

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Bonnema, Bultsma; Absent with notice: Hooker
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve the minutes from December 9, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 30 calls in December. 416 total calls for 2021.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Deputy Schmidt gave police report.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Shoemaker reported on the meeting held on 01/12/22.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 2 new permits in December; 45 year to date; average cost \$349,320.00
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities and construction. Library is closed to the public until at least January 22 due to construction.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Bills are due February 10. Budget meeting scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.
7. **Public Comment:** Lori Antkoviak spoke about Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center's mission to prevent and treat child abuse victims in our community.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Scheduled to be finished by the end of the month with the exception of AC and landscaping.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** New engine finish date has been pushed out 90 days.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **GVL Excavating Class III Special Land Use Request:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to approve resolution #2022-01-14 to approve the GVL Excavating Class III Special Land Use Request, Site Plan and approval of a Mineral Mining License pursuant to Leighton Township Ordinance 1-92 and related matters. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink, Bultsma; Nays: None; Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
 - B. **Public Hearing for Classic Transportation:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to open the public hearing to consider the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request of Classic Transportation. See minutes for public hearing. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to close the public hearing. Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to adopt Resolution #2022-01-13 to Approve Application of Classic Warehousing & Transportation for Industrial Facilities

Exemption Certificate for a New Facility. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Wolbrink; Nays: None; Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.

- C. Harvest Meadows Phase 4 Final Plat:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to give Final Plat Approval for Harvest Meadows Phase 4. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Wolbrink; Nays: None; Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
- D. Budget Workshop:** Budget Workshop for the Township Board has been set for February 2, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
- E. Township Website Update:** Bultsma presented information and quotes for new updated website format which will include changing to a .gov extension. Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to go with the gold package from STG for \$2250. All members vote yes; motion carried.
- F. Expenditure Policy for Leighton Township:** Discussion regarding updating policy from 2004. Tentative updates distributed to board members; tabled for now.
- G. Annual Allegan Co. Road Commission meeting:** Meeting held in early January was attended by Wolbrink and Shoemaker. Projects set for 2022 were shared as well as millage handout from meeting.
- H. Casino Revenue Sharing:** Wolbrink shared a wish list from the Fire Department and suggested that the latest Gun Lake Casino Revenue Sharing money could be used to fund them. The Casino Revenue sharing money will be earmarked on a case by case basis or will be absorbed into the general fund.
- I. Bills:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$76,480.74. All members voted yes; motion carried.

10. Public Comment: No public comment.

11. Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk