

LAGRANAGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 26, 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, 9/26/22 was presented for approval, Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the 9/26/22 minutes, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Minutes from 2/28/22, 3/14/22, 3/28/22, 4/11/22, 4/25/22 are tabled for further review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ROAD AND CEMETERY

Kyle Osborne was present and gave an update on the road and cemetery departments. Kyle reported the chip and seal project on Whitney Road is complete, all went well. Kyle reported that the county has swept Biggs road to prepare it for striping and that should happen by weeks end. Kyle said that he has been trying to get information on this year's salt contract, Poling said she has the resolution for it and will send a copy to Kyle for reference. Trustees informed Kyle that he will need to figure in salt for the school also, Poling will get him information on how much the school used last year. Kyle reported that the cemetery has still been very busy with burials and installing footers.

FIRE AND EMS

None, James Rader was present and on call for EMS. Trustee Burnett asked Rader about the new fire truck, how close is it to being finished. Trustees also asked Rader as chief how close he is to completing the fire and ems inventories, he said it would be the first of the year. Trustee Burnett said they needed it before then.

Trustee Burnett read Jerry Tinney's resignation letter from the fire department, Trustee Burnett made a motion to accept Jerry Tinney's resignation, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed.

ZONING

Vince Sigmund was present and reported on permits issued, two since last meeting.

Brian Durante, 39915 St Rt 303, pond

Joshua Lacko, Bailey Ct, new build

Sigmund reported that he has updated the rental agreement for the hall on Biggs Road, he put in a deposit fee of \$100.00 dollars and rental fee of \$100.00 dollars. Discussion on the deposit fee and rental fee for the hall, trustees said they thought it was very fair. Trustee Burnett made a motion to approve the rental agreement with the deposit fee of \$100.00 and rental fee of \$100.00, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor yes, motion passed. Trustees asked Vince to send the contract to the prosecutor's office to make sure everything is in order with it. Sigmund also reported that the new computer for the road department has been installed. Sigmund reported that the developers for the Saddlebrook development on Biggs Road has pulled out. Sigmund had gotten estimates for the landscape and sprinkler system for the circle on public square, will be discussed at the next work session. Trustees asked Sigmund how getting estimates for a new sign for the square is progressing, he has talked to some business and has some quotes.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Kathy Poling presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$29,866.74 minus check number 34048 in the amount of \$742.00. Trustee Gardner made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the exception of check number 34048 in the amount of \$742.00, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Poling presented the trustees with correspondences she received. Poling informed the trustees that she is going to keep Amy Richards as an assistant until the end of the year, asked trustees to approve \$400.00-month payment to her for her services. Trustee Gardner made a motion to pay Amy Richards \$400.00 until the end of the year as assistant fiscal officer, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustees asked Poling about the 13 checks that was lost in the mail, still have not gotten them back. Trustees also asked Poling about an issue with the county auditor about our budget, she said it was taken care of, they also inquired about the public records request that she received in July, everything has been sent to the prosecutor's office. Trustee Burnett asked Poling about billing monument companies that Kyle gives her the information on and asked why it is not being done in a timely manner. Poling said that Kyle will now start to email them to her, this should speed up the process.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gardner said he still has the petition for Kelner Ditch if anybody would like to sign it, they do have enough signatures to file it. They would also like a letter of support from the township to support the Kelner Ditch project. Trustee Gardner made a motion for resolution 2022-13 to be a letter of support for the Kelner Ditch project for the counties storm water

funds, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. Trustee Canfield discussed options for Veterans Day ceremony, Canfield also said the township should do trick or treat the same time as the village, October 31 from 6 to 7:30. The township will provide cider and donuts. Trustee Canfield updated on the park road project, she has not heard anything from the commissioners about the status of our grant request. Discussion on what should be done about the park road, it is getting late in the season to do asphalt. A decision was made by the trustees to wait until spring to move forward with the project, Canfield said she will stay on the commissioners to make some sort of decision by then. Trustee Burnett said the village's Neighborhood Alliance has started a once a month social gathering at village hall. The village said it takes \$400.00 each event to run it, they provide food, gathering space with a TV, card tables etc. The village asked if the township would be willing to fund half the cost, \$200.00 a month. Trustee Burnett made a motion to help fund the Neighborhood Alliance's social night at the cost of \$200.00 per month for one year, Canfield seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed.

RURAL WATER

Roger Kuhl was present, said the National Conference is this week, supplies are getting harder to get, the water board approved the hydrant contract with the township. Trustee Burnett said he thinks it is time to install the two hydrants on 303, Burnett asked Roger to help with the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Burnett made a motion for an executive session for the purchase and sale of property, Gardner seconded the motion all in favor yes, motion passed, roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes, executive session started at 8:56 pm. Execution session ended at 9:15 pm, roll call, Doug, yes, Rita, yes, Gary, yes.

REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Burnett made a motion to accept an offer of \$90,000.00 for the Grange Hall provided the buyer pays half of the closing cost, Gardner seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed. With no further business, Trustee Canfield made a motion to adjourn regular meeting, Burnett seconded the motion, all in favor, yes, motion passed, adjourned at 9:20 pm.

_____ Gary Burnett, chairperson

_____ Kathy Poling, Fiscal Officer