

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MARCH 13, 2023

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Trustee Canfield called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Canfield, Burnett and Gardner 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, 11/14/22 and 2/27/23 was presented for approval. Trustees made corrections to the 2/27/23 minutes, will be updated for next meeting for approval.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Kyle Osborne was present and gave an update on the road and cemetery departments. Kyle updated the trustees on the road salt reserves, will have plenty for the rest of the season. Kyle did a ditch evaluation, he has a list started on what needs attention, Mastermind is halfway through the sign evaluation. Kyle presented the trustees with quotes for mowing, he contacted 5 different companies, 2 gave him quotes, Done Rite and Eye Appeal. Discussion on the quotes he presented, Done Rite had the better price. Trustee Burnett made a motion to accept the quote from Done Rite for mowing contract this season, Gardner seconded the motion with clarification of the contract, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustees asked Kyle to get both cemeteries listed on the contract and proof of insurance from Done Rite. Kyle presented his final list of projects this year for the road department, list includes striping, chip and seal, berming and cold patch, discussion on prices for materials. Kyle called Jeff Yeager at the county engineers office to get pricing on the road striping, it cost a lot more to go to a private company than to have the county do it. Kyle suggested to the trustees to place the order for paint so we can get on the list with the county, Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the purchase of paint in the amount of \$4500.00 from the county, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Kyle presented the cost for stone for road projects, he got pricing from 3 different companies, the best price was from Will Wagner. Trustee Gardner made a motion to purchase 200 tons of stone, not to exceed \$6000.00 from Will Wagner, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Burnett asked Kyle about purchasing slag, he would like to get 100 tons, will get pricing, need it in July. Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve up to \$4000.00 for the purchase of slag, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes,

motion passed. Kyle updated the trustees on the cemetery, picked up all the materials for the drainage project. Kyle said all the filters for the fire department trucks have been ordered, will get started servicing them when filters come in. The fenders and tarp still need to be installed on the 7400 truck, need plates for trailer yet. Discussion on pricing for welder to be sold on Govdeals, Trustee Burnett made a motion to place reserve on welder at \$1500, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Burnett updated trustees on the meeting that took place with Carlisle, Elyria and LaGrange township road departments, they met and discussed shared projects and equipment. All townships want to keep agreement, need a new one drawn up.

FIRE AND EMS

Chief Rader was present and updated the trustees on fire calls, 18 for the month of February, the fire department was featured twice in the Metro Life Flight calendar, there was 60 EMS calls. Chief Rader said the drive for the EMS station needs repaired, it is getting bad, discussion with Kyle on the best way to repair it. Russ Rising was present and wanted to give the EMS department a compliment on a call they ran on his neighbor, they were very thorough and professional. Trustee Burnett questioned the chief on why an EMS squad was serviced at Savel's in Wellington instead of keeping it in LaGrange, he explained that LaGrange Auto Repair cannot do all the work that needs done. Trustee Canfield question Rader on this clothing allowance, trustees did not approve his for earbuds.

ZONING

None

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$46061.53, Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$46061.53 minus check # 34235 in the amount of \$199.99, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling presented the permanent appropriations for 2023, resolution #2023-03 for approval, Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve resolution #2023-03 for 2023 permanent appropriations, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling updated the trustees on a grant the EMS/FIRE received from the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$675.25, also update on the OneOhio settlement. Trustee Canfield asked if we received the signed copy of the annexation, yes. Trustee Burnett inquired if the help wanted ad made it into the Rural Urban, it is in the issue that came out today. Discussion on placing another ad in the Rural Urban.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gardner reported that he attended the District Advisory Board Health Department Meeting and it was cancelled, did not have a quorum, it is rescheduled for right before the next LCOTA meeting. Trustee Gardner also updated on the Household Sewage Assessment program for the county, the fee will go from \$25 to \$40 per household. Trustee Gardner said Mark Adams said he will come to meetings to answer questions about the program. Gardner also said county storm water department will start engineering study on Foster Ditch between Whitney Road and ST RT 301. Discussion on dumpster day and how we are going to educate the residents on the place, time, and date and what they can and cannot bring, also discussion on getting the new digital sign put up on the square. Trustee Canfield reminded everyone about the Public Records Training being held on April 11th at New Russia Township Hall, pre-registration is required. Trustee Canfield would like to send 3 firefighters to a 2-day training at the National Fire Academy, discussion on cost and how to reimburse employees for there time and expenses.

PARK BOARD

Roger Kuhl was present and gave an update on the park board, Roger said the park website should be going live on Wednesday. Roger also said the walking trail at the park needs crack sealed, between the village and township they should be able to get it done. The park board is also having a hard time finding someone to run the concessions stand, Roger has been making calls. Roger said the parking lot needs striped, would like some input on who to get to do it, there are also some field tiles that need fixed, township can help with this. Discussion on fixing the drive into the park, Trustee Canfield said she is still trying to get some help from the county for the expense, another option is to get the school to help with the expense, they use the fields a lot.

LORCO

None

RURAL WATER

Roger Kuhl announced that they will be having a finance meeting tomorrow night.

Kyle had one last thing to report, someone wants to sell their cemetery lot back, Trustee Canfield told Kyle to get with Vince and the township will buy it back. With no further business Trustee Burnett made a motion to adjourn, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed, adjourned at 8:47 pm.

_____ Rita Canfield, Chairman

_____ Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer