

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
January 26, 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

Dean Zarbaugh from Whitney Road was present to present a framed thank you to the township road crew. After plowing snow on the road and accidently hitting the mailbox, they stopped and informed the homeowner that they did indeed hit it and would replace it which they did, complete with reflective numbers. The thank you was for outstanding service, snowplowing and honesty.

Dave Moulder from the Zoning Commission was present and asked about a request to the County Auditor in October for a map so that the board could proceed on the soil and water erosion amendment to the Zoning Resolution. At that time the Auditor was concerned about the township making the map available to the public due to the cost of the map. The Zoning Board had spoken to Burnett and Canfield about the Auditors concern and they agreed that the Board should have the map to proceed but no follow up was received by the Board. Canfield will contact the Auditor to check on the status of the map.

Moulder also informed trustees that he attended the Commissioners meeting on the sales tax issue and gave them his two cents on the matter.

Cemetery

None.

Fire and EMS

None.

Road and Bridge

None.

Zoning

No permits were issued. Sigmund is working on a new computer generated permit which will be linked to a spreadsheet to compile year end reports.

Fiscal Officer

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

A letter of concern was read from a Pheasant Run resident in regards to the maintenance and snowplowing of the roads in Pheasant Run and Diagonal Road. Burnett explained that the roads in Pheasant Run are private roads and the township is not allowed to spend public funds on private roads. Diagonal Road is a county road and any concerns should be addressed to the County Engineer regarding this road. The Board asked the secretary to send the resident a letter stating these facts.

Burnett motioned to approve Resolution 2009-03, A Resolution submitting to the electors of the Township of LaGrange the Question of the renewal of an existing 2.5 mill tax levy for the purpose of Fire and EMS for a period of five years, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett explained the levy and the necessity of it. This levy totally supports the Fire and EMS Departments. Canfield commented that the performance of personnel in these departments is excellent and clarified that that township does not bill township residents for any amount over and above whatever their insurance pays for service. Out of town residents are billed for the entire cost of the call.

Burnett motioned to approve Resolution 2009-04; A Resolution submitting to the electors of LaGrange Township a .8 mill additional levy for the purpose of the Elyria Library for a period of five years, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett further clarified this issue by saying that the Library has rented the Vet’s Hall for five years now and wants to put on an addition. Library usage has increased by 33% and the generated funding would be \$120,000.00 per year to operate the LaGrange Branch and pay bills while the State funding, which has been drastically cut, would be put aside for future improvements. Cost per \$100,000.00 valuation would be \$24.50 per year. Canfield commented that they know money is tight right now but the library does offer free internet, newspapers are free at the library to read and other services are provided to residents free of charge.

Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2009-05, a Resolution Certifying to the County Auditor that the township note payments for 2009 do not exceed State Limits; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Canfield motioned to pass Resolution 2009-06; a Resolution adopting permanent appropriations for 2009, Ford seconded the motion, roll call –all yes.

Park Board

Kim Strauss noted that the village will be repaving 800-900 feet of Loperwood Lane and will be crushing the concrete for use at the new parking lot at the park. He also noted that an outside vendor is being looked at to run the concession stand. The village is compiling a Resolution and Ordinance to take bids to rent it out at a cost of about \$10,000.00 per year.

CIC

No meeting lately.

LORCO

No report

RLCWA

Burnett attended the last meeting and was sworn in as a board member. Officers for 2009 were elected. He explained new automated meters that the board is currently considering.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

23110	Judco, Inc.	27.75
23111	Chronicle Telegram	47.20
23112	Lorain Medina Rural Electric	130.83
23113	Trico Oxygen	233.00
23114	Columbia Gas.....	558.60
23115	Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services	11.48

23116	MT Business Technology	206.44
23117	Perkins Motor Service.....	314.38
23118	Cargill, Inc.	3784.58
23119	Advanced Systems and Cabling.....	215.00
23120	NAPA Auto Parts.....	4.59
23121	AAA Fire Extinguisher	17.50
23122	Eastern Lorain County EMS Association.....	300.00
23123	Lorain Co. Fire Chiefs Association	50.00
23124	Bankcard Center.....	188.40
23125	Verizon Wireless.....	151.72
23126	Arrow Uniform	222.69
23127	Windstream	562.32
23128	David French.....	1698.67
23129	George Howard.....	1174.10
23130	George Klocek	1037.06
23131	Dermetec Direct	23.68
23132	Bound Tree Parr	144.46
23133	Association of Medic EMS Professionals.....	1895.00

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

Trustee Comments

At 7:44pm Burnett motioned to adjourn into executive session with Board Member of the Old Glory Grange regarding the purchase of property, Canfield seconded the motion roll call- all yes.

At 8:04pm Burnett motioned to reconvene into regular session, Canfield seconded the motion, roll call –all yes.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

_____Chairman

_____Chief Fiscal Officer