

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
February 23, 2009

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

Public Participation

Dave Moulder from the Zoning Commission asked if the Board could use the Rural Urban for legal ads as it has been noted in newspaper articles that other townships are doing. The Fiscal Officer noted that this had been asked of the Prosecutor several times over the years and it was determined that the Rural Urban was not a paper of general circulation to meet the requirements of O.R.C. Canfield commented that we have to meet the ORC requirements and she had no problem with the Rural Urban if the prosecutor determines that it meets these requirements. She told Moulder to check with the Prosecutor for his determination.

Sherry Chase from the Zoning Commission noted that the board is working on updating the Land Use Plan. She also noted a letter given to the Trustees from the Chairman of the Zoning Commission asking that Ms. Chase be reimbursed for upgrades to her personal computer so that she can do the updates. Canfield motioned to reimburse her in the amount of \$50.00 for the upgrades; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Cemetery and Parks

It was noted that the next dumpster will be held on March 14.

Fire and EMS

Asst. Chief of EMS Todd Straub noted that the contract for students was never finalized and no copies of the draft could be found. The Fiscal Officer will get copies of the old contract to him for review.

Road and Bridge

French stated he would like to bid out the ditch work for Webster Road which needs to be done if the proposed road work with Penfield is going to proceed. He noted that he had obtained bids for this work several times and the township never followed through with the work. He did not want to proceed again with no action being taken so he would ask the board again in two weeks if he can proceed. He also noted that the Hustler lawn mower was seven years old and that the board originally stated that they wanted to be on a five year replacement plan. The current state bid price for the comparable mower is \$24,090.00. No action was taken and a work session was set up prior to the next meeting to discuss this.

A proposal to repair gutters and fascia at the new fire station was reviewed. The board had several questions on the bid so this will also be reviewed at the work session.

Results of a speed study for Wheeler Road was received from the Lorain County Engineer which recommended lowering the speed limit on that road to 45 mph. Canfield

motioned to approve Resolution 2009-06; a Resolution lowering the speed limit on Wheeler Road to 45 mph, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Zoning

No report.

Fiscal Officer

Canfield motioned to approve the financial reports for January. Moore reported that no response has been received from Lorain County Solid Waste on questions about this years recycling grant. Another message was left Friday asking that the questions be addressed for tonight's meeting but no response was received. Burnett stated that he did not want to spend \$40, 000.00 of township money on the blue bag program. The township has lots of other places to spend that money. The State told the county that they have to meet recycling quotas so he felt that the township should give the money back to the county and let them dives a plan for the township. Burnett motioned to not sign the contract with Lorain County Solid Waste for 2009 and to stop the blue bag program as of March 1, Ford seconded the motion. Canfield and asked that letters be sent to Allied Waste, the County Commissioners and Solid Waste notifying them of their decision due to the lack of response on questions on the program and the spending of funds. Roll call – all yes.

RLCWA

Burnett reported that they had paid for a study to take over the South Amherst water system which they are reviewing. They also viewed a demo of the new radio controlled water meters at a conference in Columbus. There are about 100 already in service and being tested. He also attended their awards banquet at the Oberlin Inn.

LORCO

Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2009-05, a Resolution stating the Townships support of LORCO's efforts to obtain Federal Economic Stimulus Funds for the Carlisle and Eaton Township Phase I Wastewater Collection Project, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

CIC

No report

Community Park

Burnett noted that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. They want the second parking lot done this year and will be discussing ways to get it done.

Trustee Comments

Burnett noted that a draft offer to purchase had been received from the Prosecutor for the Board to review. Letters from the Old Glory Grange and the Ohio State Grange Master giving permission to sell and stating who has authority to sign still needs to be received.

Burnett noted that the Health District Advisory Board meeting is going to be held on March 5. Ford will attend.

Burnett stated he had contacted the Village on permits needed to tear down and rebuild the storage building at the Vet's Park. Trustees gave approval to the Hot Stove to do so. A demolition permit is necessary for a fee of \$15.00 and a building permit needs to be obtained for a cost of \$20.00. A check for these fees will be made for the next meeting.

Burnett asked about the large signs that are currently placed in the circle advertising a fund raiser for the Metro Parks. He said he had received a call complaining about the signs and asked what the township policy was on signs in the circle. Fiscal Officer Moore stated that several years ago the Board of Trustees passed a resolution that no signs were allowed in the circle so that they would not impair drivers visually and due to the sprinkler system in the circle. Burnett stated that he will have them taken down.

A work session was set up for 6pm prior to the next meeting to discuss ditches and other capital improvement issues.

Canfield noted that at the last county meeting township representatives from Solid Waste were there but only stated that they were working on regulations for the 2010 grants. She said they are forcing us and other townships into a corner and have been absolutely obstructive in their handling of the process.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment:

23191	David French.....	1164.05
23192	George Howard.....	1009.20
23193	George Klocek	979.09
23194	LaGrange Township.....	120.00
23195	LCAFI.....	20.00
23196	Perkins Motor Service.....	66.07
23197	Geoshack.....	244.21
23198	Milton Trucking	167.97
23199	Arrow Uniform	114.10.
23200	Verizon Wireless.....	152.19
23201	Judco	112.80
23202	CLIA Laboratory	150.00
23203	Dermetec	50.14
23204	Windstream.....	571.59
23205	LMRE	130.83
23206	Sam's Club.....	228.70
23207	Bankcard Center.....	380.38
23208	Chronicle Telegram	62.25
23209	Ohio Edison	47.56
23210	Marlon Ford	126.25
23211	Lifecare Education	300.00
23212	Allied Waste.....	3315.00
23213	Town and Country Co-op	2621.67

23214 First Merit Bank100,000.00

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

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Chief Fiscal Officer