



## **Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday, January 6, 2025**

The Trustees of Leesburg Township met in a regular session.

Members present: Chairman Kevin Dotson, Vice-Chairman Bill Lowe, Jeff Robinson

Others in attendance: Mellisa Weigand, Asst. Fire Chief Cook, Keith Engel, Chad Wilson, Ben Laird, Nigel Pence, Deputy Weaver, Commissioner Dave Lawrence

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes were reviewed from the previous meetings. Motion to accept the minutes from December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> made by Kevin. Bill seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Jeff discussed that Thayne informed him that the solar farm vote by the OPSB will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The vote will be streamed live on YouTube.

Kevin asked Thayne to proof read the bid package going out for the ballfield walking path. Kevin will advertise the bid in the newspaper and on the website.

### **New Business**

Jeff opened the floor for Chairman nominations. Bill made a motion to nominate Kevin, Jeff seconded the motion. Vote was called, all were in favor, motion passed.

Jeff attended a meeting in Raymond regarding the roundabouts that will be built along St. Rt. 347. There are three scenarios for each roundabout planned at 347/Rt 4 & 347/Rt 31. There will be a community meeting in March to get local input. The roundabouts are slated for construction in 2026.

Jeff obtained a quote from Ag Pro for a cemetery bucket to put on the track hoe for digging graves and such. Bill moves to investigate further for a quote for a bucket with a



spending cap, not to exceed \$2500. If Jeff finds one in this price frame then the board gives approval to purchase. Jeff seconded Bill's motion, vote called, motion passes unanimously.

Jeff made a motion to lower the cost for an inurnment in 2025 to \$500, seconded by Kevin. Vote called Jeff – yes, Kevin – yes, Bill – no. Motion passed. Jeff made a motion to keep all other payment guide information the same as last year. Kevin seconded the motion, motion passed.

Bill made a motion for April 19, 2025 to be this year's clean-up day for the Township residents. Jeff seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Chad gave an update on the Magnetic Springs bridge. The collapse occurred while the trees were being extracted from the creek and the machinery drove off the bridge. This has created a log jam at the bridge that can not be cleared at the moment. Homeowners who live along the creek are worried about flooding to their homes. Jeff suggests calling Jeff Stausch, Union County Engineers office, to express the urgent need to get the logs cleared.

Chad has the invoice for the Leesburg Township website that is due. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Bill, to reimburse Chad for the cost of the website for the year. Motion passed. Chad recently uploaded all the Township meeting minutes from 2008 to present on the website.

Keith Engel informed the Trustees he attended a meeting regarding anaerobic digesters that would be installed at VanWinkle Dairy. He told them what he learned about the system.

Dave Lawrence said he is meeting with Jeff Stausch regarding the Magnetic Springs bridge to see what they can do to move the process along faster. He admits it's bad for the village.

Nigel wrote a permit for a house on Shortees Rd. He has been in contact with Thayne and the LUC regarding the Converse property on Kinney Pike Rd. Mr. Converse had filed the property as Agritourism and wants to rent out his building for weddings. Weddings are not considered Agritourism. Assistant Chief Cook has also received a complaint about the property and can not get a hold of the owner. Asst. Chief Cook informed the Trustees that the Fire District received a grant from Ohio EMS for a little over \$4000 for supplies.

Mellisa presented the Trustees with the renewal form from Rinchart Insurance Company. Our representative should be at the March meeting. She also presented the Trustees with



a letter from LUC for a donation for the new County Zoning structure. Bill made a motion to pay LUC \$100 in kind to help with implementation of zoning, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed unanimously. Bill made a motion to put the CD money that has matured at Richwood bank into the STARS Ohio account they have a higher interest rate. Jeff seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

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

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

  
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