



Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday May 6, 2024

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Jeff Robinson, Vice-Chairman Kevin Dotson, Trustee Bill Lowe & Fiscal Officer Mellisa Weigand

Others in attendance: Zoning Inspector Nigel Pence, Chief Merrick, Ben Laird, Chad Wilson, Ashley Beery, Bruce Beery, Terry Steward, Samantha Hobbs & Deputy Swayne

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The trustees reviewed the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to approve the April minutes. Motion approved.

Old Business

Chad Wilson gave an update on the website status. It should be complete soon and ready to launch. He encouraged everyone to listen to the Marysville Journal Tribune Podcast for sound local information. He is on an episode providing community information on Magnetic Springs and how he became Mayor. Bruce asked about an update regarding the septic install. Chad gave him the steps to sign up for hook-up.

Clean-up day was a success. We received a check for \$504.92 for the recycling materials that were dropped off. Community members donated \$30 towards clean-up day.

New Business

Sam from the Prosecutors office was at the meeting to introduce herself as an assistant to Thayne. She discussed the Union County 911 plan. ORC 128.06 (C) (1) authorizes the Board of Union County Commissioners to appoint a 9-1-1 Program Review Committee to maintain and amend the Union County 9-1-1 Plan. The Trustees reviewed the plan and Bill moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Kevin. All Trustees agreed, motion passed unanimously.



Jeff started a discussion about supplying an AED device at the ballfield during baseball season. Jeff asked Chief Merrick if it was required and his answer was no. The Chief did mention that we could purchase one through the fire district. Bill suggested we share one with the firehouse. It could stay locked in the concession stand building at the ball field during baseball season and returned to the firehouse on off season. Bill made a resolution to purchase an AED device to share at the firehouse and Magnetic Spring ballfield. American Rescue Plan funds should be used to pay for it. Kevin seconded the resolution. Resolution passed unanimously. (2024-4)

Chief Merrick informed the sign outside the firehouse is getting fixed after the last tornado storm. Union County was approved for natural disaster relief for the 5/1/24 storms. FEMA will be here the week of 5/13/24 for under insured or not insured residents to help with recovery costs. There was discussion regarding the plans to update the firehouse to new code. Any new building that is built will most likely need expanded upon in 30 years. There was discussion regarding residents using the firehouse meeting room and needing to put rules and accountability in place. Chief sent a form to Thayne to look over for residents to sign when using the room to keep them accountable to cleaning up after themselves and for loss or damage. John Cook has resigned to take an EMS liaison job at Memorial Hospital.

Deputy Swayne was at the meeting and Ben let him know about the constant speeding through Magnetic Springs. Deputy reported they have tried to pull over the red motorcycle but once speeds get to high they stop the pursuit. Ohio State Police have aircraft speed enforcement in that area and the bike was clocked going 130-140 MPH.

The Counties in Ohio are giving the tornado sirens to the Townships and the cities will maintain them. The Counties are also working on a system upgrade to a five mile radius for tornados instead of county wide. Jeff asked Chief Merrick if Leesburg can give our siren to the Fire District so there is continuity on who is in charge locally. Chief will bring it to the fire district board next meeting.

Mellisa informed the Trustees that the CIMS Cemetery Program is complete and is ready for data entry.

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. Motion passed unanimously.



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