

Leighton Township Board Regular Meeting

March 11, 2021

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Wolbrink. This meeting was held in person and by teleconference.
2. Members present in person: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Wolbrink.
3. Members absent: Hooker
4. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve minutes from February 11, 2021 as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve meeting agenda with amendment adding discussion of WAEMS subsidy. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. Deputy Austhof gave the Deputy's report which included 49 calls in February, mostly traffic related. Discussed awareness of increases in larcenies that come with warmer weather.
7. Fire Chief Matt Weston presented the monthly fire report which included 26 calls for the month of February. Committee is waiting for numbers regarding new fire truck pricing. A grant has recently been submitted for equipment upgrade.
8. Steve Shoemaker reported that the Planning Commission met Wednesday night and approved 3 site plan reviews.
9. The Building Inspector reported 1 new home permit in February.
10. Karen McKinnon reported that the library reopened in February in a limited capacity, addition plans are being finalized, and the contract with Leighton township is being worked on.
11. Jaci Bultsma reports that the Green Lake Sewer Annual Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
12. Public Comment: Lori Baldwin (virtual attendee) asked about repairs to the roads in the Paris Ridge Neighborhood. Supervisor Wolbrink reported that he has reached out to Phil at the Allegan County Road Commission and that the neighborhood is on the schedule for road repairs.
13. Supervisor Wolbrink reported on meeting he had with owner of the land the Township inquired about purchasing to expand Hooker Cemetery.
14. Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to approve the WAEMS adjusted subsidy request. Yeas: Fennema, Bonnema, Wolbrink. Nays: Bultsma. Motion Carried.
15. Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve the mowing contract for the cemetery with Heyboer Landscaping. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to approve the contract with Green Lake Landscaping for mowing at the Township hall/library and the Moline Fire Station. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to approve the contract with Potts Landscape Management for mowing at the Green Lake Fire Station and the Green Lake Park. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
18. Hunters Glen Phase 4 is moving forward.
19. The Township office is currently closed to the public and will remain closed at least through April 13; the clerk and treasurer will be gone April 6-8
20. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve the Township board meeting schedule for 2021-22. All members vote yes. Motion carried.
21. Budget workshop meeting occurred last week with public meeting set for March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.
22. Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve the workorder for dust control with SWB Enterprises LLC. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the Treasurer, Clerk and Supervisor attending the virtual MTA conference.

24. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve the purchase of the Ford Interceptor Utility Eco Boost as our new police vehicle at a cost of \$43,603.80 to be split with Dorr Township. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund as presented with expenditures of \$2,401,602.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
26. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the Street Light Budget with expenditures of \$32000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
27. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to approve the Public Safety Budget with expenditures of \$500,000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
28. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the Capital Improvement Budget with expenditures of \$100,000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
29. Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to amend the 2020-2021 budget as follows: increase weed assessment to \$17,550.00, increase computer equipment to \$17,900.00, increase zoning permit expenditures to \$165,000.00, and zoning publications to \$1900.00 with increases coming from line #36 of the budget (transfers in). Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None Absent: Hooker. Motion carried.
30. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to pay the current listed bills in the amount of \$43,107.32. All members vote yes. Motion carried.
31. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
32. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk