

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

April 9, 2007

This was a regular meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Harper called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with all members of the board present. Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting; Harper seconded the motion, roll call – Harper, yes, Burnett, yes, Canfield, abstain.

Public Participation

Tom Moran who lives in LaGrange was present to offer his services as an engineer to inspect the old fire station. He works for Schmidt, Copeland, Parker and Stevens in Cleveland and they specialize in Park and Recreation and Historical restoration. After inspecting the building a structural engineer would then be called in at a maximum cost of \$500.00. They also do the paperwork for historical designation. He would like to walk through the building with some local residents and possibly the Historical Society. He will contact Burnett with a date and time for inspection.

Kim Strauss presented a plan to install a splash zone at the Community Park. It has been mentioned that the park has turned into a sports complex and that there is nothing for those who are not active in sports. The splash zone would be 30 feet in diameter and cost \$46000 - \$60000 and water usage is estimated around \$1000.00 per month. The Friends of the Park will be contacted to help fund the project.

Road Dept.

French reported that brush pick up has been started. Residents should call the township garage to arrange for pickup. The county engineer favors the original base bid from Lytle Construction for the Whitney Road project. The electric poles on the east end of the road will be moved back. The drainage tiles across the field in the area need to be updated and will need an easement from the property owner.

They are doing ditching and maintenance on Wheeler Road. They also need to repair a tile that goes back to the King ditch. The park sewer line for the new building is being worked on.

Cemetery

The tile at the library has been repaired and letter was received thanking the township for taking care of the flooding.

Memorial Day plans are underway. Canfield motioned to approve the monthly fees for Miller and Company to once again provide the porta-john at the Vet's Park from April to September; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Four funerals and one disinterment have been held. Dumpster Day will be held on April 28 from 7am to 12 noon.

The LaGrange Historical Society will hold a treasure show on April 21 and a history of the LaGrange Fire Department will be presented. Thanks went out to the Opfer family and LaGrange Business Center for helping with the booklet.

Klocek noted that the township can lay out the cremation lots at River Road if that is what the trustees so desire. Burnett motioned to lay out ½ of the center section of River Road for cremation lots, restrict that section to flat monuments only and widen the

driveway to allow for double parking, Canfield seconded the motion , roll call – all yes. Canfield asked that Klocek get a quote for laying out the lots from the same company that did New Russia Township's cemetery.

Zoning

Sigmund reported a permit for a shed at 41821 Whitney Road, a garage sale at 16740 Indian Hollow and a new home at 17523 Whitehead Road.

A response from the Prosecutor was presented in regards to the Zoning Commission request to review conditional use permits prior to a hearing. The prosecutor stated that the zoning item referring to the Zoning Commission reviewing conditional use permit should be removed from the zoning book. He noted that they should not review the cases except as citizens.

A letter from the Prosecutor was received verifying that the appeal of Burnett's case has been filed and a motion to stay was granted.

Sigmund reported violations on Whitehead Road that are being sent to the prosecutor.

A hearing will be held by the BZA on April 19 to consider the request of Joe Maruskin to operate a home occupation.

Fiscal Officer

Moore reported that the financial reports for March were presented for review for the next meeting.

Incentive items have been received for the recycling grant. T-shirts and plastic bag holders will be given out at random to those who participate in the recycling program in the township.

The newsletter is complete and being set up at the Rural Urban for publication. Garage Sale days are July 12, 13, 14th of July.

CIC

Burnett reported that they had held a short meeting to review the signage for Spacebound. Community Health Partners will meet with the village planning commission later this month for their plan review. The nursing home will possibly close on their land later this week.

A bill was received from the village for \$1500.00 to Columbia Gas for an application to remove the right of way from the property. Kim Strauss thought that this should be paid by the CIC but maybe they did not have enough money to pay it until the Nursing Home closed their deal. He will check with Rita Ruot on this bill and if the village and township will pay it or the CIC.

LORCO

Harper reported that a meeting will be held this week.

RLCWA

Harper noted that their meeting will be held this week.

Bills

Canfield motioned to not pay dues to the Lorain County Community Alliance as we can attend meetings without paying dues; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

The following bills were presented for payment;

21278	Bankcard Center.....	333.43
21279	void	
21280	void	
21281	Trico Oxygen	77.70
21282	void	
21283	Windstream	56.45
21284	Windstream	36
21285	Auditor of State.....	795.00
21286	LaGrange Hardware.....	308.72
21287	Farm Plan	31.30
21288	Cargill Inc.	2285.62
21289	LaGrange Utilities.....	178.74
21290	Auditor of State.....	3273.00
21291	Ohio Edison	659.64
21292	Roberta Moore	107.67
21293	Columbia Gas.....	1480.38
21294	Emsar Medical	47.52
21295	BGSU	395.00
21296	Lorain County Fire Chiefs Association	1275.00
21297	Spencer Tire	239.50
21298	Bobels Office Supply	327.92
21299	Citgo.....	501.51
21300	Grafton Mower.....	191.92
21301	Deborah Abicht.....	62.01
21302	Gary Burnett.....	753.12
21303	Rita Canfield	796.54
21304	Lisa Canita	652.95
21305	John Caroniti.....	347.74
21306	Jeff Denham	54.58
21307	Roberta Moore	989.41
21308	Roberta Moore	309.83
21309	Brian Durante.....	556.16
21310	Mike Forman.....	761.10
21311	David French.....	1089.06
21312	Barbara Harper.....	661.55
21313	George Howard.....	958.58
21314	Kathleen Kayden.....	143.26
21315	George Klocek	976.55
21316	James Marrelli.....	481.05
21317	Theresa Narowitz	770.97
21318	Jerry Norton	64.27

21319	Nathan Opfer.....	11.72
21320	James Rader	494.95
21321	Carrie Robinson	424.14
21322	Jean Ruth.....	279.60
21323	Barry Seth	1116.76
21324	Vince Sigmund.....	455.15
21325	Guy Storch	307.70
21326	Todd Straub.....	574.69
21327	Linda Thompson	795.43
21328	Jeff Wells	166.74
21335	PERS	6225.21

After review of the bills, Burnett motioned to pay the bills as amended; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Trustee Comments

Canfield reported that she had spoken to Prosecutor Innes about the educational agreement. He stated that the agreement must be for all employees including part time and not be discriminatory. A work session will be set up with Mr. Innes to discuss this.

Burnett noted that he had met with the school board on the trade off issue with using the township employees to work on the school road as long as there was a close to even exchange with the school. He found out at the meeting that the school has only charged the Firemen once in the last 14 years for the use of the building for the Country Music Show and this amount could be used toward the exchange. Because of the traffic problems on Route 301 due to school traffic every morning and afternoon, our safety services cannot have clear exit down 301 so this is also a safety issue. The other road would open the school up to Route 303 and divert some of the traffic. The school will fax a letter stating their share of the project and what they expect in return. Our cost would be labor only as the school would buy all materials.

Burnett reported that he had received a letter from Lee Holztrager asking for a workshop with the trustees about road water and tile drainage through property in Pheasant Run which was recently awarded to him in a court case. Canfield stated that there is nothing to talk about until the property involved is in his name and he owns the property.

Burnett announced that the Prosecutor and Engineer have both reviewed the bids received for the Whitney Road widening and reconstruction. Burnett motioned to award the bid to Lytle Construction from Wooster in the amount of \$197,258.58; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Harper asked about the computer situation in the Fire and EMS department. No word has been received from the Fire Chief and this will be researched for the next meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer