



Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday, October 7, 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, Ben Laird, Chad Wilson, Keith Engel, Chuck Houston, Ray & Leslie Zimmerman, Deputy North and Fire Chief Cook

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The trustees reviewed the September 3, 2024 meeting minutes. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to approve the September minutes. Motion approved.

Old Business

Fisher Excavating provided a quote for a new building pad and limestone drive. The Trustees discussed the quote and Kevin moved to accept the bid not to exceed \$24,320.00. Bill seconded the motion and all Trustees accepted the bid. Motion passed.

Kevin received a new estimate on playground equipment that was lower than the initial quote. Target date is mid-November to start the install. Kevin made a motion to accept the new quote from Midstates Recreation, seconded by Bill. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Ben Laird mentioned to Deputy North at the time of Honda shift change there are a lot of cars that cut through The Pit Stop parking lot to go around the traffic at SR 347 & Rt 4. This causes much congestion and difficulty turning at the cross roads. The Deputy said the police force is trying to have more consistent patrolling around Routes 31, 4 and 347.

Ray & Leslie Zimmerman were at the meeting to discuss the charges the Township has in place for burying an urn. Ray has his parents two urns to bury and feels the \$600 for each urn is too expensive for him. Jeff explained to the Zimmerman's that the prices we have for cemetery work help with the cost to up keep the cemetery. Bill asked if the Zimmerman's would be willing to pay \$600 for both inurnment and they said yes. Bill



made a motion to allow the Zimmerman's to pay \$600 for both inurnments this one time. Motion was seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

Chuck Houston thanked the Trustees for getting the bush trimmed that was blocking the view of on coming traffic on Whitestone Rd.

Chad Wilson informed the Trustees of the indigent deceased policy the State of Ohio has in place. The Village of Magnetic was responsible for paying for the cremation of a resident who had no family to claim them. Chad wanted the Township Trustees to be aware in case this happened in our jurisdiction. He had some forms for residents to fill out stating if they have any assets that can be sold to recoup the cost if such a thing would happen again.

Chad got word from ODOT about the bridge construction. They are planning on starting the bridge repair June 2025. If weather looks good they may start in April.

Nigel had a call from Aaron at LUC regarding The Berry Farm's new barn. There is a deck built on the second level, Aaron informed Nigel that there is currently a lawsuit in Darby Twp. regarding such a deck. He also reminded Nigel that a wedding venue is not considered Agri-tourism.

Duane Steinmetz called Bill regarding a driveway on Shortees Rd and Whitestone Rd. Duane is worried about the culvert under the driveway. Nigel reminded Bill we do not regulate driveways. Complaint noted.

NWFD has a new fire chief. Tim Merrick resigned and Dave Hawkins is the Interim Chief and John Cook is the Asst. Chief. Chief Cook informed the Trustees the new medic is now in service. The building needs a new lock on the front door. Chief Cook will get one and install it.

Mellisa is working with BWC to get our payroll reporting correct. BWC uses payroll numbers from the previous year for the current year. They changed the amount owed after the audit regarding coding. The Trustees approved Mellisa taking a Fiscal Officer class.



The F.O. circulated warrants, purchase orders, vouchers, automatic payments and receipts for trustee approval.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the board meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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