

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
July 23, 2007

This was a regular meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Harper called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with all members of the board present. Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing on July 9; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes. Burnett motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Tom Moran was present to report on his evaluation of the old fire station. He presented a conceptual drawing of the fire station based on old pictures and returning the station to the style of the original period. He did extensive research on the building and its history. The building is technically in great shape. The only major issue was a slightly undersized beam that could be replaced or an additional column installed and the exterior needs tuck pointed with some bricks needing replaced. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a town meeting should be held to discuss options and uses for the building so it can be decided what direction to follow for renovation. Members of the historical society were present and suggested that a meeting be held after their next meeting so they could discuss and compile their ideas. It was decided to hold a public meeting at the old fire station on September 25 at 7pm. The board thanked Tom for all of his company's work on the project.

Cemetery and Parks

The supply of flags for the Veteran's Memorial is running short and Klocek asked for the approval to purchase several divisions of flags for future use. Canfield motioned to approve the purchase of flags keeping at least 5 of each of the nine categories in stock for a total not to exceed \$1100.00, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Harper asked about the status of the fence at the LaGrange Cemetery. French noted that the County Engineer has surveyed the lot but no stakes have been set yet. He will follow-up with the Engineer's Office to check on timetable for this.

Canfield noted that the concrete at the Veteran's Memorial needs to be resealed. French will check into pricing.

Road and Bridge

French reported that Whitney Road is done except it still needs bermed and sealed by Lytle Construction. About 4000 feet of ditching has been done by the township.

The dumpster at the garage is a major concern. A large amount of rubbish is being placed in the dumpster with the township employees compacting it as much as possible. Approximately 2-3 dumpsters a week are being used. Discussion was held on placing a sign in the area stating that no tires or garbage should be placed in the dumpster and that cardboard shall be put in the proper container. It was noted that the Village should pay for one half of the cost of this sign because it is there for their residents also. There is also concern about residents throwing large objects into the dumpster and falling back out. Someone could get hurt with the objects falling on top of them. Also a small metal box was discussed to place metal in to ship to the recycler. Burnett stated that the

Village would like to have a meeting with the Trustees to discuss these problems. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with the Council on July 30 or 31. Burnett will handle the arrangements.

French noted that a 2007 truck with a 2006 motor is available through the State bidding program for a cost of \$54,587.00. This is with a bare frame and a bed would have to be purchased. This would replace the 1992 truck currently in use. No action was taken however French was told to see if it was still available.

French requested a tiller and landscaping rake for the back of the Cemetery tractor to assist him in road projects and to help at the cemetery. Canfield motioned to spend up to \$1100.00 for these attachments; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Canfield asked about all of the thistles and profanity written at the Vet's Park playground. French said weed killer will be sprayed and the area marked off to keep children out after spraying and the toys will be painted to cover the profanity. The playground will soon need to be remulched with two semi loads of mulch after the thistles are removed.

Harper noted that the garage needs to be cleaned. French stated that they have been working on Whitney Road and this has been let go but the next bad weather day this will be taken care of.

Zoning

Sigmund noted that a letter has been sent to the Ward property notifying them that they must have their property cleaned up by August 16. The variance meeting for the Norris property on Whitney Road has been continued until July 31 to give him time to conform to the home occupation requirements.

Harper motioned to approve Resolution 2007-07; a Resolution authorizing the Lorain County Auditor to place assessments on property taxes for the mowing of abandoned properties in the township, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Sigmund noted that a teenager in the area needs to complete some community service. He will be working with the Road Department for 10 hours to fulfill his obligation.

The mowing bill for abandoned property was discussed. The original price of \$75.00 per mowing was increased to \$375.00 for one property. Sigmund stated that this was because of the condition of the property and that a brush hog had to be rented to mow. It was brush hogged once and mower twice to bring it up to good condition. Trustees agreed to pay the bill but asked for prior notice next time this situation comes up. This bill will be put on the homeowners taxes for reimbursement.

Fiscal Officer

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

Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2007-06, a Resolution commending Todd Straub in a recent incident involving a car chase. He is also an officer for the Elyria Police Department and put himself in jeopardy while attempting to stop a vehicle involved in the chase, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

CIC

A meeting will be held this Wednesday to go over the drawing for the LaGrange Care Center to be built. The deed for that property is to be transferred this week and they will start construction in the next two to three weeks.

LORCO

Harper noted that a verbal approval has been received from the USDA for the loan but nothing has been received in writing.

RLCWA

Harper reported nothing new for the township.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

21603	Miller and Company	75.75
21604	Lorain Medina Rural Electric	157.14
21605	Allied Waste Services	3315.00
21606	Windstream	113.06
21607	Arrow Uniform	138.52
21608	Lorain County Treasurer	12396.00
21609	Emerge, Inc.	37.50
21610	Hanson Aggregates	796.24
21611	Stein, Inc.	161.07
21612	Randy Moyes	180.80
21613	J.C.'s Performance, LTD	450.00
21614	Bound Tree Parr	411.50
21615	Young Locksmith.....	72.40
21616	Verizon Wireless.....	62.70
21617	Chronicle Telegram	57.95
21618	Lifecare Ambulance.....	75.00
21619	Chronicle Telegram	109.45
21620	Zep Manufacturing.....	100.07
21621	Bankcard Center.....	128.25
21622	Windstream	559.77
21623	Rural Lorain County Water Authority	16.74
21624	Grafton Ready Mix	83.54
21625	Hanson Aggregates	162.23
21626	Randy Moyes	1012.94
21627	Parr Public Safety	307.75
21628	Lifecare Education	10.00
21629	Columbia Gas.....	6.21
21630	void	
21631	Alltel	70.71
21632	LaGrange Lions	1500.00

21633	Jeff Denham	582.37
21634	David French.....	1089.06
21635	George Howard.....	958.58
21636	George Klocek	976.55
21637	Allied Waste.....	712.00

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

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer