

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

AUGUST 8, 2022

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Trustee Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Burnett, Gardner and Canfield were in attendance, also present was Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling.

The minutes for 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 4/25/22, and 7/25/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/25/22 with corrections, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Minutes from 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 4/25/22 are table for further review. Minutes for the special meeting on 8/1/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Joe McDonald, 41471 Biggs Road had questions on a drainage problem he is having due to a collapsed pipe in the ditch in front of his property. Kyle Osborne, Road Superintendent took his information and will check it out. Dave O'Brian from the Chronicle Telegram was present to report on the discussion about Sherman, the statue. Trustee Canfield updated the meeting on information she had received recently from the insurance company. Janice King from the LaGrange Historical Society was present and said she has been contacted by a company that rebuilds damaged statues, she will send Trustee Canfield the information. King also asked if the historical society can have the damaged statue, Canfield said they would consider it. Discussion on when a new statue is in place how it would be protected from this happening again. Resident Matt Delago, 40162 Biggs Road asked the trustees if they had contacted Grey Hawk concerning the problem with the golfers, mainly the golf balls. Trustee Burnett said he spoken to the mayor of Lagrange about the issues, Matt was concerned about the damage the golf balls cause to personal property. Trustee Burnett said the village is not going to pursue this issue, it will have to be a civil matter. Deputy Brandon Bargaheiser from the Lorain County Sherrieff's Department was present and introduced himself, he is the Township Impact Officer for our township. Trustees asked about his role and what his duties are as an impact officer, he explained his role in this position and gave an update on what was happening in the township. Trustees asked if they could have a report on calls etc. that happens in the township, it is emailed to the Fiscal Officer, she will forward it to trustees.

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Kyle Osborne was present and gave a report on the road and cemetery departments. Kyle did a ride along with Steve Adams and Shaun Duffala from the county to assess the township roads, he said they told him they are in really good shape. Kyle reported they fixed the down spouts on the building on Biggs Road complex, he said water is still coming into the basement, they think it is a gutter problem, he will clean them and see if that is the problem. They are almost done at the old garage outside, just have some stone to move. Kyle updated the trustees on cemetery, asked Poling to keep him updated on receipts she receives from monument companies. Kyle questioned the trustees about no fee being listed for weekend cremations, he suggested that a fee be set for this service. Kyle said the 2005 truck is going to need replaced and orders for these are 2 years out, we need to start to think about getting estimates. Trustees gave Kyle the go ahead to start getting estimates to replace the truck. Kyle said the 2008 cemetery truck does not get used much, should think about keeping or selling it. Kyle said he was contacted about repainting the Hela pad at the community park, was not sure if this is the townships responsibility or not. Trustees asked Chief Rader about repainting it, the township and village need to get together and get this done. Kyle reported that George Howard has been mowing, we are now caught up on ditch mowing. Trustee Canfield asked Kyle about inventory items that could be sold, will review at the next work session. Trustees set the next work session for August 29th at 3:00 pm, Biggs Road Complex.

FIRE AND EMS

Chief Rader was present and gave an update on fire department, there were 15 fire call and 69 EMS calls. Chief report he was contacted by Terry Wolters, owner of the Rural Nest said she would repaint the sign in front of the fire station for \$175.00. Trustee Gardner made a motion to have Wolters paint the sign, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Rader asked the trustees if he could post truck 37 on Govdeals to sell, Trustee Burnett made a motion to list truck 37 for \$5000.00 reserve on Govdeals, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Rader said that we will have to have title, trustees said they will have Vince Sigmund locate it. Trustee Burnett reported that the discrimination allegations against Chief Rader has been dropped, Rader asked the trustees if he could get a report on what he did, he has no idea on what the allegation is about. Trustee Burnett reported that the investigation from the State Auditors office is still on going. Trustee Burnett updated on incident that was investigated on fire training, both firefighters will receive a letter of reprimand. Trustee Burnett said they will be interview applicants for assistant fire chief.

ZONING

None

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$50,034.63, Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the bills, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling reported on the OneOhio Settlement, assistant Amy Richards will help with the paperwork that will need filed, Poling gave a correspondence from NOACA to the trustees.

RURAL WATER

None

LORCO

None

PARK BOARD

Trustee Canfield reported that the trustees have not heard anything from the commissioners yet about the joint funding for the park road. Trustee Canfield received a letter from Tom Monroe, 17918 Whitehead Road, him and his wife moved to the township 3 years ago and enjoy the community park. Tom expressed interest on serving on the park board, he would like to contribute to the community by doing this. Trustee Canfield made a motion to appoint Tom Monroe to the park board and accept Mark Burnetts resignation from the board, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Canfield also reported that the park board is working on updating the bylaws, also the park board will start negotiations with Keystone Schools for use of the ball diamonds for girl's softball. Mike Hornby had a question for the trustees that was not park board related, he inquired about having a family member that was cremated buried on top of the parents, the family member was an indigent. Trustee Canfield asked Mike to see her after the meeting.

With no further business Trustee Canfield made a motion to adjourn, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Gary Burnett, Chairman

Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer