

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 7pm., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Linda Burhenne, Richard VanPelt, and Sharon Rodgers. Chuck Klco's plane was delayed due to bad storms on his return trip from vacation.

Guests: Present were; Sheriff Dan Dunlap and his Chief-Deputy, Bill Crosier. The sheriff gave a presentation on why Leroy Twp. should pass a .0.80 mil levy for deputy coverage. It would maintain the same coverage as we have now, no more. The Sheriff stated with current budget cuts, he has been forced to make lay-offs, which includes 3 road deputies, 17 correction officers, a clerk, and the minimum security jail has been closed. They used to house offenders from other jurisdictions and receive money from that jurisdiction. However, with budget cuts every where they no longer receive in-mates or money from other jurisdictions. He has 86 sq. miles to cover 24-7. Last year in 2009, he had 2,000 calls to Leroy Twp, these included, suicide, stealing, shooting, and motor vehicle accidents. The sheriff pointed out that traffic violation fines go to the county engineer, not to his department. His department has not received a raise for two years. His department is also paid approximately 15% less than other departments pay. They try not to have OT; however it is impossible when certain occasion's a-rise, such as a house blown up, murders, vehicle crashes with traffic backup, etc. Although the county commissioners have cut his budget, by law he must still respond to emergencies, it will be just a matter of how long it will take to respond. He is asking each of the four townships to request of the voters the same mileage, .0.80. This would raise from Leroy Twp. \$78,000.00, and cost an additional \$24.50 per household of a \$100,000.00 tax valued home. The sheriff also pointed out the rising costs of gasoline, vehicle maintenance, etc. We have the longest standing SWAT team, which is not financed by the commissioners except for training. Ultimately the decision to put it up for vote by the residents is up to the trustees.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Correspondence: Request for transfer of liquor license for the BP at Vrooman Rd. Linda made a motion to approve 2nd by Rich, all were in favor.

Department Reports:

ZONING:

Myron reported for the period 5-16th until present, he has received 26 calls, issued four zoning certifications, and no variances. There are 23 open inspections, 26 ongoing investigations and 9 zoning violations closed so far this year. Allega did not win the contract for the I-90 project; therefore there will be no asphalt plant on Vrooman Rd. They now claim the material there is for grading of their property. Myron will keep up on this. He may have to site them for a violation. No word from Osborne about the sign and use of his property. The home at Radcliffe & Callow is being used for boarding horses, no one lives there currently. This is classified as agriculture; there is nothing we can do.

FIRE: The fire chief reported 51 calls since the last meeting. Vicky Doles received a grant for harnesses for Rex. Rex, our rescue dog is self-funded, by her fund raisers. He goes on approximately four calls a year. Vicky works regularly with him.

ROAD: Total man-hours for the month of May thru June 11th, were 1,610.5 hrs. which includes all of our part-time summer help. 217.5 hrs. were spent ditching.

CEMETERIES: There were 219 hrs. spent in cemetery improvements.

PARKS: The Leroy softball sponsored pig roast is Sat. July 10th. There will be a pie baking contest, and the photo judging contest. The Rec. Board has agreed to donate \$250.00 towards the purchase of a pig for the roast. This is a fund raiser for softball. The Leroy softball is a self-funded program.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Linda made a motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 28th at 7pm, for discussion of a road levy, and the sheriff's proposal. Rich 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Linda made a motion to transfer the interest earned in May into the MV and GT funds as presented by the fiscal officer, 2nd by Rich, all were in favor. This is 1.26 into MV and 2.46 into GT.

Linda made a motion to pay all bills 2nd by Rich, all were in favor.

Next meeting, special on Monday, June 28th, at 7pm.

Audience: Doug Gross from Happy Trails, dog resort on Brakeman Rd. introduced himself.

Motion to adjourn made by, Linda, 2nd by Rich, all in favor.

Linda Burhenne, Vice Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Fiscal Officer