

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
May 26, 2008, 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. Canfield motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting; Burnett seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

Public Participation

Rita Ruot asked if any opinion had been received from the Prosecutor on the topic of sending a letter to the Lorain County Treasurer to initiate foreclosure on Durham Ridge Investments to attempt to collect delinquent property taxes. The secretary read the letter from Prosecutor Innes which stated that the request process was created to prioritize things in the Treasurers Office due to the large number of foreclosures. He stated that there were no liability issues for the township to request that the Treasurer take legal action nor was the Treasurer bound by the township's request. All decisions to proceed with foreclosure are somewhat dependent upon the amount involved, as it makes sense to expend efforts on those properties which are most likely to procure a benefit to the tax recipients. A resolution asking that all properties in the township be foreclosed upon but this would defeat the whole purpose of helping the Treasurer prioritize. He saw no problem with the way the letter was worded. Kim Strauss was in attendance and asked why the township would pick on one owner and asked why they didn't go after everyone else that was delinquent like all of the farmers and other business owners. He stated that the golf course is a large payer of Village Income taxes to the Village and is an asset to the community. He noted that the Village Council had discussed the issue and had decided to not pursue any action. Canfield noted that property in the development had been sold but no property taxes were paid. This is what initiated the letter along with the amount of taxes owed to the township, village and schools. After discussion the item was tabled.

Fiscal Officer

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

Canfield motioned to approve Resolution 2008-06; a Resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Note Retirement Fund in the amount of \$22,836.75 for the payment due on the land purchase, Ford seconded the motion, roll call – all yes.

The secretary noted that more than a dozen applications had been received for the opening in the Road Department. Canfield asked that all of the applications be copied and available to each trustee at the next meeting.

Bills

The following bills were presented for payment;

22439	Ohio Edison.....	308.64
22440	Lifecare Ambulance.....	1337.44

22441	Village of LaGrange.....	33580.69
22442	Verizon Wireless.....	151.93
22443	Ohio Edison.....	23.63
22444	void	
22445	HD Waterworks.....	487.50
22446	Elyria City Health Dept.....	70.00
22447	Warren Fire Equipment.....	562.23
22448	Smith Bros.....	330.00
22449	Grafton Mower.....	153.64
22450	Ohio Treasurer Richard Corday.....	1384.01
22451	Stericycle.....	22.34
22452	Windstream.....	559.63
22453	Sam's Club.....	72.46
22454	RLCWA.....	16.32
22455	LMRE.....	182.14
22456	Arrow Uniform.....	139.44
22457	Trico Oxygen.....	188.55
22458	First Merit Bank.....	22836.75
22459	Jeff Denham.....	486.04
22460	David French.....	1125.12
22461	George Howard.....	987.20
22462	George Klocek.....	1007.19
22463	Allied Waste.....	3315.00
22464	OTARMA.....	27689.00

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

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

_____Chairman

_____Fiscal Officer