

## **LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**MAY 23,2022**

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Trustee Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Burnett, Canfield and Gardner were in attendance, also present was Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy Richards.

The minutes for 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 5/9/22, 5/9/22 special meeting was presented for approval, Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes for the 5/9/22 special meeting, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve the 5/9/22 minutes, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Minutes from 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22 are tabled for further review.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim Plas wanted to say thank you for listening about flooding issues on Rt 303 at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, some discussion from Trustee Burnett on the issue.

### **ROAD AND CEMETERY**

Trustee Burnett gave update on burials and mowing at River Road Cemetery. Trustee Canfield started discussion on the Harris Family request on increasing the size of their headstone. Trustee Burnett said they will review the rules of size limitations on headstones. Trustee Burnett made a motion to allow the Harris Family to place a 4ft 6in headstone, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes.

Trustee Burnett started discussion on how Bruce Fortune has stepped up to keep the Road Department operating, trustees wanted to thank him. Trustee Burnett made a motion to give Bruce Fortune a pay raise to \$22.00-hour effective May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Trustee Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustee Canfield gave an update on Memorial Day events, she reached out to the Enchanted Florist to see about getting the wreaths freshened upped. Vince Sigmund and Julie planted flowers around the square for Memorial Day. The parade will start at the old school parking lot at 11:00 am.

### **FIRE AND EMS**

Chief Rader is present, gave an update on Assistant Fire Chief interviews. Chief Rader interviewed Jerry Norton, Mike Hornby, Al Rourke and Kyle Dull. Chief Rader recommended Al Rourke for Assistant Fire Chief. Trustee Burnett asked Rader to put in writing recommendation

and the trustees will review it. Trustee Burnett said the board needs to set up a time to finish Chief Rader's review and will discuss Assistant Fire Chief recommendation. Trustees set Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 for meeting with Chief Rader.

Todd Straub and Carl Walter was not present, no EMS report.

## **ZONING**

Vince Sigmund was not present, Roger Kuhl gave short update about fencing issue, zoning board says it is a civil suit and not a zoning issue, will not act on it.

## **FISCAL OFFICER**

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$36445.58. Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the bills with the exception of checks 033919 ,033921, 033920, 033912 and 033916. These are checks for EMS uniform reimbursement that had sales tax included, need to reissue them without sales tax included. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion with these exceptions, all in favor, yes. Poling presented resolution #2022-05 for ARAP funding for approval. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve resolution #2022-05, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Poling presented resolution #2022-06 for NOPEC Grant for approval, Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve resolution #2022-06, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. The NOPEC Grant amount is \$700.00. Poling presented list of members for OTA dues, trustees made corrections to list. Trustee Canfield made a motion to pay OTA dues with corrections, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Poling gave trustees a list that needs addressed from the organizational meeting, also a reminder temporary budget is due July 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Canfield inquired about the Solid Waste Grant, Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy Richards gave an update, total for grant is \$6902.80 and needs filed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Canfield started discussion about getting funds to fix the community park main road, trustees will explore non-profit grants thru the county and approach the village for some help with this. Trustee Canfield also would like to put forth a discussion to pay the park board members \$45.00 per meeting, the village will pay half of this. Trustee Canfield made a motion to pay park board members \$45.00 per meeting, payable at the end of the year when attendance for meetings is turned in and cost will be split with the village. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Trustee Canfield started discussion on federal monies available for townships with zoning up to date, need to review when last revision was done to see if we qualify. Trustee Canfield had questions about contract with Pheasant Run for maintenance on there fire hydrants. Chief Rader stated what the contract included, we would

flush them but if something broke we were not liable. Trustee Canfield announced we will be hosting the LCTA meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Canfield said she has gotten good feedback on the Ethics Training for township employees and board members, September is the goal. The sale of the old township garage is on hold until the village resolves the fence issue. Trustee Gardner gave update on Foster Ditch project, Wheeler Road issues.

**LORCO**

None

**RURAL WATER**

Roger Kuhl was present, gave update on hydrant contract.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Canfield made a motion to go into executive session for the sale and purchase of property, Trustee Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. Roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes. Executive session started at 8:09 pm.

Adjournment of executive session at 8:29 pm, roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes.

Regular meeting back in session, Trustee Canfield made a motion to purchase property at price discussed in executive session, Trustee Burnett will be signer on contract. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes. With no further business regular session was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Burnett, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer

