

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

JUNE 27, 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. Trustee Burnett and Gardner was in attendance, Trustee Canfield was absent. Also present was Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling and Amy Richards, Assistant Fiscal Officer.

The minutes for 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 4/25/22, 6/13/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/13/22, Trustee Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor yes. Minutes from 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 4/25/22 are tabled for further review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Debra and Mark Clowser, 40182 Biggs Road were present and have a complaint about the music played at Grey Hawk. The music is very loud and disrupts their home life, they have asked them to turn it down and they say it is within the limits. Jason Village, 40222 Biggs Road and Matt Delago, 40162 Biggs Road have the same complaint, the noise is very disruptive and they have to adjust their home life around it. The township residents asked for help getting a nuisance ordinance, Trustee Burnett asked Vince Sigmund to look into how the township can help them.

Heather Dennis from the Pheasant Run Association was present and had questions about why the township is ending the fire hydrant agreement with the association. Trustee Burnett explained that the township is now having LCRWA maintain the hydrants, it is more economical for them to do it than the fire department. Heather made the point that the hydrants did not get maintained last year by the township because of COVID and asked if they can do it this year. Ray Skarupa was present and started discussion on if the township can install speed bumps on Meadow Lane, it is a township road and residents would like the traffic to slow down. Vince asked Ray to get him the information on the speed bumps so he can change the Solid Waste Grant to help pay for them. Trustee Burnett made a motion to pay for 3 sets of speed bumps for Meadow Lane if the grant is approved, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Ray Skarupa also announced that by the end of the year all the roads in Pheasant Run well have been repaved.

Patricia Campbell, 39893 ST RT 303, asked if a letter has been sent to her neighbor about flooding issue, and neighbors' pond is not 50 ft off the property line. Discussion on how to

handle the issues with the Campbell property, zoning violation and proper drainage needs put in. Jerry Tinney a volunteer fireman with the township voiced his concerns about the department. He asked about the assistant fire chief position and why it is taking so long to fill it. It is becoming an issue with the firemen and it is getting worse, the moral is low and there is a lot of tension between the men. Trustees had discussion on why it has taken so long, other issues involved in this matter.

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Kyle Osborne was present and gave an update on road projects. They have been trying to get caught up on projects, Chip and mowing, ditch cleaning. Rachel Drive and Elk Creek need crack and seal done, been doing a lot of work at River Road Cemetery. Kyle requested to buy a magnetic laser holder, it will be a big help and work will go faster when you only have 2 people cleaning ditches. The cost of the holder is around \$545.00 from Geo Shack. Trustee Gardner made a motion to buy a magnetic laser holder for up to \$600.00, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Kyle asked about uniforms, would like to change them if possible.

FIRE AND EMS

Chief Rader was present, wanted to let everyone know about the new fireworks law, it is a police problem not fire. The association received a grant from TC Energy for \$5000.00 to purchase a battery-operated fan, this along with the \$1000.00 grant from OTARMA will be enough to pay for the fan. National Night Out is going to be in August, not sure of exact date but it will be held at the Fire Station again. Chief Rader asked to buy new fire hose, the ones they currently use are 16 to 20 years old and not in good shape. He would like to purchase two 50 ft and two 25 ft hose and gaskets; the price is \$6952.00 plus shipping. Trustee Gardner made a motion to purchase the hose for up to \$7500.00, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustee Burnett asked Rader is it would be possible to maintain Pheasant Run hydrants this year until they can find someone else, chief said yes. Trustee Burnett made a motion to suspend previous motion to stop agreement with Pheasant Run. The township will do hydrants this year with the same agreement, exercise only, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes.

Todd Straub and Carl Walter not present, no report.

ZONING

Vince Sigmund was present and gave update on permits issued, 6 total.

Brandi Borer, 41908 Biggs Road, pool, permit #224

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Dennis Voytko, 228 Eastlake Drive, new build, permit #223

Diane Schumann, 425 Morgan Ct, pool, permit #221

Kimberly Tompkins, 42827 ST RT 303, addition, permit #222

Wade Brock, 15258 Wheeler Road, pond, permit #226

Vince also gave update on grants he has applied for, NOPEC grant for \$743.00 we will receive. Submitted the Solid Waste Grant for \$7000.00 and submitted a grant for ARPA for \$80,000.00, this is to help with repaving community park road. Vince told the trustees he needs a motion passed for the zoning violation on 15178 Whitehead Road, Mr. Houghton and Ms. Reddinger for the prosecutors. Trustee Burnett made a motion for resolution #2022-08 to authorize and direct Lorain County prosecutor's office to take all necessary legal action to compel zoning compliance at 15178 Whitehead Road, LaGrange, Ohio, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Vince updated the trustees on a couple of things that still need done at Biggs Road, also he has personnel files almost completed. Vince gave a shout out to road department for the job they did with the mulch, thank you. Trustee Canfield relayed a message for the Park Board that their by-laws need updated, also that road department needs to update inventory on all equipment. Trustee Burnett asked if we were making any progress on printing deeds for cemetery lots, Vince said he will look at it and see if he can make it work. Vince and Kathy will meet on Wednesday at Biggs Road to work on it.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$59,898.17. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the bills, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Poling asked trustees to pass a resolution for the Lorain County Specialized Rescue Response contract, it is a four-year contract. Trustee Burnett made a motion for resolution 2022-07 for the Lorain County Specialized Rescue Response contract, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Poling asked the trustees about the mix up in communication on June 14, Canfield and Poling were meeting to address not approved minutes, was met by a state employee for records. Poling expressed the need for the trustees to communicate with her better.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gardner is having a meeting with Don Romancek from Lorain County Storm Water to discuss the Foster Ditch project tomorrow, some residents have been invited because of the access to the ditch. The project is quite expansive and estimated to cost about a million dollars, will have to be done in phases. Trustee Burnett gave an update on ditch project with Penfield.

Trustee Burnett asked Chief Rader to set up a time with all of the firemen who were at the training meeting. Purpose of the meeting is to inquire what happened and why.

RURAL WATER

No report

PARK BOARD

No report

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm, motion made by Trustee Burnett, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes,

Chairman Gary Burnett,

Officer Kathy Poling, Fiscal