

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
June 11, 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. Canfield motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with a spelling correction, Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Floyd Peaco from Pheasant Run was present regarding the connection ban they are under. To assure their compliance their legal counsel developed a waiver for builders to sign stating they understood the connection ban. He requested the Boards consideration that the township continue to issue permits for new homes as development in Phase II is the only source of income. Brian Zima from the Ohio EPA stated that they are not under a building ban. Burnett stated that the EPA said they would keep up informed of the entire situation but they have not. Mr. Peaco said he met with the EPA and was asked to keep the informed of progress and they did and the necessary inspections have been done. All that needs to be finished at this time is the inlet structure which was received today. The EPA concerns were the clarifiers and they are done and inspected. Burnett motioned to allow the Zoning Inspector to review plans and issue permits with provided the disclaimer is signed and we have a copy of the waiver to protect the township, Canfield seconded the motion pending legal review, roll call – all yes.

Cemetery and Parks

Klocek reported on an incident involving the fence at the LaGrange Cemetery and noted that they were ordered to remove the entire fence. Now the neighbors property is open next to the cemetery and complaints of their dog in the cemetery have been received. A replacement fence needs to be constructed and Canfield mentioned that the homeowners would like a privacy fence erected at least the length of their backyard. Burnett noted that the county engineer will come out and survey the property to establish property lines.

A thank you was given to George Klocek for organizing the Memorial Day activities. Klocek thanked all who helped mow and trim to get the cemeteries and parks ready for the holiday.

Klocek reported on lot sold and one funeral held. The next dumpster is June 23.

Discussion was held on the dumpster located at the garage. French noted that it has been full about every three days but this is all experimental for the first year to see how the overflow from the blue carts progresses.

Fire and EMS

The clerk read the report for the Fire Dept. for May as the Chief had a fire call during the meeting.

Road and Bridge

French introduced Boy Scouts in attendance from Troop 118 who were present to complete their merit badge requirements.

French noted that the villages tractor was borrowed to help with the roadside mowing in the township.

Zoning

Sigmund reported on permits issued. A pool permit on Whitney Road, a garage on Wheeler Road and a pole barn on Route 303.

There are several abandoned homes in the township that we are responsible for mowing. Canfield motioned to approve subcontracting Jeff Cobb to mow these lots at a cost of \$50.00 per mow and place this cost on the tax duplicate for collection, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Mr. Peaco from Pheasant Run noted that they had an issue in Pheasant Run with a landscaping business that was operating and have asked the Zoning Inspector for assistance in getting the matter resolved.

A variance has been received for a auto repair business on Whitney Road.

Fiscal Officer

Financial reports for May were given to the Board for review. A review of the current lease with the Elyria Library was discussed. They have decided to take out the amendment which indicated that they would bill the township for the electric used at the memorial. The Prosecutor is reviewing the contract although he wrote the original five years ago. Canfield motioned to approve an additional five year contract with the Elyria Library pending the Prosecutors review and that a certificate of insurance is obtained, Burnett seconded the motion, roll all – all yes.

A work session was scheduled for June 25 at 8am in the township office to discuss the fence issue and other matters.

A budget hearing for 2008 was scheduled for July 9 at 7pm.

Community Park

The electric has been run to the maintenance building. Harper noted that the walking trails are very bumpy. Burnett asked the road department to take the roller and try to smooth them out.

CIC

Burnett stated that a quick meeting was held on the 501C3 status of the corporation and that the articles of incorporation were approved. Burnett motioned to approve the payment of \$75.00 by the CIC on behalf of the township to John Clark for reimbursement for application fees; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

LORCO

Harper noted that they will meet this week in North Eaton and that the USDA loan approval has been forwarded to Washington for their approval.

LCRWA

Harper reported that their meeting is this week.

Trustees Comments

Burnett reported that a bid has been received by the CIC from Utility Construction to level off around the utilities on Opportunity Way. Burnett motioned to allow George Howard to take time to dun the dozer and level the utility area; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call – all yes

Harper noted that the Lorain County Commissioners will hold a Healthy Watershed meeting and asked the attendance of a trustee. She will attend on June 27 at 7pm.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment:

21459	Bankcard Center.....	82.25
21460	Columbia Gas.....	1500.00
21461	void	
21462	Windstream.....	103.12
21463	Allied Waste.....	3315.00
21464	LaGrange Utilities.....	179.34
21465	Vasu Communications	63.47
21466	LaGrange Hardware	365.68
21467	Trico Oxygen	83.60
21468	Ohio Edison.....	572.38
21469	Columbia Gas.....	201.26
21470	Frank Gates	2756.00
21471	Town and Country	2611.89
21472	void	
21473	Hannah Akers.....	286.74
21474	Michael Behner.....	166.12
21475	Lisa Canita	383.42
21476	John Caroniti.....	181.00
21477	Brian Durante	413.57
21478	Michael Foreman	129.82
21479	Kathleen Kayden.....	146.74
21480	James Marrelli.....	167.14
21481	Theresa Narowitz.....	798.31
21482	Jerry Norton	50.37
21483	Nathan Opfer.....	103.43
21484	James Rader	495.95
21485	Carrie Robinson	466.59
21486	Jean Ruth.....	235.41
21487	Barry Seth.....	1479.74
21488	Guy Storch	91.83
21489	Todd Straub	812.50

21490	Fred Swanson III.....	255.34
21491	Linda Thompson.....	67.25
21492	Daniel Twining	36.29
21493	Jeff Wells	219.46
21494	Gary Burnett.....	753.12
21495	Rita Canfield	796.54
21496	Roberta Moore	989.41
21497	Roberta Moore	309.83
21498	Barbara Harper	661.55
21499	Vince Sigmund.....	455.15
21500	First Merit Bank	2877.31
21501	Ohio Dept. of Taxation.....	550.52
21502	LaGrange Township.....	180.00
21503	Cleveland Center Credit Union.....	225.00
21504	PERS	5373.15
21505	Smith Bros.	381.95
21506	Lemke Sales	46.15
21507	MT Business Technologies.....	206.75
21508	Columbia Gas.....	111.79
21509	Public Safety Center.....	157.95
21510	Hotsy Equipment	11.36
21511	Fire Safety Services	335.00
21512	Warren Fire	987.89
21513	Jerry Norton	66.83
21514	Jeff Denham.....	545.99
21515	David French.....	1089.06
21516	George Howard.....	898.58
21517	George Klocek	916.55
21518	Jerry Norton	86.94
21519	Deborah Abicht.....	132.01
21520	PERS	5089.84
21521	Bankcard Center.....	28.28
21522	Breathing Air Systems	95.00

After review of the bills, Burnett motioned to approve the payment of the bills as presented; Canfield seconded the motion, roll call all yes.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer