

## Leighton Township Board

### Regular Meeting

October 13, 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, Bonnema. Absent with notice: Bultsma
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to approve the minutes from September 22, 2022. 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. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a.
  - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 43 calls in September. Discussed possibility of supplement pay for medical calls, possibly adding a full-time person by Spring of 2023.
  - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a.
  - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a.
  - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported on the 10/12/22 Planning Commission Meeting where a Special Use Permit was issued for a home/salon on Patterson; rezoning request for 4501 Division St. was tabled after requesting more information.
  - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** Shoemaker reported on meeting that was held on 9/15/22.
  - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 4 new permits in September with average cost of \$427,567.00; 25 permits year to date.
  - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities.
  - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** B & B completed repair to clarifier.
  - J. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Public Comment:** None.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Library Contract:** Workshop to be scheduled this fall.
  - B. **New Fire Engine 13:** Delivery late October
  - C. **Updated Snow removal/mowing RFP for website:** No new RFP available at this time.
  - D. **DLWWA Member At Large:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to appoint Brad Geers to the Dorr Leighton Wastewater Authority as Member at large. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - E. **Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Motion by Fennema, support by Wolbrink to approve Resolution #2022-10-13 adopting the 2021 Updated Allegan County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Wolbrink, Fennema, Hooker; Nays: None; Absent: Bultsma. Motion Carried.
9. **New Business:**
  - A. **Town Hall/Library Paving:** Supervisor Wolbrink will be calling for bids for paving the Town Hall/Library driveway and parking lot in 2023. Discussed possibility of extending or adding parking area with election day in mind.

- B. 2022 Drain Special Assessments:** Board was made aware of the list of drain special assessments for taxes.
  - C. Generator Bids Completed:** Tabled.
  - D. Snow Removal Bids:** Board reviewed bids for snow removal for Township properties from Green Tractor and Pott's Landscaping. Motion by Hooker to award the bid for the Town Hall/Library and Moline Fire Station to Pott's Landscaping and award the Green Lake Fire Station (without salting) to Green Tractor, support by Bonnema. All members voted yes; Motion carried.
  - E. Township Insurance Renewal Plan:** Annual renewal fee discussed and listed in the list of bills to be approved. Reminder to add new fire truck to policy when it arrives.
  - F. Great Lakes Energy Metro Act Application:** Tabled.
  - G. Resolution for County Commissioners:** Discussion was had regarding the possibility of passing a resolution expressing that Leighton Township does not support Allegan County moving certain services from the county seat of Allegan to the Dumont Lake location. Decision was tabled until more information regarding the Commissioners' reasons for doing so could be obtained.
  - H. ARPA Funding:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Fennema to spend the ARPA funding that the township received on the purchase of the property adjacent to the township ball park. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - I. Property for sale on Division:** Property totaling 4.64 acres adjacent to the current town hall/library property is for sale. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to pursue the purchase of the property. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - J. ZBA Alternate Appointment:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to appoint Ron Schrottenboer as an alternate member of the ZBA. All members voted yes; motion carried. It was also mentioned that the ZBA chair requested the appointment of a second alternate.
  - K. Treasurer Training for Deputy Treasurer:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to approve the deputy treasurer attending the MTA training requested. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - L. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$167,714.56. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Public Comment:** Comment heard from Steve Shoemaker regarding the previous discussion by the Township Board to purchase land to add on to the cemetery.
- 11.** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk