

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
June 9, 2008

This was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of LaGrange Township with all members of the board present. Chairman Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Canfield motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call –all yes.

Public Participation

Robert Ripley was present representing the LaGrange Lions asking for a donation towards the fireworks as in years past. Last year the Township donated \$1500.00, however this year the Lions have cut back the program to a total of \$4000.00 from \$8000.00 last year due to a decrease in donations. Canfield motioned to approve a donation of \$1000.00 towards the fireworks; Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Burnett commented on the Food Pantry that the Lions operate which has had an increase in participants from 10-12 a month last year to 85 last month. Mr. Ripley noted that on an average they serve 60-75 people a month.

Rick Conrad, a Penfield Township Trustee was present to discuss chipping and sealing Webster Road from Whitehead to 301. This was recommended by the Lorain County Engineers Office. The only bid received was from Crossroads Asphalt at a cost of \$16470.89. Dave French noted that the road is very oily and he had planned to do the west end of the road west of Whitehead but the area of discussion was done two years ago. Conrad stated that if the township wanted to do the chip and sealing Penfield Township would share the cost for that section of road if French would figure the price. He also asked about the proposal last year to install a tile on Webster Road which would tie into Pheasant Run and help alleviate the flooding problem near Pheasant Run. Burnett noted that the project was called off due to the litigation involving Pheasant Run, however the area involved is still owned by them and we could try and reopen talks to get the tile installed.

Dave Moulder commented on Memorial Day activities and thanked the participants, the band and Marlon Ford.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Greiner introduced Deputy Rico who has recently been placed as a new community policing officer and he also announced that the new community policing officer for LaGrange will be Deputy Curtis.

Cemetery Report

Klocek thanked the band, the Boy Scout Troops, Marlon Ford and Father John Seibold for participating and helping him in organizing the Memorial Day ceremony. It was one of the largest ever in attendance. He also noted that he has received a lot of good comments on the new fence at the cemetery. He asked what was going to be done with the old fence as several people have expressed interest in purchasing all or part of it.

Burnett stated that a work session is needed to discuss the options in selling the old fence.

Klocek reported on funerals held and lots sold.

Burnett thanked George for organizing Memorial Day and all of the work he put into it. He also thanked the road crew for planting all of the flowers around township property for the holiday.

Road Department

French reported that they borrowed a roadside mower from Carlisle to run two mowers on the roads to catch up on the grass. They will be replacing tiles on Kipton Nickle Plate at the Smith farm. Catch basins on Biggs Road will also be replaced.

Fire and EMS

Chief Rader gave the EMS report for May and the Fire report for May. He reported that Metro will be contacting the Park Board for the possibility of installing a landing pad there for emergency landings. This would need to be thirty feet in diameter and four inches thick.

Canfield motioned to approve the hiring of Brad Rider from Oberlin as an EMT basic, Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

The recent newsletter in the paper created a large amount of emails and calls on open burning. He noted that cooking fires are ok and bonfires are ok as long as they are less than 5 cubic feet. The only brush that can be burned is brush that has been created on your own property and that there is absolutely no burning of trash allowed.

Rader noted that they are accepting applications for Fire and EMS personnel.

Zoning

Sigmund reported that eight permits have been issued since the last meeting. An issue in Pheasant Run regarding violations and areas needing to be cleaned up were visited with Mr. Peaco. One home needs major repair for holes in the house and two properties are in foreclosure.

The Zoning Commission is looking into rules and regulations for the issuing of driveway permits.

Burnett asked if the County Building Department inspects outbuildings also. Sigmund stated that yes they are also inspected mainly for electrical and plumbing.

Fiscal Officer

The financial reports for May were presented for review for the next meeting. Letters from the County Auditor were presented on the results for anticipated revenue from a replacement and renewal levy for the Fire and EMS current levy. Samples were shown for recycling giveaways which will be given randomly to residents who recycle in June.

The Fiscal Officer reported that seventeen applications had been received for the seasonal job opening in the Road Department. These were copied and given to the Board for review.

A work session was set up for June 17 at 9am in the township office to discuss job applications and the fence issue.

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No meeting held.

Park Board
No report.

Bills
The following bills were presented for payment:

22465	Hannah Akers.....	193.48
22466	Michael Behner.....	297.88
22467	Jeremy Boggs.....	683.47
22468	Gary Burnett.....	768.97
22469	Rita Canfield.....	814.26
22470	Lisa Canitia.....	696.99
22471	Shawn Cheatham.....	158.93
22472	James Cooper.....	557.85
22473	Jeff Denham.....	161.44
22474	Roberta Moore.....	1012.92
22475	Roberta Moore.....	370.71
22476	Brian Durante.....	677.84
22477	Marlon Ford.....	767.94
22478	Michael Foreman.....	347.57
22479	David French.....	1125.12
22480	George Howard.....	927.20
22481	Kathleen Kayden.....	202.86
22482	Michael Kempert.....	505.71
22483	George Klocek.....	947.19
22484	James Marrelli.....	309.33
22485	Jerry Norton.....	157.21
22486	James Rader.....	937.54
22487	Caleb Ramsey.....	851.58
22488	Jean Ruth.....	326.74
22489	Barry Seth.....	21.59
22490	Vince Sigmund.....	493.64
22491	Todd Straub.....	558.75

22492	Linda Thompson.....	194.35
22493	John Tomlinson.....	23.50
22494	Jeff Wells.....	91.56
22495	Desi Yorks.....	208.86
22496	Columbia Gas.....	631.62
22497	Judco, Inc.....	42.00
22498	Newton Manufacturing.....	1800.00
22499	Miller and Company.....	89.75
22500	Trico Oxygen.....	100.10
22501	MT Business Technologies.....	1073.00
22502	Breathing Air Systems.....	13.50
22503	Vasu Communications.....	66.64
22504	LaGrange Hardware.....	751.37
22505	Village of LaGrange.....	793.02
22506	LaGrange Utilities.....	4.63
22507	void	
22508	Ohio Edison.....	669.24
22509	Frank Gates Services Program.....	7030.00
22510	Grafton Mower.....	188.62
22511	Spencer Feed.....	16.49

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

Trustee Comments

Ford noted that he had received a call about a resident installing a line from his septic tank to the road ditch. This will be referred to the Health Department.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer