

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

JULY 25, 2022

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Trustee Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee 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, 7/11/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/11/22, Canfield 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 tabled for further review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Kyle Osborne was present and gave an update on the road and cemetery departments. Kyle reported that they are almost done cleaning out the old township garage, the inside is done but have somethings to move and clean up on the outside. Kyle said he met with Carlisle Road Department to make a plan to start working on some roads within the townships. Kyle also reported that he has finished his inventory for the road department, the only thing he has left to inventory is the small stuff, they estimated the value at \$50,000.00 dollars. Kyle and Bruce attended a training session on spraying noxious weeds with other township road crews. The training was in Elyria and the instructor was Lyn Ickes, discussion on the future training for spraying noxious weeds. Kyle updated on the cemetery, they finished leveling off all the graves, have two more footers to do. Kyle is working on getting pricing to repair the snow equipment, should have it by the next meeting. Kyle was contacted by George Howard, a former road man with the township to help with road side mowing. The trustees said he would need to be employed by the township for insurance purposes. A motion was made by Trustee Canfield to hire George Howard as a seasonal employee with the road department, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Kyle said that the copy machine at the complex still is not working properly, he has contacted the company and is not getting any good results about it getting fixed. Trustee Canfield said she will contact the service manager and get this resolved. Discussion on the uniform contract with Unifirst, looking into cancelling contract because of poor quality. Kyle asked trustees if they had thought about the ditch policy any more, Trustee Burnett said it will be addressed at the next trustee work session. Trustee Canfield was

contacted by Crest Fence about the cemetery fence, they are waiting for it to be finished by the manufacturer.

FIRE AND EMS

Chief Rader was present and gave report on Fire Department. Chief Rader asked the trustees to approve sending 10 firefighters to Wayne Fire School on September 24 and 25. It will cost \$100.00 per firefighter so \$1000.00 total. Discussion on what this training will cover, it will be held at Wayne County Regional complex in Apple Creek. Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve up to \$1000.000 for the fire training at Wayne County Fire School, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Chief Rader updated the trustees on National Night out that is August 2nd on the square. Discussion on what the fire department will be doing for the night, have a table out with applications and have the trucks out for public to look at. Chief Rader said the new truck is done, ready to use, lights etc. Chief Rader asked if the pieces of Sherman in the old Fire Station can be rearranged, they need space for the Jeep and it is hard to move hazmat trailer in and out. Trustee Burnett said he will bring his tow motor back up to help with organizing the station. Chief Rader asked Poling if she has been doing anything on Gov-deals, she has not. Trustee Burnett asked for a list of the items to be sold so it can be approved by the trustees. Trustee Burnett asked Rader how his inventory is progressing, he is going to have Andrew Prewitt help him with it this winter, he has experience from doing it while in the Army and will digitize it. Chief explained that all the big equipment is on the current list for the insurance company. The tires for the antique fire truck have been mounted.

Chief Rader asked the trustees about his salary, it has been three months that he has been waiting for some decision. Trustee Burnett addressed it, said Clemons Nelson is handling the issue that occurred at the fire training and the state is investigating issue with Rader. Chief Rader asked what he was being investigated for from the state, Rader asked what had happened with Assistant Prosecutor Dan Petticord report, Burnett said he passed it off to the Ohio State Auditors office. Chief Rader asked about a harassment charge against him that was brought up at meetings with Petticord, Canfield corrected Rader and said it was a discrimination complaint not harassment. Chief Rader asked if it is still being investigated by the state, Canfield said yes, that is why they cannot discuss details. Chief Rader said he talked to Dan Petticord and he was not formally investigating, he was asked about some concerns by the board. Trustee Burnett said he was not doing the investigation, Dennis Will was and they are still waiting for report, cannot discuss ongoing investigation. Chief Rader said he is not compensated fairly for the amount of time he puts in to run the department since his fire hours are not being paid. Discussion on his job description and if one was approved and signed. Trustee Burnett said they will keep hounding the investigators to get this resolved.

Todd Straub was present and gave an update on EMS Department. Todd said they received a grant for training equipment for \$675.25, he also inquired about the Striker contract if it was sent it, Poling said yes. Straub asked the trustees to hire medic Baily Echols for EMS. Trustee Canfield made a motion to hire Baily Echols for medic, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Straub reported there was 52 runs in June, and 61 so far in July. Discussion on filling shifts, Todd said they have a difficult time every summer because of vacations. Trustees asked about Thomas overtime, Todd said he has been in contact with PERS and he is a full-time employee with Wellington Village and his overtime will not affect township. Trustees told Todd to try and spread the hours around so not one employee gets so much overtime.

ZONING

Vince Sigmund was present and gave update on permits issued. There were four permits since last meeting:

John Bradley, 40816 Webster Road, accessory building

Jason Kalzur, 40849 Biggs Road, pool

Kevin Borders, 41773 Parsons Road, addition

John Fitch, 14945 ST RT 301, new build

Vince said he needs resolution for 2022 NOPEC Grant so he can send it in, said we should have received \$742.00 dollars for 2021 NOPEC Grant, it was direct deposit, Poling will confirm. Vince reported that he priced an Apple computer for the road department, the price is \$1300.00 and will be compatible with the iPad. Trustee Canfield made a motion to purchase an Apple computer for the road department and the cost of \$1300.00, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Canfield asked Rader and Staub if their computers have been upgraded and if they are working well, both said yes. Vince reported that all the zoning board members except for Bender were sworn in at their last meeting. Poling said she will go to the park board meeting to get all of them sworn in. Vince said he has some projects that need addressed and will bring them up at the next trustee work session.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$53717.20, with the exception of payment advice 609-2022 for \$105.08 from overpayment of a employee. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve bills with the exception of 609-2022 in the amount of \$105.08, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling present resolution 2022-11 for the 2022 NOPEC Grant. Trustee Canfield made a motion to pass

resolution 2022-11 for the 2022 NOPEC Grant, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling presented resolution #2022-10 for the compensation of the park board members to the trustees that was passed last meeting, salt contract with Keystone Schools and reported we received our second ARPA Fund monies in the amount of \$213,388.41. Trustee Burnett gave Poling the check for the old garage in the amount of \$83,241.75, Trustee Canfield asked if Poling had done anything with the OTA One Settlement, she had not but will look into what needs done to receive settlement funds. Trustee Canfield said that as part of the employment negotiation with Kyle Osborne the township will transfer 200 sick hours to his sick leave balance. Trustee Canfield made a motion to except 200 sick pay hours from Wellington Village into Kyle Osborne's payroll account, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Canfield also asked Poling for a copy of the OTARMA insurance policy for their work session. All properties and equipment need reviewed to make sure they are insured for the proper value.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gardner updated Kelner Ditch project, he has the petition from the village and said if any township residents that own property along the ditch please feel free to sign it. Discussion on questions Gardner received from residents along the ditch. Trustee Gardner made a motion that the township get more involved with getting the ditch cleaned, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Canfield reported on the LCOTA meeting that was held in Olmsted Falls, there was a presentation on how easy it is for a townships computer to be hacked into. OTARMA has an individual who will do training to help prevent this from occurring, we need to look into how to get this training. Trustee Canfield updated us on how the insurance claim on Sherman is progressing, Canfield asked for pictures and all communications that happened the night of the incident so a file can be started. Trustee Canfield asked for volunteers to help with the LCOTA booth at the Lorain County Fair.

RURAL WATER

Roger Kuhl was present and asked if the signed hydrant contract was sent into Rural Water yet, they have not received it. Roger updated the trustees on new sign for Rural Water Complex, also Pheasant Run has asked for a meeting with Rural Water about their hydrants.

PARK BOARD

Trustee Canfield updated trustees on the grant that was applied for to repave park drive. At the commissioners meeting it was put on hold, needs to be processed through community development department. Discussion on timing to get project completed and what the alternatives are if we do not get the grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Canfield made a motion to go into executive session for the sale and purchase of property, Gardner seconded the motion. Roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes, motion passed, executive session started at 8:30 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session resumed at 8:55 pm, roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes, back in regular session. Trustee Burnett made a motion to lower the asking price of the Grange Hall to \$114,900.00, Gardner seconded, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Motion was made by Trustee Burnett to adjourn regular session, seconded by Gardner, all in favor, yes, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

_____ Gary Burnett, Chairman

_____ Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer