

Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday, November 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: Chief Merrick, Becky Berry, Ashley Berry, Jaime Geyer, Chad Wilson, Keith Engle, Rich Baird, Justin Ufferman, and Deputy Werling

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The trustees reviewed the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to approve the October 2, 2023 minutes. Motion approved.

Old Business

Keith Engle informed the Trustees of a non-profit Citizens Group that is being formed for Solar Farm information. He handed out flyers that have a QR code for residents to scan that will generate an open email to the OPSB. He is mailing out 3700 post cards to residents of the three counties affected. There will need to be a meeting with all three townships together once an application has been filed and accepted.

Nigel presented some checks for zoning permits and such. He spoke to Bahan Excavating and was told they have a contract to seed the Pit Stop. There is no definitive date to start the project.

The property owner of the old horse farm property on Rt 4. has built a pole barn and started advertising to rent space for campers and boats storage. Nigel told him before the property was purchased that it was not zoned for what the owner planned on doing. Nigel gave him the appropriate paperwork to fill out and return for a zoning hearing. He would need to ask it to be zoned to an M-1 then ask for a conditional use. He never filed the paperwork and did it anyway. Bill suggests we send him a letter of violation.

New Business

Kevin is meeting with Tamisha from the UCHD next week to discuss a capital funds grant. The monies from the grant would go towards a new walking path around the ball field and some playground equipment. We may be able to combine our wants with Magnetic Springs wants for a better chance at getting the funds.

Rich Baird, North Union Superintendent, was at the meeting to discuss the Ohio report card for schools. He showcased all of North Union's accomplishments. He also announced that he is retiring effective 12/31/2023. Justin Ufferman, NUHS Principal, will be his replacement.

Chief Merrick reported the stats for the month of October for fire/medic runs. He will be hiring four new full-time employees. NWFD received a few hundred fire detectors donated by Home Depot and Lowes. Most have been handed out to residents that need one.

Jamie Geyer was at the meeting and presented the Trustees with her resume for future consideration.

Proposing accurate record keeping for Hopewell Cemetery and Maple Dell Cemetery, Mellisa presented the CIMS Cemetery Program to the Trustees for review. The Trustees reviewed all three levels of the program and decided on the Platinum package. This will allow for the maximum amount of information and the most accurate record keeping. Kevin moved we purchase the CIMS Platinum program for the two cemeteries. He also moved we use the ARP funds for this expense and the yearly fees to maintain the program. Bill seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Resolution #2023-2)

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

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