

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
April 17, 2023

This was a rescheduled meeting for Monday, April 10, 2023, of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Canfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with all members of the board present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Canfield opened with a formal apology for having to reschedule the meeting as well as lack of meeting minutes being published on the website in response to public comment at the Zoning Commission Public Hearing held prior.

Canfield motioned to hire Kim Carter to take the meeting minutes moving forward at her regular rate of pay, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Discussion on who has the authority to hire for this. Motion carried.

Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Ron Czellath inquired if anything is going to be done with Webster Rd from Route 301 to Nickel Plate stating it's a good thing we had a mild winter because, otherwise, it's too slippery. Kyle responded that Webster Rd from State Route 301 to Whitehead is approved for this year and the Township is working on a grant for Webster Rd from Whitehead to Nickel Plate. Canfield added that Penfield Township will be involved as well.

Melissa asked what the Township was doing with the old roller. Would like to offer \$2,500.00 for the old roller for the Village.

Canfield motioned to accept the offer from the Village for the R2000 roller in the amount of \$2,500.00, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett suggested the Township gift the roller or drop the price to \$500.00 for future considerations. Canfield rescinded her motion. Burnett motioned to donate the R2000 roller to the Village for future considerations, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussions, motion carried.

Road and Cemetery

Kyle was present and reported the following:

First brush pickup complete.

Salt contract is due 05/01/23. There is about 275 ton in the bin currently and 350 ton is the target. Would like to order 100 ton for next year.

Gardner motioned to enter a resolution for a contract with Cargill through state bid for 100 ton of salt, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussion and motion carried.

Hidden Canyon parking signs – the one closest to Indian Hollow has been stolen. There were noticeable tracks off the road. Canfield requested Kyle go on the Auditor's website to see who lives there and see if they may have seen something. Moving forward, do whatever you can to keep the signs secure.

Working on grant for Webster Rd from Whitehead to Nickel Plate. Canfield suggested Kyle reach out to Rob Klaiber regarding the Issue 2 projects, take pictures of the road, get deadline information and reach out to Vicki Denes of Penfield Township.

Concrete work for Elk Creek Dr. – Need to approve Keith Sherrill to fix the concrete. Received a quote of not to exceed \$2,200.00, but did not receive all bids. Canfield said that we need to try to secure 2 more bids as anything of \$500 requires 3 bids.

Painting of roads – Working with Jeff Yaeger, Engineer for Lorain County, regarding painting the edge and center lines on township roads. Contracted with the County Engineer's

office for \$3,812.46. Said all the roads should be completed in the next three years. Canfield asked if we need to contract through the county or just through email. Kyle said that last time he did it through email, but will confirm.

Burnett motioned to work with the County utilizing Jeff Yaeger for the painting of the edge and center lines on township roads in the amount of \$3,812.46, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussion, motion carried.

Signs in the Township – Mastermind results (Kyle handed out documents to Trustees) shows that 21 signs failed reflectivity, 1 sign was incorrect, 4-5 signs have fastener issues, 1 sign not the correct distance, 5 signs need to be added and the striping on Biggs Rd is incorrect. Also, recommended that the railroad crossings be painted. Canfield said that the document with the results will be very helpful with the Risk Management meeting with Becky Ames from KLA Risk Management scheduled for 4/26/23 at 10:00am. Would like Kyle to meet her at the garage and give her a tour.

Cemetery - there were 2 full burials, dirt was moved last Friday and cleaned up, old fence by road was removed and the building and gazebo at the cemetery need power washed. Trustees said they will find a power washer to use. Ilene B. has requested to sell a grave back to the Township, so that will need attention.

Fire trucks were serviced. Exhaust on the tanker and we have an extra set of filters on the shelf for future use.

Chip and Seal Garage Driveway – quote for single w/asphalt work and us doing it would be about \$4,200.00. This was figuring from apron out front 25’ wide and 550’ long. If we want to go with double chip and seal it would go to \$8,400.00. Canfield agreed that the road needs attention, but there is no fund balance available for this evening’s meeting. Asked if we could get 4-5 years out of it by doing single. Sigmund stated that we are responsible for the egress from our building to the road, but we are not the only ones using that road. Gardner asked if there would be any drainage work to be done if we chose the double. Canfield suggested we consider the lifespan of resolutions, get an estimate to fix it the right way and it will depend on the budget.

Part-time help – to be addressed in the Executive Session

Dumpster Days – Canfield would like to run an ad about dumpster days including hours, location, what we can take, what we can’t take and alternative options for residents. Would like to run it in the Rural Urban, list it on the website and put it on the sign.

Generator install – Burnett inquired as to whether the generator is done. Kyle said that he hasn’t been able to get ahold of the guy, even though we have paid for it. Suggested getting ahold of Dan Petticord to write a letter.

Garage Items for sale – Kyle presented a list of 4 items from the garage to sell with rough estimates. Kyle and Vince will be posting through Gov Deals. The welder sold for \$3,012.00, but it hasn’t been picked up yet. Canfield requested Kyle send an email to Kathy to confirm receipt of money and details of pickup.

Gardner asked if there were any grants for guard rails for the railroad tracks. Kyle will follow up with the county.

