

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bultsma; Absent with notice: Bonnema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the minutes from February 10, 2022. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema 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 32 calls in February and reported that the new squad vehicle is on the road.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Shoemaker reported on the meeting held on 03/09/22. Jill Dunham was at their meeting and spoke about the Allegan County Broadband Workgroup.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** No new permits in February with average cost of \$273,333.00; 3 permits year to date.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities. New addition Open House scheduled for March 22, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Budget meeting scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.
 - J. **Correspondence:** Letter from Rick Nagel, who was in attendance, regarding the condition of the gravel road on 9th Street south of 146th. Wolbrink contacted the Allegan County Road Commission who graded the road and will continue to monitor.
7. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Pretty much completed. Open house March 22.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** New engine finish date has been pushed to fall.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Lawn Care Bids:**
 1. Hooker Cemetery: Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to award the bid for Hooker Cemetery to JJJ Turf Care. Ayes: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker. Nays: None. Absent/Abstain: Bultsma, Bonnema. Motion carried.
 2. Township Hall/Library: Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to award the bid for the Township Hall/Library to Green Lake Landscaping. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 3. Fire Stations #1 & 2, Green Lake Park: Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to award the bid for the Fire Stations and Green Lake Park to Potts Landscape Management. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- B. Cemetery Fees:** Discussion regarding raising the prices for both residents and non-residents to purchase a cemetery plot at Hooker Cemetery in Leighton Township. In compliance with Ordinance 2005-04-10 this can be accomplished by resolution.
- C. Election Equipment:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to purchase a tabulator at the cost of \$5295 for the new voting precinct to be established this spring. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- D. ZBA Training:** Jonathan Roodvoets will be attending a training opportunity through MSU as the new chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- E. WAEMS Subsidy 22-23:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to approve the 2022-23 Wayland Area EMS Subsidy in the amount of \$23,062.37. Ayes: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker. Nays: Bultsma. Absent: Bonnema. Motion carried.
- F. Dust Control Bid:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to award the bid for dust control for 2022 to SWB Enterprises (the only bid received) for \$30,015.00. All members voted yes; motion carried
- G. Road Resurface Projects:** Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve the 2022 road resurfacing projects of 6th St for \$135,000, and Warbler, Paris Ridge & Miller Dr. for \$150,000. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- H. Kalamazoo, 145th & 7th Paving Projects:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to approve the paving of shoulders at a cost of \$80,000 on sections of Kalamazoo, 145th & 7th, to occur when the Road Commission resurfaces these roads. All members voted yes; motion carried
- I. 12th St Resurfacing Project:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the resurfacing of 12th St south of 144th up to the gravel to be shared with Dorr Township at a cost to us of \$17,000. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- J. Ordinance 2022-3-12:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2022-3-12 (**DANGEROUS AND DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS ORDINANCE**). Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- K. Ordinance 2022-3-11:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2022-3-11 (**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE JUNK AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES**). Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- L. Ordinance 2022-3-10:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2022-3-10 (**JUNK CONTROL ORDINANCE**). Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried
- M. Lot Combination Deed Restriction form Letter:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the Lot Combination Deed Restriction form letter to keep on file at PCI for situations that require it. All member voted yes; motion carried.
- N. 2022/2023 Township Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the 2022-23 Leighton Township Board Regular Meeting Schedule dates. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- O. 2022/2023 General Fund Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the 22/23 General Fund Budget with proposed expenditures of \$2,286,176. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- P. 2022/2023 Roads Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the 22/23 Roads Budget with proposed expenditures of \$600,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Q. 2022/2023 Street Light Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the 22/23 Street Light Budget with proposed expenditures of \$32,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- R. 2022/2023 Public Safety Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to approve the 22/23 Public Safety Budget with proposed expenditures of \$419,600. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- S. 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the 22/23 Capital Improvement Budget with proposed expenditures of \$100,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried
- T. Amend 2021/2022 Budget:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to approve the following amendments of the 2021/2022 budget:
1. Increase Treasurer Operating (line #60) to \$7,225
 2. Increase Town Hall Insurance (line #66) to \$39,040
 3. Increase Computer Equipment (line #77) to \$16,320
 4. Increase Fire Dept Uniforms (line #84) to \$4,510
 5. Increase Zoning Permits (line #99) to \$187,990
 6. Increase Zoning Publications (line #101) to \$2,335
- Funding to come out of line #27 "transfer in" in the amount of \$38,870.
Roll call vote: Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Absent: Hooker.
Motion carried.
- U. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$57,697.42. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Public Comment:** Reminder that the office is closed for Spring Break, April 5-7. Steve Shoemaker inquired about attending the ZBA training mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- 11.** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk