

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 20, 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, Law Director William Thorne.

Trustee Costello moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2018, Special Meeting of August 2, 2018, Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor

Correspondence:

None

Fire Department Report:

Chief Hall thanked everyone for their show of concern and support concerning his off duty accident that occurred in July.

Chief Hall noted changes to the monthly report and reviewed the new layout with the Board.

Chief Hall reported a total of 53 runs for the month July (15-Fire, 31-EMS to Lafayette Township, 0- Fire, 3-EMS to Village of Chippewa Lake, 0- Fire, 1-EMS to Gloria Glens, 3- Mutual Aid Given, 0-EMS Mutual Aid- Received). Fuel Usage: 297.80 gallons of fuel, 1868.40 miles were logged on all vehicles.

Chief Hall presented information regarding fire department personnel physicals. He forwarded information to the trustees from Metro and Summa- Dr. Surso. He informed the Board not all tests are routinely administered on every employee only when the physician feels it's warranted. Assistant Chief Holzman presented information regarding physicals that he received from Dora Richardson. The Board agreed to take additional time to review all the information presented and will discuss at next month's meeting.

Trustee Bowers informed of legislation that holds gas companies accountable for repairs to leaks which would help reduce or eliminate the number of times the department responds to such calls which ultimately saves resources and tax dollars.

Police Department Report:

No report

Service Department Report:

Mr. Evans reported:

- Mowing of township properties, cemeteries and roadsides is ongoing
- Tree trimming along road sides
- Chatham Township assisted Lafayette with their motor grader, leveling asphalt and rolling township roads and station #2. Left over asphalt was used on complex parking lot (so no waste). In exchange for service, Lafayette will assist Chatham ditching their roads. Sarver paving patched Station #2 with 20 ton of asphalt and required an additional 8 ton to fill the hole in the middle of that parking lot
- Sarver Paving anticipates completing chip & seal at the end of this week

- Sheriff's Department informed Mr. Evans that shower doors were dumped at Lake Road and Main Drive in Chippewa Lake and requested they be removed for safety reasons
- Sheriff's office called on 8/7/18 at 2:30am regarding a down tree across Ballash Road. Mr. Evans responded by cutting and removing tree from roadway
- Mr. Evans requested the Board review and sign 2018/2019 Chippewa Lake and Lafayette Township road service agreement noting there were no changes to the contract from last year
- Preventive maintenance on vehicles and equipment has been performed
- Department trucks washed, polished and greased
- Replaced starter on the 2012 F550
- 2008 Ford F350 with plow was listed on Govdeals.com July 18th. Sold August 2nd for \$11,350.00. Payment was received 8/20/18 from Govdeals
- Temporarily repaired/painted 2 barricades for HOA to borrow for block party. Mr. Evans requests the Board consider budgeting next year for the purchase of 2 new barricades with an anticipated cost of \$500.00 as the current barricades are becoming dilapidated. He reminded the barricades are also used for emergency road closings
- The connecting rod exploded inside the pump of the pressure washer and replacement parts are not available due to the age of the unit. Replacement of the unit is approximately \$2955.00. Mr. Evans reminded the Board this is a piece of equipment that is used regularly
- Weed removal and tree trimming on complex, Memorial Commons and ball fields. Maintained flower beds
- Mr. Evans reported again a leak in the town hall ceiling around the venting system. Last month no decisions were made and he feels this issue needs to be addressed prior to the winter season and before additional issues occur. The Board requested Mr. Evans receive estimates for the repairs and present at Septembers meeting
- Sealed and stripped the parking lot and driveway at Waltz Cemetery. Mr. Evans presented pictures of before and after all the work has taken place
- Pastor Les inquired about the cross/columbarium that was discussed last year. The church is ready for this step in the process. Trustee Bowers is not comfortable adding any additional money to the cemetery budget until the new safety services building is completed. The Board agreed
- There were 2 burials that took place at Waltz cemetery in July
- Mr. Evans inquired the status of the cemetery rules that were to be amended and requested the trustee vote on the deed verbiage

Trustee Bowers made a motion to remove the cremainal burial language from the cemetery rules and regulations. Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the deed verbiage as such; "The Grantee(s) herein, a member of their family or a descendent, must use the burial rights transferred herein, or at least one site in the lot/lots within 20 years or renew the burial rights transferred herein, at no cost, within such time frame or the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees will have the right to reclaim the burial rights in the lots and the Grantee/Grantors right there in shall be terminated". Trustee Warchola seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Bowers moved to approve the purchase of the Hotsy Hot Water Washer in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. Trustee Costello seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Zoning Department Report:

Ms. Strogin reported the estimated values through the month of July 2018 is \$18,232,346.00 versus \$16,626,190.00 for the 2017 year. Fees collected up through July 2018 are \$33,956.93 versus the 2017 total of \$42,882.00.

Mr. Thorne confirmed the Board received the draft proposal on agritourism. He reviewed his recommendations and gave a brief description of the regulations of agritourism. The Board agreed to send the draft to the County Planning Commission and the zoning commission for feedback. Mr. Thorne will forward the draft to the attorneys and Rob Henwood, at the CPC.

Recreation:

No business to report

Economic Development:

No business to report

Mr. Lukas Fykes, Director of Operations for Trebele LLC., an energy consulting firm out of Mansfield, Ohio. He explained the electric aggregation program that is being offered to townships by Trebele. If Lafayette Township is interested in participating it would need to be placed on the November 2019 ballot. Mr. Fykes encouraged the Board to reach out to him for any additional questions or information.

