

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

JUNE 13, 2022

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Trustee Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, 5/23/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/23/22 meeting, 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. Trustee Burnett commented that Trustee Canfield and Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling are going to meet in the morning of 6/14/22 to review the unapproved minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelly West, the chairperson for the LaGrange Township BZA Board addressed the trustee's about home businesses. She would like the trustees to consider increasing the square footage for home businesses. Discussion on the 730 square feet currently in the zoning laws, Trustee Burnett explained how that number was established, it is about the size of a 2-car garage. West stated that the size of an average house in the township is bigger now than the 1200 to 1500 square foot house when the rule was put in place. Discussion on modifying the law by having a formula to use so it would be easier for the township to regulate. Kevin Henthorne and his wife who reside on Webster Road run a small business from their home and had some questions on expanding. Roger Kuhl said the zoning board will look into updating the home business regulations that are in place now.

Don and Denise Piwinski who reside on Wheeler Road were present and had some comments on a neighbor's open burning, said they have tried to talk to them about it and get no wear with them on the issue. Discussion on how to handle the problem, the trustee's asked Chief Rader to talk to the neighbor and explain it is unlawful to open burn garbage.

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Trustees announced they hired a person for the Road Department, his name is Kyle Osborne and he is coming from Wellington Village. He will be the new Road Department foreman and has experience with flooding issues and road maintenance. Trustee Canfield made a motion to hire Kyle Osborne for the position of Road foreman at the rate of \$26.00 hr., Trustee Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustees said they are going to keep the road crew at two

employees for now and see if it will work. Trustee Burnett gave an update on the road and cemetery departments, today was Kyle's first day.

Trustee Canfield made a motion to have the rest of the township roads striped at the cost of \$5338.88, Trustee Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. The county engineer will do the striping, Biggs Road needs to be chip & sealed first. Trustee Burnett made a motion to purchase a used road roller for the amount of \$27225.00, Trustee Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Kyle will be attending an ODOT training on August 8th, and will be meeting with Risk Management. Trustee Canfield discussed that inventory of Road Department, Fire Department, EMS need done so our insurance records can be updated. Discussion on the sale of the old township garage, fence still an issue and needs to be resolved.

FIRE AND EMS

Chief Rader was present and gave a report on Fire calls for the last 2 weeks of May, there were 17 total. Chief Rader asked when the vent would be fixed at the station, trustees said they will put that on the top of Kyle's list. Chief Rader inquired why the website does not have past minutes posted, 2018 and 2019. Trustees said that is a question for Vince, when he gets back from vacation they will ask him. Trustee Burnett said he received assistant fire chief applications from Rader, by next meeting we should have a decision. Trustee Canfield started discussion on fire hydrant contract with Pheasant Run, trustees had some questions for Rader about how much time it takes to maintain them. Trustee Canfield made a motion to dissolve hydrant contract the Pheasant Run Association, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Pheasant Run Association needs a 30-day notice per the contract, Trustees asked Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling to notify them of contract being terminated by the township. Trustees asked Roger Kuhl to reach out to Pheasant Run and inform them that Rural Water can do hydrants for them. Trustees asked Kathy to check into the Fire Dependency Board dues. Trustee Canfield had a person reach out to her and said he put in an application for FIRE/EMS and did not get a response, Rader said he will look into where it went. Chief Rader asked if anything has been resolved with his pay yet, Burnett said some new things have come up in the last couple of days, so no.

Todd Straub was present and gave a report on EMS calls for the last 2 weeks of May, they had 63 runs. Todd updated the trustees on the grant from the State he applied for, he is working on data collection for Medicare. Todd also said Stryker contract needs renewed, he will bring it to the next meeting. Trustee Canfield questioned Todd on EMS overtime, needs to be controlled better.

ZONING

Vince Sigmund was not present, no report. Trustee Canfield handed over packet for the Pheasant Run sub-division review to Roger Kuhl for review.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$110905.81. Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the bills, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustee Canfield asked Poling if she would contact utility companies and inquire about tax on invoices. The cost of the road roller will come out of road and bridge fund. The estimated budget is due July 20th, Poling and Richards will work on it, increase it by 3% and present it to the trustees. Poling informed trustees, she could not get UAN Cemetery to work, Canfield said she will have Vince look at it before we purchase a different software program. Poling asked if the trustees had heard anything from the prosecutor about Amy's contract, they said I need to get it. Poling also updated trustees on status of vacation pay and comp time for Forman and Squire, looks like it should be paid, waiting on final comment from prosecutor. Poling had one correspondence, Lorain County highway use permit for Stable Drive. Trustee Canfield inquired about Regional Income Tax Agency issue, Poling said we have not gotten anything from them yet, will contact them. Trustee Canfield asked if we have heard anything about the state audit start date, nothing yet.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gardner received a complaint on a drainage issue from Mr. Monday, Gardner will look into it. Gardner will also look into a drainage complaint from a resident on Biggs Road, issue with Grey Hawk property draining water on his. Gardner gave update on Wheeler Road drainage issues, nothing has been resolved yet, will get with Don Romancek to see if any progress has been made on his side.

Trustee Canfield gave an update on Ethics Training seminar, tentative for September 15, 2022. A location for the seminar will be decided on when a count on how many will attend is reached. Trustee Canfield reminded everyone that the LCTA meeting will be held here on Thursday, public is welcome.

RURAL WATER

Roger Kuhl, no report, gave update on hydrant agreement. Roger informed the trustees about new sign Rural Water is placing out front, it will be digital. Rural Water is also planning on a new water tower in a couple of years and would like to light it. Roger was just informing trustees on these, they are a zoning matter.

PARK BOARD

Trustee Canfield gave update on park roadway, discussion on the estimated costs, about \$80,000.00 dollars. Roger said he is looking into other options to bring cost down, Canfield said maybe the county will help with funding the project, the village is already on board to help. Kelly West said it would be nice if the village, township and park websites could be connected somehow, Roger reported on issues with the park website.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

__ Gary Burnett, Chairman

__ Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer