



## **Minutes of Leesburg Township Regular Meeting Monday, November 4, 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, Chuck Houston, Justin Ufferman (Superintendent NULS), Deputy North and Fire Chief Hawkins

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

### **Old Business**

Fisher Excavating provided a quote for a new building pad and limestone drive. The pad and gravel have been laid. The final invoice came in lower than the bid amount. Kevin made a motion to accept the Fisher Excavating invoice to pay, Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill reiterated, to the Deputy, the concern for cars cutting through The Pit Stop parking lot to avoid crossroads during certain periods of the day.

### **New Business**

Justin Ufferman, Superintendent of North Union Local School District, attended the meeting to present a district school report. He reports that North Union School District is financially sound. There is a decline in enrollment numbers at the elementary school. That is a concern of the district. The grade with the most students is the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with 124 currently enrolled. He mentioned there is a push to receive more federal government



funds for the food program at NULS to be able to provide breakfast and lunch to students at a lower cost or free. As far as State of Ohio ranking, NULS received four out of five stars rating. They did receive a grant for the engineering classes to provide new robots and certifications for them. The nursing program also received grant money and purchased items like CPR dummies. North Union received a grant to partner up with Muskingum Valley Driver School and was able to purchase a driver ed car and provide in car driving instruction. This program is a fraction of the cost of local companies.

Chad announced he will be scheduling another meeting with ODOT to discuss and progress regarding the bridge in Magnetic Springs. He will let the Trustees know the date when the meeting is scheduled.

Nigel reported there will a BZA meeting in the near future to discuss a residential lot that multiple family members want to build on. They are looking for a variance to be made.

Kevin reported that Alan Fitzpatrick has prepped the ground at the ballfield for playground equipment install. Bill made a motion to accept the invoice for work from Alan, seconded by Kevin. All voted and approved to pay Alan for his work. Kevin is working on putting a bid package together for the walking path install at the ballfield. The contractor must make sure to use prevailing wage for the project.

Bill brought three quotes for tornado siren install at the firehouse. The Trustees discussed the quotes and the best options for the township. Bill will finalize for next month's vote on it. Mellisa will make an appointment to meet with Cody Johnston for security camera quotes for the firehouse grounds.

Mellisa presented the Trustees with a temporary budget for approval for 2025. The Trustees looked over the budget and agreed to approve it. Bill made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to approve the temporary budget. Motion passed.



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

Auto Payments:

1. Union Rural Electric \$44.75
2. Columbia Gas \$36.67
3. Ohio Edison (SL) \$85.02
4. Ohio Edison (BF) \$89.96
5. Ohio Edison (FH) \$192.46
6. OPERS Oct. \$755.16
7. OPERS Nov. \$755.16

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

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