

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:30p.m., on 06/03/2024.

Mr. Holman called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Cormican, John Holman, Dave Miller, Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Earl Bolander; Debra Fetty; Kathy Anderson; Kyle Weekly; David Moraine; Violet Somers; Chris Powell; Kim Hudson; Chris Meyer; Dionne DeJohn; Randall Kunkler; Roby Poling; Doug Howell (*); Mike Wilson (*).

(*) Present but did not sign in

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for John Holman's wife/Andrea Lynch's mother.

Minutes were read, 1 correction noted, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve expenditures totaling \$70,692.71

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) LTWP Trustee letter to Senator Tim Schaffer re: Zoning
- 2) Road Bid Packets
- 3) Email from AOS re: AUP modification agreement
- 4) Anonymous letter from resident re: zoning concerns
- 5) Mark VanBuren email re: adding ZC and BZA Chairman to Licking County Township Association

The Fiscal Officer presented the Auditor of State's modification agreement to extend the audit due to the passing of Mrs. Lynch's mother. A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to approve the modification agreement and contract with Julian & Grube for the IPA audit for 2022 and 2023 as presented.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Miller, yes; Holman, yes; Cormican, yes.

The LTWP Board of Trustees authorized the Fiscal Officer to

enroll Paul Matthews and Phil Jones as associate members in the Licking County Township Association at the cost of \$50/person.

A discussion took place regarding the anonymous letter received concerning zoning. The Board concurred that it is very difficult to address the concerns without specific addresses or property locations. Mr. Cormican asked Zoning Inspector Howell if he has inspected the house across from Eagle Wings as it appears they are running an automotive repair shop from their home. Mr. Howell will look into the matter.

Chief Mike Wilson gave the Fire Report. There were 133 runs in May consisting of 109 EMS (42 billable), 23 Fire, and 1 Dive/Rescue bringing the year to date total 554.

Chief Wilson reported on the following:

- 1) New hoses have been ordered and hose testing to be completed soon
- 2) Safety vests and triangle signs have been ordered
- 3) Thanked Mrs. Lynch for assistance in gathering information for reimbursement on alternator

A discussion took place regarding the estimate from Summit Fire and Apparatus for the overhaul of the fire pump and upgrade for an LED light package presented at a previous meeting.

Mr. Holman made a motion authorizing the Fire Chief to expend a total of \$18,603.00 for the upgraded LED light package and \$8975.00 for the overhaul of the fire pump and with Summit Fire as presented.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Holman, yes; Miller, yes; Cormican, yes.

Mr. Cormican thanked Kyle Weekly for his recent procurement of the Feller's Foundation Grant.

Doug Howell gave the Zoning Report. There were 5 permits issued since the last meeting as follows:

Tranquil Farms - Jacksontown Road - Pole Barn - \$850.00
Mindy & Chase Mason - Chowning Street - Pool - \$125.00
Jill Linn - White Chapel - Room Addition - \$125.00
OM Dahl - Lake Drive - Pole Barn - \$150.00
OM Dahl - Lake Drive - Sign Board - \$72.50

Mr. Howell relayed that he is working with Legend Valley on a cell tower that is intended to serve as a "Verizon boost" for concert goers. A discussion took place. Mr. Holman said that this appears to be intended to be used as a commercial application as opposed to a private cell tower for private use. Mr. Howell will meet with the property owners and obtain a permit.

Mr. Howell asked if the Road Department could provide berm material on Roberts Road in Le-Mar Heights. Mr. Cormican replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Cormican asked LTFC if they have received any Special Event fees yet from Legend Valley. Chief Wilson will review with Fire Inspector Sam Broska. Chief Wilson noted that LTFC has received the small event fee from Dawes Arboretum.

Mr. Cormican reviewed the status of the recent road closures associated with the Route 13 & Cristland Hill turn lane project by ODOT. Mr. Cormican said that LTWP has placed signage, has involved the LCSO, and is aware of the traffic detouring through the Edgewater Beach neighborhood and the issues it is causing. ETA for completion as per ODOT is 7/2/24. Mr. Cormican said that this is an ODOT project, they established the detour mapping, and LTWP has very little control over the matter.

