

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
December 22, 2008

This was a regular meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with all members of the board present. Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – Burnett, yes, Canfield, Abstain, Ford, Yes.

Public Participation

Ken Shauman from the United Methodist Church was present to discuss the present agreement with the township concerning the driveway to the church off of 301. The agreement was that the township would maintain the drive and he noted that there are several holes in the drive that they would like filled in. Burnett noted that he will have the roadmen look at the drive and fill in the holes with some stone and in the spring grade it smooth.

Dave Moulder of Rhonda Lane spoke on the upcoming sales tax hearings to be held by the commissioners in January and urged the trustees to attend and gave his opinion of the county financial situation.

Sheriff Department

Deputy Curtis was present and spoke on the proposed layoffs in the department and gave a department report for the month of November. Dave Moulder of Rhonda Lane gave his opinion of the layoffs and of the proposed new jail and of how the cities claim they get nothing from the Sheriffs Office. Curtis stated that 90% of the occupants of the jail are from Lorain and Elyria and all cases that are bound over to the Grand Jury are turned over to the Sheriff. They also have to do all the paperwork when the State Patrol tows a vehicle. There will be two officers to patrol the county per shift and urgent calls will require both deputies to respond. He urged all to write to their state representatives to urge them to change the wording that the Sherriff shall provide patrols for the townships.

Cemetery

None.

Fire and EMS

None.

Zoning

Sigmund gave his year end zoning report for 2008.

Fiscal Officer

Canfield motioned to approve the financial reports for November; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Discussion was held on the upcoming renewal for the Fire and EMS levy. Burnett motioned to approve Resolution 2008-09, a Resolution asking the County

Auditor to certify the estimated property tax revenue for the 2.5 mill levy as a replacement and as a renewal, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

It was noted that Allied Waste allows the township 24 dumpsters a year a no charge and in 2008 32 were used. This overage was cancelled out for this year but next year they will stand by the allowance. Discussion was held on whether to cut back on dumpster days. It was decided that a work session will be held to discuss this and other topics.

After discussion, Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2008-10, a Resolution to transfer 134774.24 from the Fire and EMS fund to the Fire and EMS Equipment Fund, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. These funds are revenue received from EMS billing for 2009.

Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2008-08; a Resolution to approve temporary appropriations for 2009 thru March 31, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

LORCO

At the previous meeting a resignation was received from Barbara Harper from the LORCO Board. Canfield motioned to accept the resignation as presented; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett motioned that Canfield be appointed to the LORCO board as the township representative for a five year term, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Elyria Library

Janet Stouffer from the Elyria Library was present to discuss a proposed operating levy for the LaGrange Library which would have to be placed on the township ballot. Their board is in process of gathering the necessary certification from the County Auditor and will have a resolution passed at their next meeting. They are proposing 1.5 mills which would bring in about 150,000.00 per year. Burnett stated that he has been receiving phone calls since word of this levy has gotten out questioning if this is a good time to place the levy up for election considering the economic situation and also that the township will be placing an important Fire and EMS levy on the ballot. Ford commented that he would hate to place both issues on the ballot and have residents misunderstand the ramifications of the Fire and EMS levy not passing. Canfield stated that no one misunderstands the importance of the Fire and EMS levy. She was interested in seeing the results of the survey the library did in the community. Dave Moulder gave his opinion of the library and the levy and asked Ms. Stouffer several questions about the library.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

23036	David French.....	1401.39
23037	George Howard.....	1210.80
23038	Daniel Jackson	45.08
23039	George Klocek	1007.19
23040	Village of LaGrange	177.84

23041	LMRE	130.86
23042	LaGrange Hardware.....	5.97
23043	Arrow Uniform Rental.....	477.96
23044	Town and Country Co-op	363.95
23045	Allied Waste Systems	3315.00
23046	Windstream.....	657.04
23047	Grafton Mower Service.....	15.54
23048	NAPA Auto Parts.....	34.57
23049	Lemke Sales	30.06
23050	Chemsearch.....	265.00
23051	void	
23052	Warren Fire Equipment.....	6112.00
23053	Cargill, Inc.	4853.39
23054	First Merit Bank.....	7082.73
23055	RITA	1748.77
23056	Ohio Dept. of Taxation	1832.31
23057	LaGrange Township.....	120.00
23058	Cleveland Center Credit Union.....	150.00

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

Year End Agenda

1. Canfield motioned to appoint Marlon Ford as Chairman for 2009; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
2. Canfield motioned to appoint Burnett Vice Chairman for 2009; Ford seconded the motion, roll call –all yes.
3. Canfield motioned to rehire Roberta Moore as Township Secretary; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
4. Canfield motioned to retain bonds for all trustees, fiscal officer, cemetery sexton and Zoning Inspector at minimum requirements, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
5. Burnett motioned to reappoint all Zoning Board members whose terms do not expire (Stetak, Harmon, Kokowski, Moulder, Gentry) and reappoint Gardner to an additional term ending 12/31/13. Dave Moulder, member of the Zoning Commission, commented that the board needed to have him appointed to the board or to have Ron Pickworth reappointed after his resignation earlier this year. Burnett stated that no application has been received from Mr. Pickworth. Appointing an alternate can happen at a later date if no application is received. Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
6. Canfield motioned to reappoint all Appeals Board members whose terms do not expire (Long, Zalka, Holcomb, Smith, Metzger) and to reappoint Tolbert to an additional term ending 12/31/13, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
7. Canfield motioned to re-appoint Roberta Moore as secretary to the ZBA; Burnett seconded the motion roll call – all yes.
8. Burnett motioned to re-appoint Sherry Chase as secretary to the Zoning Commission; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

9. Burnett motioned to rehire all Road, Fire, EMS, Cemetery and Administrative personnel, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
10. Burnett motioned to offer Single health insurance to all full time personnel and elected officials, with family coverage reimbursed to the township at \$60.00 per month, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
11. Canfield motioned to pickup the Employers share of PERS for all full time Road, Cemetery, Zoning Inspector, Secretary, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
12. Canfield motioned to approve emergency purchases up to \$750.00, anything over that amount shall have the approval of two trustees, and Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
13. Canfield motioned to pay any bills and payroll in an emergency situation with the approval of at least two trustees, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
14. Burnett motioned to authorize clerk to invest monies that are available, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
15. Ford motioned to authorize clerk to transfer money by appropriation code within a fund, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
16. Burnett motioned to set regular meeting dates and times as the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7pm, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
17. Canfield motioned to set monthly salary payment method for all elected officials (based on the maximum allowed by the State of Ohio); Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
18. Canfield motioned to set monthly salary payment for zoning inspector, Fire Chief, secretary and ambulance personnel payable on the Friday following the pay period, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
19. Ford motioned to set bi-weekly pay for Road and Cemetery payable on the Friday following the pay period, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
20. Canfield motioned to set annual pay for the Fire Dept. payable at the first meeting in December; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
21. Canfield motioned to set mileage reimbursement rate at .505 per mile (2008 rate) when doing township business outside of the township, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call - all yes.
22. Canfield motioned to adopt personnel manual as presented; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
23. Canfield motioned to approve expenses for all elected officials to attend OTA Conventions; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
24. Canfield motioned to approve the payment of Ohio Township Association and Lorain County Trustees and Fiscal Officer dues for all elected officials, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
25. Canfield motioned to reappoint Gary Burnett and Rita Canfield to the CIC Board, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
26. Ford motioned to reappoint Gary Burnett as representative to the Community Park Board; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
27. Canfield motioned to reappoint Guy Page to the Community Park Board; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.
28. Canfield motioned to approve a 3% pay increase to French, Howard, Klocek, Zoning Inspector, Fire Chief and Secretary; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Trustee Comments

A work session was set up for December 30 at 9am for the purpose of paying any necessary year end bills and any other business necessary.

Canfield showed a product made from concrete sand to mix with road salt used by the county.

Burnett noted that the ODOT traffic study at 303 and Whitehead showed that LED stop signs were not needed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Chief Fiscal Officer