

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

September 15, 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, Hooker, Bultsma, Bonnema. Absent: None
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from August 11, 2022. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Swearing in New Firefighters:** Clerk Fennema swore in new Fire Department Members **Greg Bultsma, Tim Rose, Randy Norris, and Mark Burkart** in the presence of the board and many of their family members that attended the meeting.
7. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a.
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 46 calls in August.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** Correspondence indicating clean out of a drain near Paris Ridge
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported on the 9/14/22 Planning Commission Meeting.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** ZBA was having their meeting at the same time as the Regular Board
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 1 new permits in July with average cost of \$437,008.00; 21 permits year to date.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Delinquent accounts turned over to winter tax roll. B & B repairing clarifier.
 - J. **Correspondence:** None.
8. **Public Comment:** Amy DeShaw from Wayland spoke regarding the ORV use resolution in new business #3.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Contract:** Workshop to be scheduled this fall.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 13:** Delivery late October
 - C. **Cemetery Paving:** Stallard Asphalt completed the paving mid August.
 - D. **Updated Snow removal/mowing RFP for website:** Jaci is working on an updated RFP for website.
 - E. **Park/Green Space/Pickleball Courts:** Tabled.
10. **New Business:**
 - A. **DLWWA Member At Large:** Dellen VanderWoude has expressed a desire to resign. The board will wait to receive resignation in writing to appoint new member at large.
 - B. **General Fund:** Treasurer Bultsma detailed increased fees and hassles with General Fund account since Huntington Bank took over TCF. Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to move General Fund from Huntington Bank to United Bank. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- C. ORV use on Division Street:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve the resolution 2022-09-15 requesting Allegan County Road Commission open Division St from 10th St. to the City of Wayland for ORV use. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Wolbrink, Fennema, Hooker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
 - D. Jake Brake Ordinance:** Motion by Wolbrink to approve an ordinance regulating jake brake usage in the township. Discussion regarding the need for an ordinance of this nature at this time and the safety implications involved. The motion did not receive support.
 - E. Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Discussed recommendation to adopt plan from Allegan County. Changes need to be made to the sample resolution before adoption. Tabled until next month.
 - F. Township Insurance Renewal Plan:** Clerk Fennema will obtain quote and bring to next meeting.
 - G. Bills:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$107,112.20. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 11. Public Comment:** Clerk Fennema mentioned a request from the ZBA chair for other members to attend training. Board will leave ZBA member training to the discretion of the chair.
- 12.** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk