

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 12, 2023

This was a regular scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Canfield called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with all members of the board present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Gardner motioned to approve the minutes of the special bid opening meeting, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Mike Rodak attended the public meeting about Kelner Ditch clean out. He said they showed the drone footage and took some public comment. They are planning on cleaning the ditch up to where it enters the Lorain County Metro Park. Discussions about money already being set aside and they aren't planning on assessing anyone's property. Mike reported that the next meeting is being held July 18th.

Mike Rodak inquired if the township is still looking into abandoned vehicles and asked if Mike was informed that, yes, Vince is still doing abandoned vehicle checks.

Road and Cemetery

Kyle was present and reported the following:

Brush pickup still going, roadside mowing continuing for a couple more days and fixed fence at the tennis courts. Cleaned out 1500' of ditch on Whitney Rd at Charlie Heath's. Generator was hooked up and operational.

Webster Rd - Completed successfully by Crossroads Asphalt. Waiting on application for grant for the other part of Webster Rd. In discussions with the county.

OTARMA Insurance List – Couple more items on the list and should be done. Working on signs and put the grip tape on the wheelchair ramp.

Cemetery – 1 cremation and 2 lots sold. Kyle is getting inquiries about opening up the center section of the cemetery. After measuring the center, there is room for approximately 250-300 lots. Canfield asked how much space would be left for a columbarium. Kyle to email the exact information on measurements and pricing of columbarium's.

Kyle reported they installed the freshly painted sign at River Road cemetery, removed bushes, did stump grinding, washed fence and gazebo and fixed 3 headstones.

Kyle reported the hotbox is fixed.

Canfield stated that Kathy Zalka on Biggs Rd. has tree limbs out for chipping. Kyle said she is on the list and will be working on that.

LaGrange Community Park Project Bid – Bid opening meeting was held on May 30th. There was a short window for this because we were fighting to get assistance from the county using their ARPA funds but that was a dead end. We received three bids – 1. Crossroads Asphalt - \$87,913.00; 2. Kope Construction - \$88,950.00; 3. Geauga Highway - \$89,779.00. This project was originally slated to cost \$81,710, but the lowest and most responsive bid was \$6,203.00 over the estimate for a total cost of \$87,913.00 of which half will be paid by the Village of LaGrange. The township will pay half at a cost of \$43,956.50. Recommendation from the Engineer's office is to go with Crossroads Asphalt because they are low bidder and meet all compliance requirements. Burnett said that the township has worked with Crossroads Asphalt in the past and

they've done good work and are good to work with. Gardner said he was fully on board with it. Suggested that the Township, the Village and the park board needs to come to terms on reducing the amount of any heavy equipment, oversized trucks and any other undue traffic utilizing the park road; possibly a weight limit sign. Canfield said it's unfortunate that he went bad as quickly as it did. The only reason the township is able to afford this is because of the ARPA money and the Village is providing the other half. Both entities give the park \$35,000 per year to operate which isn't very much money for a park that gets as much use as this one does.

Canfield motioned to accept the bid of \$87,913.00 for the LaGrange Community Park project from Crossroads Asphalt of which the township will pay half at a cost of \$43,956.50 and the Village of LaGrange will pay half at a cost of \$43,956.50, Gardner seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Roger to communicate with Crossroads Asphalt on schedule as summer is filling up. Kyle to get Bill's information to Roger.

Canfield announced a special thank you to Kyle for participating in and handling the risk-management meeting and handling the to-do list for OTARMA along with the follow up.

Fire and EMS

Mike Hornby was present and reported that there was a recall for electrical issues on Truck 37 – Brush Truck. He is coordinating with the Chief to take it to Brothers Chevrolet in Wellington.

Zoning

Kelly West introduced Jill Wendelspecht as a new member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Fiscal Officer

Kathy Poling was present and reported:

Bills amounted to \$90,602.35.

Canfield noted that the Subaquatics check #34327 should be applied to Fire, not EMS. A meeting has been scheduled with Bill Bracken to discuss current liability limits. Will go ahead and pay the bill and if they need to adjust it, they can send another bill.

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

Kathy said that she was unable to find any information on the 1997 joint resolution. She will have to get into the records room when Vince gets back. Canfield asked if she was referencing the email from Christie Homer-Miller regarding compensation of park board members. Kathy confirmed she has that one and didn't realize that's what they were requesting. She will email it to them tomorrow.

Kathy reported something happened with the mail and will wait until Vince gets back to discuss. She said they haven't gotten mail for the last 10 days so she hasn't received the credit card statement. She went into the bank in person to get the statement, but the lady told her to online to print it out. Kathy called customer service and said that she is not an administrator, so someone is going to have to get into the account and get the statement and there are going to be late fees.

Correspondence – presented thank you note from Troop 118 for allowing them to participate and put up flags for Memorial Day ceremony.

Trustees Comments

Canfield stated they received an acceptable bid for the fire truck from Kelly Bros Construction for \$4,500.00. Vince will check and see if the title Gary had made for the fire truck

we are selling is in his files. Gary stated that he gave the title to Kathy when he gave her the title he had made for the trailer.

Canfield motioned to accept the bid for the fire truck from Kelly Bros Construction for \$4,500.00, Burnett seconded the motion – roll call, all yes. No further discussion, motion carried.

Rural Water

Roger reported they are still in the process of finalizing the personnel policy manual and paying bills. He said there is nothing new to report on the water tower.

LORCO

Gardner said there is nothing to report.

Park Board

Roger reported that John Blakeslee notified Crag and said he owes us 8 hours of excavation time. Would like to use him to clean the main ditch from Rt. 303 back which will be approximately 4 hours. Gardner asked if that will facilitate the Aldrich property. Burnett will contact him about using the remaining hours for the Aldrich property.

Old Business

None

New Business

Deputy Osborne and Deputy Fuller were present. Deputy Osborne stated that she has been assigned to LaGrange Township and handed out contact information. Deputy Osborne reported that there were 90 calls in the township of which the most notable were 16 suspicious conditions, 12 traffic, 8 harassment complaints and 7 civil matters.

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

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Chairman

Kimberly Carter, Secretary