

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
January 12, 2009

This was a regular meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Ford called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with all members of the board present. Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the December 22 meeting, Ford seconded the motion. Canfield asked about the meeting time approved for 2009. The County Association booklet has the time listed as 7:30pm and she questioned if we should change the time to match the book. It was decided to leave the time at 7pm and the secretary will notify the County Association to change the time on their website. Roll call – all yes. Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting on December 30, 2008; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Lloyd Gordon and Tom Younglas, trustees in Penfield Township, were present. Mr. Gordon asked about the possibility of both entities jointly applying for Issue II funding to widen Webster Road between 301 and Whitehead Road due to the large amount of traffic. Burnett noted that he had spoken with Mr. Gordon and our roadman about the situation and all agreed that this project needs to be done. Roadman French commented that both sides of the road are usually widened at the same time and that the township can do all of the dirt work involved. French will contact the County Engineer to begin the process of getting quotes for the project.

Janet Stouffer and representatives of the Elyria Public Library were present to discuss putting a levy on the ballot for the general operating expenses of the Library to assist with the LaGrange Branch operations. They have estimated that 1.5 mills will bring in about \$120,000.00 but they could get by with a .8 mill levy. The Library has completed a phone survey in the township and it was determined that 48% of the people contacted would support a levy and 18% were undecided. She noted that the hours of the LaGrange Library have been increased and that the public is now more aware of the services provided. She asked that the Trustees request the County Auditor to certify the revenue amounts that would be generated and proceed with putting the levy on the May 5 ballot. Burnett motioned to approve Resolution 2009-01, a Resolution requesting the County Auditor certify to the Trustees the current total tax valuation of LaGrange Township and the amount of Revenue that would be generated by a five year .8 mill levy for the purpose of current expenses of the Elyria Public Library, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Canfield proceeded to commend the Library Board on the use of the space provided.

Cemetery

Klocek gave the 2008 report for the cemetery and parks department and presented the Board with his wish list for 2009.

After discussion, Burnett motioned to approve the purchase of ceramic markers for the cemetery up to a cost of \$250.00 plus shipping, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Klocek asked for an executive session to discuss the purchase of property.

Burnett noted that the January dumpster day had been cancelled and the available days have been reduced to five a year with the next one being on March 14.

Eleanor Gndt, Fiscal Officer of Penfield Township, spoke on the recent reduction in road patrols for the Sheriffs Department and a request by Deputy Curtis that residents write to their State Representatives to change the wording of the law to reflect that road patrols in the townships are required. She passed a letter to be signed by all which will be forwarded to State Representatives.

Burnett noted a letter had been received from the Community Park Board asking for their annual payment of \$50,000.00 from the township for expenses. Burnett motioned that the township pay the Park Board \$50,000.00 for 2009 for the purpose of current expenses of the Board, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett motioned to approve Resolution 2009-02; A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Community Park Fund for the payment, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Road and Bridge

French reported that they have been plowing and salting roads. They will be attending a Natural Disaster program at the Carlisle Visitors Center. They are beginning truck maintenance and repairs.

French noted that if a mailbox is hit directly by the snowplow it will be replaced. If it is damaged from snow it will not be replaced. Mailboxes will be replaced with a standard mailbox if needed.

Fire and EMS

Chief Rader gave the department report for December. He noted that the email addressed which end in altell.net will be changed to Windstream.net. He asked trustees to make all township buildings tobacco free areas. After discussion Canfield motioned to support the idea especially for health benefits, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Asst. Chief Straub gave the December report for the EMS department. Canfield motioned to approve the billing rate for EMS charges at \$594.00 and \$6.48 per mile, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Burnett motioned to approve a 3% increase on the EMS billing charges for 2009; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Canfield went on to explain the billing procedures and that township residents are not billed anything over what their insurance pays.

Straub asked for an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Zoning

Sigmund reported that he issued one permit since the last meeting. He has completed the census report which was mailed. Permits are needed and he informed trustees that he will have these on his computer and print them as needed.

A letter from Ron Pickworth was received asking to be placed back on the Zoning Board. Canfield motioned to appoint Ron Pickworth to the Zoning Commission for the open term ending 12/31/11; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Fiscal Officer

The financial reports for December were presented for review. Moore noted that all Federal, State and Local Tax reports have been completed and filed. The annual financial report for the township is complete and available for public review.

Moore stated that she would like to publish another newsletter possibly in March and asked all departments to submit any items they would like published. Canfield asked for a cost before approving the newsletter.

CIC

No report.

LORCO

No report

RLCWA

No report.

Community Park

No report.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

23064	Gary Burnett.....	708.97
23065	Rita Canfield.....	814.26
23066	Roberta Moore.....	1032.40
23067	Roberta Moore.....	381.70
23068	Marlon Ford.....	767.94
23069	David French.....	1158.20
23070	George Howard.....	1182.57
23071	George Klocek.....	1037.06
23072	Vince Sigmund.....	509.86
23073	CLIA Laboratory.....	150.00
23074	Perkins Motor Service.....	17.14
23075	Columbia Gas.....	1879.74
23076	Town and Country Co-op.....	1134.39
23077	Trico Oxygen.....	93.60
23078	Windstream.....	112.20
23079	Allied Waste Services.....	3315.00
23080	RP Sales.....	170.74
23081	Auditor of State.....	1881.09
23082	Hannah Akers.....	36.63
23083	Michael Behner.....	252.10
23084	Jeremy Boggs.....	712.64
23085	Lisa Canitia.....	401.30
23086	Shawn Cheatham.....	383.01

23087	Brian Durante.....	648.62
23088	Michael Foreman	790.90
23089	Kathleen Kayden.....	284.05
23090	Michael Kempert	370.93
23091	James Marrelli.....	478.27
23092	Theresa Durante	242.86
23093	Jerry Norton	271.27
23094	Craig Payne.....	249.14
23095	James Rader	1108.85
23096	Caleb Ramsey	1238.05
23097	Bradley Rider	1008.09
23098	Jean Ruth.....	405.52
23099	Barry Seth	1014.21
23100	Todd Straub.....	668.28
23101	Linda Thompson	117.48
23102	Jeff Wells	138.75
23103	void	
23104	void	
23105	LaGrange Utilities.....	201.88
23106	LaGrange Hardware.....	231.80
23107	Ohio Edison	778.72
23108	Dave Thompson.....	439.55
23109	Desi Justin.....	345.51

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

At 8:15pm Canfield motioned to adjourn into executive session with Klocek to discuss the purchase of property and with the Fire and EMS Chiefs to discuss legal matters. At 9:05pm Canfield motioned to reconvene into regular session.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Chief Fiscal Officer