Mr. Cormican stated that there is a possibility of adding a double yellow line on Licking Trails Road (portion between Route 40 and Cristland Hill) and will know more once he talks with LC Engineer Jared Knerr.

Dionne DeJohn & Robby Poling - expressed concerns with the construction traffic related to the route 13 project and inquired about LTWP installing speed bumps. Mr. Cormican said that the township cannot install speed bumps because the roads are public roads not a private gated neighborhood. A discussion took place.

Public Comments:

Dionne DeJohn - asked the Board why traffic could not be re-routed. Ms. DeJohn expressed concerns regarding speed, volume of traffic, safety to residents, tearing up yards, running over signs, etc.

Robby Poling - reiterated Ms. DeJohn's sentiments and asked what they as residents could do.

Randall Klunker - reiterated same concerns as previously mentioned and said that he is concerned with the safety of his children and pets.

Chris Meyer - inquired if there is anything that the township can do to help the residence on this matter. Inquired as to why speed bumps could not be employed.

Kim Hudson - inquired as to the following 1) Can LCSO be hired in an overtime special duty status to help serve a visual deterrence for people cutting through their neighborhood 2) Asked for clarification on use of speed bumps.

Violet Somers - reiterated same concerns. Said that it has become a super highway and when approached, the drivers are mean and rude. Inquired as to why ODOT did not choose to do part of the road as opposed to all at once.

Debbra Feddy - said she like the others has called ODOT and the LCSO and is getting new relief. Said that the LCSO told her that they have automated speed limit signs however the deputy told her that the "need painted" before they can be used. She said that it is unsafe to be in her yard or out during rush hour due to the high rate of speed of people cutting through the neighborhood.

Kathy Anderson - reiterated the same concerns and said that they need help from LTWP in the matter.

David Moraine - suggested speed cameras

Throughout the public comment Mr. Cormican, Mr. Holman, and Mr. Miller offered details concerning what the township can and cannot do to assist the residents. They expressed that they are very concerned with the safety and problems that the ODOT project has caused however they have very little jurisdiction in the matter. Mr. Cormican explained that speed bumps cannot be installed on a public road as it can create a safety hazard to the traveling public. Mr. Cormican said that residents can place safety cones in their yards however no obstructions (cones, rocks, etc.) can be placed in the road right-of-way by residents as again, this can create a safety hazard to the traveling public. Mr. Cormican will contact the LCSO and share the concerns presented. Mr. Cormican encouraged residents to do the same and if they get no relief, to contact the Licking County Commissioners. Mr. Holman stressed that the residents should not approach the drivers directly or take matters in to their own hands but rather call the LCSO. Mr. Cormican will

look into automated speed zone signs as well as inquire about safety cameras.

Chris Powell - said that the more people contacting the LCSO and/or the Licking County Commissioners will help.

Dionne DeJohn - said that there is a vagrant that is sleeping on lawns in the neighborhood. Mr. Holman suggested getting the Zoning Inspector involved to assist in reporting the matter to the LC Health Department.

Sam Broska - shared that the county commissioners meet every Thursday and that the residents could attend that meeting to voice their concerns.

Earl Bolander - 1) Can Mrs. Lynch share her letter drafted to Senator Schaffer on the LTWP website for other townships to use as a template. Mrs. Lynch said that she would have it added for use by others. 2) Crossroads Planning Meeting - inquired as to why no results are being shared? Mr. Holman stated that the surveys were collected recently and that the data has to be compiled before it can be shared. LTWP's information will be shared on our website as soon as it is available to us.

Dionne DeJohn - inquired as to where the new tunnel on Route 13 will be located? Mr. Cormican said that it is planned to be near where the current concert crosswalk/crossing is at Legend Valley.

Debbra Feddy - stated that she has 3 cameras that has captured the traffic volume and speed. Mr. Cormican suggested she provide that footage to the LCSO for their handling.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:48 p.m.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

June 3, 2024

Attest