

## **Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday, August 2, 2021**

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Jeff Robinson, Co-Chairman Kevin Dotson, Bill Lowe and Fiscal Officer Mellisa Weigand.

Others in attendance: Chief Cook, Ben Laird, Nigel Pence, Sheriff Patton, Thayne Grey, Holly Rast, Beth Marshall and Deputy Bell

Jeff Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The trustees reviewed the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Alan Fitzpatrick fixed the well at the ballfield. He also created a post to put in front of the well for visibility. He performed the work and charged a minimal fee.

### **New Business**

Beth Marshall and Jamie Patton were at the meeting on behalf of Liberty Township. Liberty pays for a Public Safety Officer and they don't have enough funds to pay their portion for the quarter. Jamie informed the Trustees of the cost the township would incur if they decided to help partially fund a PSO. If we took on 25% of the cost it would be \$30,000 for the year of 2022 (including salary and benefits). The cost would increase 3% every year after that. The Trustees informed Sherriff Patton that Leesburg Fire Department has just started, as of August 1, to fully staff our fire department. Now is not a good time for us to take on any extra costs. Sheriff Patton understood.

Jeff attended a solar panel meeting, July 20, regarding Samsung, who wants 1400 acres in Leesburg Township for a 250 Mega Watt solar farm. There is a deadline of October for Samsung to file paperwork that would make them exempt from new House Bill 52 rules regarding solar farms. Samsung says they will not disturb wetlands and will watch out for drainage and all panels will be on connecting acres. Jeff wants the residents of the township educated on what is transpiring and thinks we need to have a meeting for that soon. We may work with Thayne about hosting an informational meeting. Thayne mentioned, after the pre-application



period there will be a formal public informational meeting. Once the process is complete the Township will receive a formal letter and we have 30 days to file a notice of intervention.

Thayne is going to look into the Estep case and see if it is still open to add related costs from additional property clean up. The old tenants moved out and threw appliances out the front glass window, left multiple garbage bags outside and the doors open for animals to wander in and out freely. Holly thinks the house should be inspected to see if its inhabitable and the Fire Chief could check the structural integrity of the house also. Regardless, the property needs secured and cleaned up as soon as possible.

Holly Rast was informed of the following information that has recently come to the attention of the Trustees. Chuck Freeman has hauled away one vehicle from his property. He is having a soil test analyzed of his property for a septic system. There was a neighbor complaint on Harmon Patrick regarding the spreading of septic waste with lime spread over it. The Pit Stop's septic system is always full when Holly inspects it. This time around the ports were completely dry yet the control panel needs replaced. She will look in the catch basin on Rt 347 to check on overflow. There was a complaint regarding junk at the Slone property at the corner of Rt 4 and Rt 347. There are also sewage concerns on Rt 4 next to Blues Creek Golf Course. There are claims that the house sewage overflowed onto the golf courses cart path. All of these matters need attention from the Health Department. The Health Department has a levy up for renewal this year.

Eubanks gave the Trustees a quote of \$12,860.00 for a generator that will run the whole fire station. The fire station is a 911 back up center and disaster relief area so CARES Act funds would be appropriate to be utilized for payment. Kevin made a motion to purchase the generator, seconded by Bill, motion passes unanimously.

Bill mentioned that he researched cemetery plot prices at Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville. They charged \$500 each for a resident and \$1000 for non-residents food for thought going into 2022. Bill wants to attend the next Magnetic Village Meeting on August 19 to inform everyone of the Fire Department's new schedule.

Kevin is waiting on more information regarding a lighted sign for the front of the firehouse. The cost is estimated to be around \$8000.

Ben received a complaint regarding a property on Sandusky that is accumulating many junk cars. Chief Cook asked Ben if there is a zoning rule that states a drive way must have a visible address sign. Ben suggests checking with the Building Department. Ben reported a permit for a barn and a house were turned in.

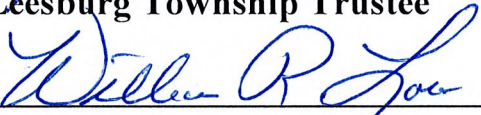


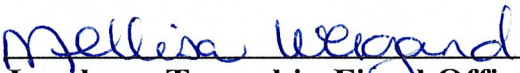
Chief Cook asked the Trustees about purchasing a trauma bag for his personal truck. There are times when he takes his personal vehicle from his house to a call and if he is the first one there he needs some basic supplies. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to purchase a trauma bag. Motion passed unanimously.

The F.O. circulated warrants, purchase orders, vouchers and receipts for trustee approval. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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