

Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2023

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Bill Lowe, Vice-Chairman Jeff Robinson, Kevin Dotson, Fiscal Officer Mellisa Weigand and Zoning Inspector Nigel Pence

Others in attendance: Fire Chief Tim Merrick, Asst. Fire Chief John Cook, Keith Ingle, Brad Besst, Ben Laird, John Hower, Deputy Austin,

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The trustees reviewed the January 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Betsy Baer and Brad Besst have agreed to take seats on the Board of Zoning. Jeff made a motion to accept, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed unanimously.

Bids from Atlantic and Sutphen have been reviewed for the firetruck repair. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to have Atlantic perform the repairs. Motion passed unanimously. The initial quote is for \$14,793.

New Business

John Hower, Rinehart Insurance, was at the meeting to discuss the insurance renewal. The Trustees asked John to increase the value of the building and the tractor. Everything else on the policy is accurate.

Fire Chief Merrick spoke about driveway widths and the need for them to be wider for firetrucks. Chief also asked if Leesburg Township could add dry hydrants to the zoning book policy. That would make it possible to ask a new pond owner if they would consider installing one for future need. Zoning would let the fire department know when a new pond is being built. It has been brought to the attention of the Trustees that there needs to be a higher level of security at the firehouse with employees there more often. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to give permission to the fire department to modify the building for increased safety measures with cameras and locks. No cost will be incurred by the township. Motion passed unanimously.

Nigel received a building permit for a new house build last month. The owner of the Pit Stop has been evading Nigel and his attempts to find out why they have not completed the parking lot work that was ordered. Nigel received a call from a potential property

buying for a lot on St Rt 4. Nigel informed the subject of the zoning rules so there would be no confusing what his parameters are for building on it. The certified letter Nigel sent to the homeowner on Sandusky St. came back as undeliverable. There is no way for the mail carrier to get to the mailbox to deliver with all the refuse around the property. Nigel has been documenting his attempts at contacting the homeowner with no avail regarding the unkept property. There are also pictures to document the images of what the neighbors are complaining about. The county assistant prosecutor will be contacted to discuss the townships next steps.

Clean up day flyers are done and ready for distribution. Bill was quoted \$265.65 each way for delivery and pick up for a 40- yard metal dumpster from Sims Recycling. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to use Sims Recycling for the metal dumpster for recycling metal on clean up day. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff has tried to contact Chris Simmons with no avail to discuss updates on the solar fields. There should be another public informational meeting 60 days before they file with the Ohio Siting Board. Ohio Siting Board wants to hear from residents regarding solar panel installations.

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

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