

**LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**July 28, 2008**

This was a regular meeting of the LaGrange Township Trustees. Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with all members of the board present. Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the July 14 meeting; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – Burnett, yes, Canfield, abstain, Ford, yes.

**Public Participation**

Rod Seabold was present to inform the board that the Historical Society will be holding their annual show on September 27 at the old fire station and Methodist Church. This year they will be allowing antique vendors to set up tables at a cost of \$10.00. This may also be part of the Fall Farm Tour that travels through Lorain County. The board had no problem with the organization using the old fire station.

Terry Boose, a candidate for the 38<sup>th</sup> District seat formally held by Matt Barrett was present and introduced himself.

**Sheriff Report**

Deputy Curtis was present to give the monthly report. There have been several break-ins in the northern part of the county and on September 27 the annual Cops and Cowboy Shootout will be held in Rochester.

Chief Rader asked if there was someone who could come out and train our EMS Dept. on the use and removal of tazers. Recently an EMT was stabbed with a tazer during the removal process. Deputy Curtis stated that he will forward to him the name of the person in the office who can be contacted for training.

**Cemetery**

There have been two funerals held since the last regular meeting. The last dumpster filled seven dumpsters and one steel box. The next dumpster is September 13 from 7-12 noon.

**Fire and EMS**

Chief Rader gave the fire report from June. There are now two people qualified in the department as Hazardous Material Technicians. The departments participated in Safety Town.

Rader gave the EMS report for June. Squad 38 is having a starting problem and is going to be serviced tomorrow. A work session was set up with the trustees on August 12 at 5pm with the Fire Chief and Asst. Chief in charge of EMS.

Pump testing and hose testing was done last week in an eight hour day. It was suggested that this testing be done by an outside company every third or fifth year for quality control purposes.

Rod Seabold thanked the fire department, trustees and George for the use of the fire station for the Historical Society meetings.

Ford asked the Chief if the preventative maintenance on weekends for the fire department was still being done. Rader commented that they have gotten a lot done and

are still working on inventory and truck maintenance, but have gone over the trucks thoroughly down to tightening all bolts and waxing vehicles.

#### Road and Bridge

French reported that after the last dumpster day the steel box was left over the weekend for pickup on Monday and during that time the steel box was filled with trash by residents. It was noted that the next dumpster date in the Rural Urban was incorrect. The secretary will contact them and have this corrected.

Ditch work on Whitney has been completed and a catch basin was installed on Biggs Road. Chip and sealing will be done on Biggs Road between Whitehead and Diagonal and Webster between Whitehead and Diagonal and at River Road Cemetery. French asked about the material to be used for chipping and sealing and asked if the trustees would consider trying emulsion instead of MC's for the project which would cut the cost and allow him to do the job earlier. Trustees agreed to try the emulsion instead and see how it goes.

French reported that the new part-time roadman is working out great however he lost his fire pager on the job. Chief Rader will check into the department policy on how this is handled. The cost of these pagers is around \$500.00 each.

Barbara Harper was present and asked about the replacement of the fence on the north side of River Road Cemetery. French stated that the fence is in bad condition and could be removed to look better. Burnett noted that this will be looked into.

Burnett noted that Penfield had already entered into a contract with Crossroads to chip and seal Webster Road before they contacted the township about possibly doing the road ourselves. Crossroads will not release that part of their contract. Canfield motioned to pay our half of the cost of that portion of the road which is about \$4000.00; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Burnett asked Harper if she had found any information about the township proceeding with the drainage project involving Penfield Township and Pheasant Run. Harper stated that according to their legal counsel the area involved is still tied up in legal action and the only way the work could precede is with the signature of Lee Holztrager.

French asked if there is still enough time to apply for Issue II money to do Whitney Road between Route 301 and Whitehead Road. Since the dates have been moved up he will contact the Engineers Office to see if we still have time to apply.

#### Zoning

Nine permits were issued since the last regular meeting. He is working with PRV to help board up a section of a home that is in disrepair. There are nine lots in the township that have grass that needs to be cut. He will obtain an estimate for cutting.

Garage sale weekend was a success and one junk car violation has been sent out.

#### Fiscal Officer

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

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The Elyria Library Board has requested a meeting with the Trustees. They will meet on August 5 at 5pm in the meeting room.

Canfield motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for NPDES Phase II for Erosion and Sediment Control Rules for Lorain County, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

The Trustees were notified by the State Liquor Board that all licenses in the township are due to expire. No objection for renewals was stated.

Burnett motioned to approve Rita Canfield as an alternate to the LORCO board for an additional three year term; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

CIC

They are working with the sign company to update the sign on 301 with a more attractive lettering for the business names. A penalty for not filing the 940 tax form for 2006 has been issued. The attorney handling this at the time did not file the form. If the penalty cannot be removed then the attorney will be held responsible for the penalty.

LORCO

Nothing new.

RLCWA

Rural Water won a territorial issue with Grafton Village and now has won an issue with Oberlin over the area around Wal-Mart.

Community Park

Ford noted that the Lorain County District championships were held in LaGrange and our Class C girls won the State Tournament.

Burnett noted that the maintenance building is almost done and the township employees will be working on the drainage under the parking lot later in the fall after roadwork is done. A concrete pad will be installed at the park for the purpose of landing Metro life flight when necessary.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

22602	Lorain County Treasurer.....	4132.00
22603	Hanson.....	340.97
22604	Ohio Edison.....	23.63
22605	Verizon Wireless.....	151.98
22606	RLCWA.....	17.74
22607	Arrow Uniform.....	140.02
22608	Stericycle.....	22.34
22609	Bankcard Center.....	169.69
22610	Judco, Inc.....	76.94
22611	LMRE.....	182.14
22612	Windstream.....	560.23
22613	LaGrange Police Auxiliary.....	600.00

22614	George Howard.....	45.00
22615	David French.....	1125.12
22616	George Howard.....	927.20
22617	George Klocek.....	947.19
22618	Ed Nau.....	608.11

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

Trustee Comments

Canfield thanked all community members who sent cards and flowers following the recent death of her parents.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

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