

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
February 9, 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. Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as presented; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Mark Heckathorn from the Hot Stove Association was present to ask permission from the Board to tear down the current small wooden building at the Vet's Park so that they could put up a concrete building for storage. Burnett noted that he had no problem with the request but with the understanding that the Elyria Library may someday end up with the diamond end of the park for expansion. Ford commented that the storage at the Community Park is at capacity. Burnett noted that a building permit from the Village would be necessary but possibly they would waive the permit fee if asked. Burnett motioned to allow the Hot Stove to tear down the current storage building at the Vet's Park to construct a concrete storage building approximately 12 x 12, Canfield seconded the motion roll call – all yes.

Dave Moulder of Rhonda Lane asked if the Board knew about some aluminum hanging from the north side of the new fire station. French noted that it had been looked at and he was going to address it in his department report. Moulder also asked if the township received franchise fees from GLW Broadband. The Fiscal Officer stated that the township does receive a monthly franchise fee from them.

Fire and EMS

Chief Rader was absent; however Jerry Norton noted that the department had responded to numerous CO calls and several fire alarms at the new Nursing Home.

Straub gave the EMS report for January. He asked the Board for approval to pay for Brad Rider paramedic classes at a cost of \$4400.00 plus \$300.00 for a Body Structure class which is a prerequisite. This approval would come with a two year commitment to LaGrange Fire and EMS. Canfield motioned to approve the payment of these classes with a signed contract; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Road Dept.

French reported that ice on the roof of the new fire station ripped part of the gutter and fascia. An estimate is being obtained to repair the damage.

Maintenance is complete on all of the Fire and EMS trucks. A tune up has been done on the laser but the diodes are going bad in the target. A new target is \$275.00 but he will research this more before asking for a new one.

French is looking to stock tile for the upcoming season. Tile work is needed on Whitehead and Whitney and he is checking into the possibility that the county could assist in the project.

He will meet with Penfield Township on the Webster Road project to compile information for the upcoming Issue II application.

They have purchased 50 ton of road grit but it did not work well and froze. The county also used up what they had and went back to using salt.

Discussion was held on the drainage in the garage and EMS garage. A catch basin needs to be installed for truck run off. Prices will be obtained for the next meeting.

Canfield motioned to approve a contract to purchase salt through the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2009-2010 seasons; Ford seconded the motion roll call – all yes.

Zoning

No report.

Fiscal Officer

Financial reports for January were presented to the Board for review. Solid Waste reports for 2007-2008 were given to the board stating the amount of recyclables collected in the township for that period. Revenues collected for EMS charges year to date are \$5115.93.

Canfield motioned to certify township road miles at 15.17 to the Ohio Department of Transportation; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Moore reported that resolutions and Auditor certifications for the Library additional levy and the Fire and the EMS renewal levy were hand delivered to the Election Board on January 27.

Moore announced that the Township has received a recycling grant from Lorain County Solid Waste in the amount of \$35,000.00. Discussion was held on this years updates to the regulations and the requirements on how the money is spent. The grant funds received can no longer be paid directly to Allied Waste. After several discussions with the Solid Waste office, no headway was made on how to legally spend the grant funds. They said the money was to be refunded to the residents which means the township would have to pay each resident \$2.50 each month and pick up the total cost of the blue bag program which is \$39,780.00 per year. Burnett felt that the Solid Waste Board were idiots and Canfield stated that she felt decisions like this is why people don't want to support the people in office at the Administration Building. Moore said she was told that this would all be discussed when Mr. Billman got back from vacation on February 16th. The township should receive the new contract to sign sometime in March.

CIC

No report.

Park

No report.

LORCO

No report.

RLCWA

Burnett noted that they will have a meeting this week.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

23134	Columbia Gas.....	3298.45
23135	Village of LaGrange	103.00
23136	LaGrange Utilities.....	191.89
23137	Stericycle.....	26.36
23138	Newell Equipment	317.61
23139	Perkins Motor Service.....	51.87
23140	Potter Overhead Door	835.00
23141	Farm Plan	153.06
23142	Milton Trucking.....	163.54
23143	Oscar Brugmann Sand and Gravel.....	191.22
23144	Geoshack.....	183.00
23145	Varough Oil, Inc.	400.95
23146	Judco, Inc.	241.00
23147	Chronicle Telegram	49.35
23148	Windstream	92.20.
23149	Ohio Edison	710.62.
23150	LaGrange Hardware.....	117.08
23151	Auditor of State.....	51.62
23152	Trico Oxygen	101.40.
23153	Winter Equipment.....	438.95
23154	Bracken Insurance.....	3689.00
23155	Cargill, Inc.	957.20
23156	Baker Vehicle Systems	45.00
23157	Hannah Akers.....	240.28
23158	Jeremy Boggs.....	969.39
23159	Gary Burnett.....	710.82
23160	Rita Canfield	814.60
23161	Lisa Canitia	218.52
23162	Shawn Cheatham	423.04
23163	Roberta Moore	1054.75
23164	Roberta Moore	382.35
23165	Brian Durante.....	886.65
23166	Marlon Ford	768.28
23167	Michael Foreman	1089.83
23168	David French.....	1390.83
23169	George Howard.....	1113.10
23170	Jeremy Hughes.....	341.54
23171	Kathleen Kayden.....	405.45
23172	Michael Kempert	470.08
23173	George Klocek	979.09
23174	James Marrelli.....	316.38
23175	Theresa Durante	197.88
23176	Jerry Norton	165.92

23177	Craig Payne.....	249.22
23178	James Rader	1166.18
23179	Caleb Ramsey	1051.68
23180	Bradley Rider	1117.13
23181	Jean Ruth.....	253.53
23182	Barry Seth	904.22
23183	Vince Sigmund.....	510.11
23184	Todd Straub.....	631.10
23185	Dave Thompson	575.44
23186	Linda Thompson	248.86
23187	Jeff Wells	194.42
23188	Desi Justin.....	380.16
23189	First Merit Bank.....	2884.21
23190	Cleveland Center Credit Union.....	150.00

After review of the bills, Canfield asked about the payment to the Village on check 23135 in the amount of 103.00. Burnett stated that the check is for the cost of inspection of a building the township may purchase. Canfield said she could not support the payment of the inspection because the possible purchase has not been publicly addressed. Burnett then stated that he would like to address it and proceeded to explain that the Old Glory Grange board had approached the Township about possibly purchasing the Grange Hall because of the lack of members and lack of funds. He went on to say that they know the building needs work but could be used for a rental for community groups and private events. The inspection would give them a better idea as to the repairs needed and the estimate of costs required to bring the building up to code before an offer could be made. He has checked with the Prosecutor and the Township can pay for an inspection even though they do not own the building and the \$103.00 cost is a cheap price to pay to find out what the future costs would be because to have it professionally inspected on our own would start at \$500.00. Who better to inspect the building than the persons who would be doing inspections once the building is transferred? Part of the purchase would be closing costs and title guarantee to be paid by the Township which would amount to around \$1500.00. Ford agreed that an inspection would give us a better idea on how much it would cost to bring it up to code before we make a decision to purchase the building.

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

Canfield motioned to adjourn into executive session to discuss real estate allowed for by O.R.C. 121.22 (G) 2; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes at 7:55pm.

At 8:23 Canfield motioned to reconvene back into regular session, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer