

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, regular meeting, held at the Twp Hall Jacksontown, OH at 8:00pm on June 2, 2003.

Mr. Cooper called the meeting to order with the following members present: Joe Cooper, Dave Miller and Jill Linn. Ron Acord was absent.

Others present: Joe Walker, Richard Cash, Chuck Haire, Mike Wilson, Scott Rawdon, Mike Briggs, Marsha Freas, Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$26,172.94.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Miller that he attached list of bills be approved as the lawful obligation of Licking Township and the Clerk be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Roll call: Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received a resolution from the Licking County Commissioners changing the of The Licking County Emergency Management Agency to The Licking County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Chuck Haire stated that he sent in an application for a zoning request for property on Lake Drive and St. Rte. 40 and was wondering what was going on. Joe Walker mentioned that he received a letter from the LCPC with a tentative approval. Marsha Freas stated that once she receives the information from the LCPC she will then take care of setting up the meeting with the zoning board.

Mike Wilson thanked Steve Patterson for the backhoe work that he had done on Linnville Road. The Fire Co. received \$1213 in grant money. They also received a \$1700 grant to purchase bio suits. Mr. Wilson asked the trustees to spend \$1680 on the bio suits and the trustees agreed. Mr. Wilson mentioned that they also received \$3000 in grant money and will need to purchase the items before the end of June. The grass truck received a new poly tank from TCS. There are now two new EMTs on the Fire Co. On June 11 the fire class will start. On June 16 there will be a mock hazmat incident in Franklin Township. Mr. Wilson also mentioned that there were 49 runs in the month of May. Mr. Wilson also asked the trustees if he could take his vacation June 23 - 27. He will make sure that there will be someone scheduled in his place.

Joe Walker turned in 7 permits totaling \$550. Mr. Walker received a complaint regarding a house trailer on Roley Hills Road and he is following up but has not been able to contact the owner. Mr. Walker mentioned that the property on Pleasant Lee Drive and the property on Woodland Drive have been cleaned up. The property on Sandy Lane still needs to be cleaned and he has no way to contact the owner. Mr. Walker also mentioned a complaint he received from Richard Cash regarding his neighbor diverting water off his property onto other properties, digging up survey stakes, having a building within 5 ft of his property line, and having up a barb wire fence. A discussion followed.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that the mosquito control plan is on the website and has copies of Becoming a Responsible Licking Township Resident for people to sign. Mr. Cooper also mentioned that he would like to put advertisements in the paper and in church bulletins. The township also received the larvacide for the township residents to use if needed.

In regards to the LRE easement permit, Mr. Cooper sent back his response from the prosecutor's office since there were a few things that were not acceptable. Mr. Cooper also mentioned that it is his personal preference that they will go underground and not above with the three phase line, however, there is no way to prevent them from doing so.

Mr. Cooper said that there are some residents who would prefer to have them underground. Mr. Cooper told the residents that LRE told him that it costs five times as much to install the transmission line underground than above ground and that one of the options was for the residents to approach LRE to see if they would install them underground if they came up with the extra cost. Mr. Cooper then asked if the residents did choose to do that would the township want to share in the cost. Mr. Miller said that the easement belongs to LRE and we cannot spend township money to do a private operation. Mr. Cooper said that it was just an idea.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that the Wagon Train will be stopping at the Township Hall on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chrissy Barnes will head up the refreshments. The public is invited.

In regards to property maintenance, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Walker have talked to some of the residence who may have unkempt property. Charlie Davis asked who decides what is junk and what is not. Mr. Cooper said the purpose it to try to negotiate and get as many people to clean up their property as we can. Mr. Cooper said that we need to follow through with the Property Maintenance Procedure since it was approved by the prosecutor's office.

Mr. Miller and the road crew have received complaints regarding plants missing from cemetery lots. Mr. Miller will contact J & E Lawn Service to see if they have been mowing them down.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the electric company cut done a tree and put it on township property and left it there. Mr. Miller said that he will call the electric company to see what they plan on doing with it.

Mr. Cooper prepared a thank you letter for the Doris Orr Kaspar Foundation who donated \$2000 for the restoration of the township hall.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call: Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to end executive session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call: Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Miller made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper. Roll call: Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Cooper stated that the responsibility of the zoning clerk is one of the important positions in the township. The issue is whether the person in the position is able to make the commitment, be able to complete things timely, and be able to invest themselves to both zoning boards. Mr. Miller said that it is a tough job and he wouldn't want it. Mr. Cooper said that its basically clerical, typing, sending letters, there is no decision making and no responsibility other than doing the job in a timely way but it's a pivotal position since it keeps everyone else moving. Mr. Cooper made a motion to find someone who has the initiative to do the job required. Mr. Miller said that he would like to table the decision since Mr. Acord was absent. Mr. Cooper mentioned that Mr. Acord would have to abstain since Mrs. Freas is his cousin. Mr. Cooper said that he did not want to deal with the issue but felt it would be irresponsible not to bring the issue up since zoning is a big issue for the township. Mr. Miller said that he would not second the motion and he would like to think about it until the next meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that the township may need to put a road levy on the ballot.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Cooper. Roll call: Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

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