Old Business:

Community movie night will be held Friday, September 14th at Buckeye Woods Park at dusk.

New Business:

The Lafayette Township Safety Services Building Construction Update Meeting took place this afternoon. Next month's construction update meeting will take place on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. due to a conflict in schedules. The Board agreed to reschedule the September 17th Regular Trustee Meeting to Monday, September 24th at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate the schedule conflict.

The Board of Trustees scheduled the annual record retention meeting for September 24, 2018 to follow the construction update meeting with an approximate time of 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve \$349.00 for Mr. Thorne and \$339.00 for Trustee Warchola to attend the September 17, 2018 Perrysburg, Ohio Local Government Law Conference. Trustee Costello Seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Warchola provided quotes for an electronic sign for the new safety services building. The Board reviewed the sign quotes presented from Wagner, Brilliant Electric and Fast Signs.

Trustee Warchola made a motion to accept Brilliant Sign's quote for a 3'2" x 8'5", 16mm pixel spacing, high resolution sign with wireless communication in the amount of \$27,464.00. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Financial Report:

Ms. Bailey stated the report reflects the bond money as she is currently working on the how to set the bond up in the UAN system.

Ms. Bailey reported;

Fund Balance: \$6,605,365.98

Pooled Investments: \$1,966,010.22

Available Checking Balance: \$4,639,355.76

Ms. Bailey stated \$3,995,000.00 of the available checking includes the bond.

Ms. Bailey stated there are no requisitions to present this evening.

Announcements:

None

Trustee Bowers requested a point of personal privilege from the Board. She explained there is currently a movie "Death of a Nation" showing at Regal Theatre. She chairs an organization that at times reads a book or reviews a movie and hold discussion about it. Her organization requested attended a showing and invited individuals to view the movie and hold a discussion afterwards. Trustee Bowers believes there are a lot of people not content with the political discord we are witnessing on television. The event was advertised for approximately three weeks, allowing opening invitation to any individual wishing to attend. Trustee Bowers said a New York Times reporter requested to attend and in the spirit of being welcoming and transparent they welcomed the reporter. After the showing some attendees felt the reporter was trying to "pull statements from them and were not fooled". The movie compares Lincoln and the outrage in his election to the outrage surrounded by our current president. Trustee Bowers made it clear that the movie does not compare democrats to Nazi's. She said that was the lead the editor placed on the article when it was published. She understands that editors need to get "clicks" by placing shocking and provocative titles to capture an audience but to casually compare others to Nazi's is shamefully disrespectful to the people who suffered and died at their hands. Trustee Bowers said the discussion that was had was 100 percent fostering a more respectful environment, complaining about the need to elevate the civil discourse. She said she would think the local democrats would most likely agree on. She said by viewing the movie doesn't say the individuals liked the movie nor agree with it. The chair of the Democratic Party in Medina County has sent out a press release calling for Trustee Bowers resignation from office. Unfortunately, having done that has given this story great legs. She feels that in this county democrats and republicans have always well-received each other and feels Medina County is better than that. She does not want to see the residents "pitted" against each other. Trustee Bowers has been contacted by national news media and she has not returned any calls because she does not want to raise that discourse any further. Trustee Bowers apologized for the embarrassment that it has caused her community and her family. An attendee of the meeting offered his support of Trustee Bowers stating that this country is built on freedoms. Freedom of speech and freedom of assembly are two of them.

Public Participation:

Ms. Ruby March and Annette Luce of Chippewa Lake requested the assistance of Lafayette Township regarding the deplorable condition of the homes within the amusement park area. They said there are homes with infestations of bedbugs. Those occupants toss their furniture in their front lawns and leave it. The neighbors repetitively collect the disregarded furniture and trash and properly dispose of it. This is an expense the neighbors are incurring. After contacting the Medina County Health Department, they were told there are no regulations pertaining to bedbugs. Trustee Bowers is scheduled to have a meeting with the Director of the Medina County Health Department this week and she will have a discussion regarding the issue and will then contact Ms. March and Ms. Luce. Mr. Thorne said this may not be to the severity that the Health Department wishes to use their resources but said if they are willing to declare it a public nuisance the Board could take steps to recover the costs of clean-up and could be assessed to the property owner taxes. The owner must first receive notice. The residents also voiced concern over the safety of the bridges leading in and out of their neighborhood. Mr. Thorne explained the township has very little authority because they are private roads. Ms. Strogan explained that Continental, the owner of the property owns the land, therefor owns the roads. Trustee Bowers explained there is no mechanism in which the township to assume responsibility of those roads unless there is a legislative change.

A resident received a notice in the mail regarding the annexation meeting being held next week. Trustee Bowers explained the notice is concerning Mr. Mark Fredrick's land for a type II annexation.

Trustee Costello stated for the record that the facebook message that surfaced that the township is trying to annex into the city so Lafayette Township can become part of the City of Medina. Trustee Costello stated, "There is nothing farther from the truth". Trustee Bowers said the township doesn't have the authority to do so.

Resolution 14-2018 Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services of the Lafayette Township Service Department with the Village of Chippewa Lake for the 2018/2019 season with no changes. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Trustee Costello moved to pay the warrants of the township. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion. All voting favor.

Trustee Costello moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Warchola.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer