

## Leighton Township Board

### Regular Meeting

June 10, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** All members present
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from May 13, 2021 with the correction of a typo. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
  - A. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported that LTFD had 25 incident calls and have maintained a regular training schedule for May. Two new firefighters were hired in May bringing the total to 30. LTFD will be providing emergency services at a Fly-in at the air strip scheduled for June 19 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at no cost to the township.
  - B. **Planning Commission Report:** John Hooker reported that the Planning Commission approved a Site Plan Review for Associated Rack Corporation and heard a Sketch Plan Review for Legacy Site Condos.
  - C. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported that the library has remained busy and summer reading has started. Bids for the building project will be received on June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Township Offices.
  - D. **Green Lake Sewer:** Jaci Bultsma reported that bills reflecting new increase will be sent out soon.
7. **Public Comment:** Steve Wolbrink spoke about Fire Dept fundraiser t-shirts that will be for sale at the June 19 Fly-in event at the Galloway Airstrip, the Green Lake July 4 festivities, and the Green Lake 5K on August 7.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Library Construction:** Bids for the construction project will be accepted at 2 p.m. on June 23 at the Leighton Township Office.
  - B. **140<sup>th</sup> Bridge Deck Replacement:** Allegan County Road Commission is looking for alternatives to lumber to replace the decking on the bridge; we have yet to receive a quote.
  - C. **Cemetery Paving:** Reviewed multiple bids averaging around \$48,000. Budget was discussed, project discussion is tabled until next year.
9. **New Business:**
  - A. **Fire Dept. New Hires:** Tim Rose and Greg Bultsma
  - B. **Deputy Clerk Position:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to appoint Allyson Fennema to the position of Deputy Clerk. All members voted yes; motion carried. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to set the starting pay for the Deputy Clerk at \$15/hour. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - C. **Surf Broadband:** Information regarding intent to access public rights-of-way was reviewed in accordance with the METRO Act. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to approve signing application for Surf Broadband to access public rights-of-way in Leighton Township with the intent of installing fiber optic services. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - D. **MTA Membership Dues:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to renew Leighton Township's MTA membership. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - E. **Fireworks Permit:** Reviewed documents related to the fireworks scheduled for July 3 at Green Lake. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to sign permits allowing fireworks. All members voted yes; Motion carried.

**F. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$69,706.15.  
All members voted yes; Motion carried.

**10. Public Comment:** John Hooker brought up complaints from the Planning Commission regarding Professional Code Inspectors' services. The board discussed issues and Supervisor Wolbrink will set up a meeting with PCI, also to include the Planning Commission chairman.

**11.** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk