

Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2022

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Kevin Dotson, Vice-Chairman Bill Lowe, Trustee Jeff Robinson, Fiscal Officer Mellisa Weigand (conference call), Fire Chief Cook and Zoning Inspector Nigel Pence.

Others in attendance: Keith Engle, Becky and Jared Converse, Deputy Stuff, Ally W. (MJT)

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The trustees reviewed the July 5, 2022 and July 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to approve the July 5 and July 18 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There is no word yet on when the building next to the firehouse will be torn down.

New Business

Nigel was concerned that the new property the Converse's purchased for farm expansion would fall under the new Agritourism zoning code. Becky informed the Trustees that they are operating as direct marketing not agritourism. Nigel just wants everyone involved to be aware of the new zoning codes to save future problems. Jeff made a suggestion, to the Converse's, that a drive off of Kinney Pike Rd would be a safer route for traffic in and out of their establishment rather than St. Rt. 4.

A homeowner on Pine Lane applied for a pole barn building permit. Nigel was approached by a landowner, Max Carey, inquiring about lot size and road frontage rules for land he is having surveyed to parcel off.

Nigel previously sent Pit Stop a letter of violation for the conditions outside violating township zoning codes. They had until August 1, 2022 to fix the problems. There has not been any communication from the Pit Stop owner. The next step is to send another warning or turn it over to Thayne Gray, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Union County. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to turn the matter over to Thayne. Motion passed unanimously.

A developer from Columbus asked Nigel what properties in the township are zoned for commercial. He is scouting for Dollar General.

The Deputy did not have any news to report. Keith informed the deputy that there are many dirt bikes riding up and down Kinney Pike Rd.

Chief Cook talked to Chief Merick about sharing part time employees so the fireman can get familiar with the new territories. LTFD would have to increase the pay for the fireman to match pay from NWFD. Jeff made a motion to increase the pay of the fireman to \$16 & \$18 to match NWFD and fill our time slots. Motion was seconded by Bill, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Cook will add the new hose to the insurance policy. Mike Schnell gave his official resignation to LTFD.

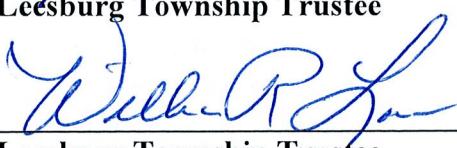
Bill moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations between LTFD and NWFD, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed by vote of yes by all members.

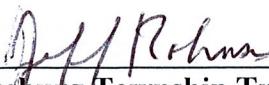
Bill moved to leave executive session, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed by vote of yes from all members.

Jeff made a motion, seconded by Bill, to increase the total payable to Serendipity Counseling from the previous \$600 to \$1000. Motion passed unanimously.

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


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