Fire and EMS

Burnett opened a discussion regarding an email received from Rader regarding the support of the radio system. He said that all of the other departments are in support of it.

Burnett motioned to generate a resolution to the commissioners in support of the Harris radio system, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Zoning

Sigmund reported permits given for Chris Joseph at 42115 Elk Creek Dr for a storage building; Jen Jones at 297 Horseshoe Dr for a 6’ privacy fence; Jacob Gordon at 15432 Diagonal Rd for a storage building.

Sigmund reported estimate for weather stripping and door adjustments at the fire station for all bays to be \$1,450.00. Canfield supports the project because the utility bills are elevated without the weather stripping being sealed properly. Sigmund noted that there is some damage to the bay doors that was due to employee accidents. Canfield stated that, moving forward, there should be incident reports completed and filed.

Canfield motioned to accept the bid from Brown Overhead Door in the amount of \$1,450.00 for weather stripping and adjustments on the bay doors at the fire station, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussion, motion carried.

Sigmund received a permit application for home occupation from Edward Maziarz at 19211 Indian Hollow Rd.

Vets Park needs weeded and cleaned up. Need access to water from the Village.

Hidden Canyon – Mr. Wise received complaint regarding the amount of vehicles parked in the cul-de-sac facing the road. When approached, Mr. Wise said that Gary Burnett said that it was okay. Burnett said he told him that it was okay as long as the vehicles were not on the cul-de-sac and they are titled. Discussions about the maximum number of vehicles per parcel.

Accident report from Village – save for next meeting

Lot north of fire station – to be discussed in Executive session

Fiscal Officer

No Report

Bills

After review, Gardner motioned to approve the bills as presented, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Rural Water

No report

LORCO

Gardner did not make it to the last meeting. There have been discussions of Avon Lake and Rural Water no longer in sewage business with County which may be positive. Hope to make the next meeting as they are putting on presentations throughout the county on septic issues.

Park Board

Canfield said that she was disappointed that we won't get money from the County for the repair of the road at the park. The Village is teaming up with the Township to get it repaired. Emailed Rob Klaiber about bids for fixing the road. Emailed fiscal officer on 04/12/23 regarding verbiage for advertising for bids and just got a response this afternoon with a document that wasn't what was needed. Discussions on doing the road in two parts or doing it as a whole. The Village agreed and approved up to \$45,000.00 in assistance. The estimate from last year is still valid and the Township still has ARPA funds available.

Gardner motioned to match the Villages offer of up to \$45,000.00 to repair the park road utilizing Township ARPA funds, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussions, motion carried.

Roger has made efforts to secure minutes from the park board.

Canfield motioned to fund the park at their normal rate of \$35,000.00, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussions, motion carried.

Board members pay – Canfield suggested as a token of appreciation, would like to pay the park board members \$40 per meeting.

Canfield motioned to support the resolution to give park board members \$40 per meeting, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. No further discussion, motion carried.

Beth Gardner contacted the board about planting flowers at the park. She wants to do some fundraising and get donations. Concerned about her putting in all that work and having the road repair ruin it. Burnett added that the flowers last year looked the best he has seen. Russ R. suggested letting Beth make that decision. Just let the Township know what your decision is with Beth.

Canfield noted that the “Rules” sign is faded and that we need to get it refreshed. It will get reprinted for the cabinet.

Sign at the fire station needs refreshed. Check into who did it last time.

Storbybook Signs – Roger reported that one of the signs was stolen. Some boys were spotted carrying the sign and, when approached, they dropped it. Confirmed that Monique at the library has the stolen sign in their possession. They are going to redo the stories in the next couple of weeks. She is working on getting funding to do the new signs in concrete. Melissa Lilly, Village employee, added that vandalism in the park is getting worse. The handle was ripped off the boy’s bathroom, toilet lid ripped off the girl’s bathroom and shoved in the toilet and the soap dispensers were torn down. Canfield suggested camera surveillance in the future.

Roger inquired about hiring Ted Younglas – to be handled in the Executive Session.

Burnett motioned to hire Ted Younglas back ASAP at the same rate until the end of November, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – Burnett: yes, Gardner: yes, Canfield: abstained. No further discussions, motion carried.

Burnett brought up for discussion about putting people on the park board that live out of the area. Must live in the Village or the Township according to the By Laws. Melissa Lilly, Village employee, and Mayor Gary Kincannon have people that are interested in being on the board. Melissa asked whose turn it was to appoint members – Village or Township. Haven’t been able to secure the meeting minutes, so there is not clear information on whose turn it is.

Trustees Comments

Gardner wanted to thank the Mayor Kincannon and Melissa Lilly for supporting the resolution of park board members.

Canfield said that the Prosecutor’s office will be present at the next meeting regarding information and action for Sherman. John Ross is the insurance adjustor for the trucking company and we are coming up on a time limit. We still need a bid for the flag pole.

Canfield motioned to go into executive session at 9:01pm, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Canfield motioned to go back to open session with no action taken at 9:28pm, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Burnett motioned to adjourn, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

_____Chairman

_____Kimberly Carter, Secretary