

**Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2021**

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Jeff Robinson, Co-Chairman Kevin Dotson, Bill Lowe, Fiscal Officer Mellisa Weigand, Fire Chief John Cook and Zoning Inspector Ben Laird.

Others in attendance: Deputy Bell, Nigel Pence and Rich Baird.

Jeff Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The trustees reviewed the October 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jeff was not able to sit in on the zoom meeting for the solar panels last month. There was nothing new on the agenda as far as he heard. Jeff will follow up on the meeting discussions.

State Representative Tracy Richardson followed up with Bill Lowe regarding the sales tax question he had last month. The question was whether or not you are supposed to pay sales tax on the full price of a vehicle or lawn mower or pay sales tax on the difference in price when trading something in. The answer is you pay the sales tax based on the full price of the item, not the difference with a trade in.

New decals were supposed to be applied on the new Ford 550 dump truck. The company failed to show up for the LTFD decal application appointment. Bill will follow up.

Ben forwarded an email from Thayne regarding the GPD Group with a cell tower update. GPD Group has requested information from the township regarding GPD Group's cell tower install. Thayne has gotten back to them regarding all the information requested.

New Business

Sam Foos asked the Trustees if he could utilize the firehouse facilities for the wake after his wife, Janice, funeral. Sam appreciated the hospitality of the fire department preparing for the wake. John Cook and Mike Carl did a fantastic job at cleaning and setting up for it. The Trustees unanimously agreed to send flowers to Janice Foos' funeral.

Rich Baird came to the meeting to inform the board of the accomplishments of the North Union school district since the roll out of the 2018 strategic plan. He is very thankful for the community support the school district has received. Various new programs put in place such as Suicide Awareness and the Handle with Care program, implemented by Dept. Dyer, has shown positive effects on students.

Ben will make Nigel aware of all the issues he is currently working on. This will make for a better transition once Ben retires. Gary Cunningham's neighbor is one issue to follow up on. The property across the street from the firehouse also has some cleaning to do. The cardboard boxes from an October Halloween event are strewn across the front yard. Jeff opened up the lines of communication for Nigel to let the board know if he has any suggestions for change.

Chief Cook reported the November schedule looks decent as far as shifts covered. As of tonight, there were only two days that were not covered and eight days with only one employee scheduled. December is still bare as far as covered shifts. Since September 1- November 1 there were 15 day runs and 6-night runs.

Chief obtained three quotes to purchase fire hose, paid for by the AFG Grant. Fire Safety will be the company we use for the purchase. He also applied for a Marks grant for new radio equipment. The County Fire Chief Medical Director contract was renewed at \$500 for another year. Chief Cook purchased some Milwaukee batteries and the Firefighters Assoc. spent \$3000 on purchases of saws, chargers and light chargers. The cabbage case was delivered. David Hawkins helped Chief install it in the truck and take inventory with an inventory check list.

Chief Cook talked to the Trustees about needing more help from his Assistant Chief's. Riley Hall and Matt Flowers are both very busy in their other jobs. Chief has asked the Trustees if he could add David Hawkins as an Assistant Chief to fill the vacant spot. David prepared a resume and attached a list of visions and thoughts for the fire department, for the Trustees review. The Trustees unanimously agreed to have David fill that position with the same pay as the other Assistant Fire Chief's.

Image Trend has software with the capabilities to digitally monitor when the trucks are reviewed for maintenance daily. This is a great use of the program. Currently, the medic truck starts most of the time. The grass fighter got a new charger and starts with no problem.

We are still waiting on a formal quote for an outside digital sign. Chief anticipates it will be \$13,000 - \$15,000. The generator from Eubanks should be delivered in November. Jeff will follow up with Eubanks.


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.



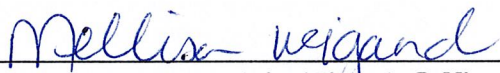
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