

Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting

Monday, July 12, 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 and Asst. Chief Riley Hall

Jeff Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The trustees reviewed the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. The Trustees reviewed the June 23, 2021 special meeting minutes. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mellisa and Bill went to Hopewell Cemetery to investigate Sallie Slone's concerns with her grave sites. What we realized was lot 49 & 50 in section 5 were purchased by another family in 1998 then resold to Sallie in 2008. This was not realized until James Fryman passed and the family utilized their plot. We offered her solutions and she choose to obtain lots 62 & 63 in place of 49 & 50. This allowed her an extra spot for our unfortunate mistake. Bill mentioned another fiscal officer had shared with him a program that can better track cemetery plots. He will look into the cost and efficiency of the program and report back with the details.

Jeff took pictures of the damaged head stone to send to Sharon Robinson. Mellisa will send her a letter explaining what happened and how she would like us to handle it.

The speed signs were raised up and are now better able to clock speed of vehicles. Jeff mentioned he has heard many compliments on the flagpoles at the cemeteries.

New Business

Jason Asher informed Jeff that he backed into the well casing at the baseball field. The Trustees will go to the field to assess the damage and plan for a repair.

Chief Cook created a sign up sheet for the new fire department 10 hr daily shifts that will start August 1, 2021. There is interest and the shifts are being filled. Chief suggested going to a Village of Magnetic Springs meeting and explaining our new fire department hours. This will allow both residents and village council members to better understand what the fire department is trying to accomplish and how they can help.

There are new hires at the fire department that will need uniform shirts. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to allow Chief Cook to purchase new t-shirts with a cost not to exceed \$500. Motion passed.

Chief presented the Trustees with a print out of cabbage cases used for medical gear and supplies. Currently the firemen are using cloth bags that are inefficient in locating life saving items. The cases could be purchased with CARES Act funds. They will be easier to clean because of the hard shell exterior and the individual compartments within will allow easy accessibility. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to spend no more than \$2000 to purchase 2 cases. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed the new levy further and decided to hold off on putting it on the ballot until spring 2022. They feel there needs to be more time to educate the public and draw data from the fire departments new full time schedule.

Chief Cook mentioned Jacob Cole, volunteer, wants to become a fireman. With CARES Act funds he can register Jacob for training with a cost of \$365 plus book fees. This would benefit the firehouse with needed man power. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to pay for Jacob's training. Motion passed.

Asst. Chief Riley Hall requests to forego his Asst. Chief monthly pay starting July 2021. Riley will eventually pick up some full time shifts and doesn't feel comfortable taking pay for both positions. The Trustees accepted his request and thanked him.

Mark Clevenger will be the newest member of the townships Zoning Commission Board.

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

Jeff Robinson
Leesburg Township Trustee

Kevin
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Will R. Lamm
Leesburg Township Trustee

Melissa Wegard
Leesburg Township Fiscal Officer

