENT

- Ongoing preventative maintenance on vehicles and equipment
- Trucks and equipment washed, polished and greased
- Polen Equipment replaced leaking Hydraulic cylinder on John Deere boom mower. Changed Hydraulic oil, filters and checked pressure

SHOP

- Keeping shop cleaned and organized

COMPLEX

- Picking up trash around ballfields and dugouts and emptying garbage cans
- Weeds control and tree trimming around Town hall, Gazebo and Administration Building
- Windows in administration building have been replaced

Cemetery

- Placed flags on head stones and fence at Waltz Cemetery in honor of the Veteran's

Trustee Costello thanked Mr. Evans and the service department for the hard work on the landscaping at Waltz Cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony. Trustee Bowers reminded Mr. Evans to have Lions Park mowed and a portable toilet on site for the annual Fourth of July Parade.

Zoning Department Report:

Ms. Strogin reported the valuation up to the month of May 2018 is \$11,272,906.00 versus \$16,626,190.00 for the 2017 year. Fees collected up through May 2018 are \$56,655.00 versus the 2017 total of \$42,882.00.

Ms. Strogin explained a pilot program that is taking place in Medina Township where residents can request micro dots, free of charge, to be placed on personal property. In the event the property marked is stolen, lost, etc. and the local authorities recover the item, the micro dots will contain the owner's information giving the authorities the ability to return the item to its rightful owner. Currently this program is only being offered in the 44256 zip code area. The Board will obtain additional information at a seminar on June 27th and are hoping to make this program available to Lafayette Township residents. Information will be made available to residents through the township newsletter along with information for the free mosquito dunks that are available.

Recreation:

No business

Economic Development:

No business

Old Business:

Trustee Costello thanked the fire department for their assistance in setting up the site for the new Safety Services Building ground breaking ceremony held on June 16th.

New Business:

Mr. Allan Michaelson, Law Director for Gloria Glens gave a brief history of the fire district in which Gloria Glens could not be included because they were not contiguous to the township. Mr. Michaelson explained Gloria Glens has gone through annexation and are now connected to the township. He is requesting the Board consider allowing Gloria Glens to join the fire district. He stated that Gloria Glens currently contracts for fire service from the township and are extremely satisfied with the service provided. Trustee Bowers requested Chief Hall forward her the figures of Gloria Glens soft billing for the past year for her review. The Board will discuss with township legal counsel prior to making their decision.

The trustees agreed to hold the outdoor community movie night at either Chippewa Lake or Buckeye Woods Park as it is more centrally located within the township. Ms. Buell will attempt to schedule the movie for July 20th at Buckeye Woods Park with Chippewa Lake as a backup location and will report back.

Announcements:

None

Public Participation

Ms. Vikki Seherz, 7795 Coon Club Road property owner, stated she owns property in three townships which are all serviced by the Medina County Sheriff's Department. She requested information regarding the potential change in the Lafayette Township police contract and how that will affect her if she needs authorities to respond to her Lafayette Township property. Discussion took place as to the reasons the Board has explored other options for Lafayette Township law enforcement and gave several instances that warranted the search. The Board has worked with the Sheriff for at least two years to rectify the issues holding several meetings with the Sheriff to display their dissatisfaction to no avail. Trustee Bowers

explained this is not a “knee jerk” reaction. She went on to explain the taxpayers of Lafayette Township pay an additional tax through a levy for an enhanced service from the Sheriff’s Department in addition to paying the same tax other county residents pay. The Board doesn’t feel the Sheriff or his staff are intentionally taking advantage of Lafayette Township or its residents and believe the department wants to provide a service but doesn’t have the resources to do so. The Board has worked diligently to reach an agreement to receive the service Lafayette residents are paying for. Trustee Bowers informed Ms. Scherz that the Board cannot arbitrarily increase taxes and any law enforcement contract will run with the levy with a levy expiration every five years. Mr. Thorne advised that residents still have the right to contact the sheriff’s department, independent of the township having their own law enforcement, and the sheriff’s department has an obligation to respond.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to pay the warrants of the township. Trustee Costello seconded the motion.

7:21 p.m. Trustee Bowers made a motion to recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel compensation and discipline pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Roll Call vote; Warchola-yes, Costello-yes, Bowers- yes.

8:59 p.m. Trustee Costello moved to reconvene to the regular meeting. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion.

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

No decisions were made

Trustee Costello moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Warchola.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer