

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Bultsma, Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bonnema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the minutes from August 12, 2021 & special meeting on August 25, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Swearing in of New Firefighters:** Jeff Atchinson, Jeff Zuiderveen, Seth Harkema and Caleb Keifer were all sworn in as new members of the Fire Department.
7. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 51 calls in August.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Bernard Austhof reported 74 calls in August.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Shoemaker reported on 4 issues that came before the Commission Wednesday evening. Commented on the need for the board to fill the vacant seats.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 1 new permit in August; 27 year to date; average cost \$336,274.
 - H. **Library Report:** n/a
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Delinquent accounts will be going on winter tax bill on 9/30/21.
8. **Public Comment:** Gary Shank represents a mining company asking the board to amend Ordinance 1-92 after having reviewed by legal and Williams & Works.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Construction has begun.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** New engine should be here by June 2022.
 - C. **140th Bridge Deck Replacement:** Supervisor Wolbrink has remained in contact with Allegan County Road Commission.
10. **New Business:**
 - A. **Library Millage Request:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the library's request that we collect 1.1 mil.
 - B. **Resolution to set Public Hearing for IDD for Classic Transportation:** Motion by Fennema, support by Wolbrink to approve resolution 2021-09-09 to set the Public Hearing for an Industrial Development District for Classic Transportation for October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fennema, Bultsma, Bonnema, Wolbrink, Hooker; Nays: none. Motion carried.
 - C. **Street Light Levy:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to set the street light levy at \$35,000. All members vote yes; motion carried.
 - D. **Police/Fire Operating Millage:** ~~Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema approve the 2021 Police/Fire millage at same rates as last year. All members vote yes; motion carried. Minutes~~

amended at special meeting on 9/22/21 since the numbers we had for the Police/Fire Operating Millage were incorrect. The correct amounts were approved at the special meeting.

- E. Weed management:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to continue the set amount of \$75 assessed on lake parcels for weed management. All members vote yes; motion carried.
- F. Snow Removal Bids:** Updating form for website for accepting bids for 2021-22 season
- G. Littering Ordinance:** Supervisor Wolbrink expressed a desire to develop a litter ordinance to better regulate township littering “hot spots”.
- H. Allegan County Road Commission Township Guide:** Has been distributed.
- I. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$65,371.75. All members voted yes; motion carried.

11. Public Comment: None.

12. Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk