

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

November 11, 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: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the minutes from October 14, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as written. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 42 calls in October, spoke about Christmas Parade scheduled for 12/12/21.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Supervisor Wolbrink reported that the new police cruiser has arrived.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported a special use permit was approved for an accessory building near Green Lake.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 2 new permits in October; 35 year to date; average cost \$337,983.
 - H. **Library Report:** n/a.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Budget meeting scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.
7. **Public Comment:** None.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Construction is about one week behind schedule but is still expected to finish on time.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** New engine should be here by June 2022.
 - C. **140th Bridge Deck Replacement:** The Allegan County Road Commission was able to secure materials to make the necessary repairs; cost from township would be \$5600. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to authorize the Road Commission to begin repairs to 140th Ave bridge for \$5600. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - D. **1-92 Ordinance Amendment:** Changes to Ordinance 1-92 were reviewed. Motion by Bonnema, support by Bultsma to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 1-92 as written. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bultsma; Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Treasurer's Statutory Hours:** As required by law, Treasurer Bultsma will be in the office on December 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and February 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will not be in the office on February 14, but both township drop boxes are available.
 - B. **Holiday Hours for the Township Office:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to close the office on November 25, 2021 for Thanksgiving. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to close the office on December 28 & 29, 2021 and for Diana and Katie to receive Holiday pay for their respective work days that week. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to close the office April 5-7, 2022 for Spring Break. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- C. Planning Commission Member Appointments:** Discussed members up for re-appointment next month. Motion by Bonnema, support by Wolbrink to raise the meeting rate for the Planning Commission, Board of Review (per half day meeting), and the Zoning Board of Appeals to \$75 for members and \$85 for the chairperson. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink, Bultsma. Nays: None. Recused: Hooker. Motion carried.
- D. Board of Appeals Member Appointments:** Discussed member up for re-appointment next month.
- E. Road Planning Project Open Discussion:** Discussed road commission match and possible projects. Jaci to look at the budget for project consideration.
- F. Drain Commission 2021 Assessment Summary:** Wolbrink presented summary to the board.
- G. Consumers Lighting Contract:** Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve the resolution amending the current lighting contract to place street lights in Paris Ridge Phase 6. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Fennema, Wolbrink, Bultsma, Hooker. Nays: none. Motion carried.
- H. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$68,303.58. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Winter Treasurer Training:** Treasurer Bultsma added request for training opportunity January 20-21, 2022; \$150 plus \$99/nt for lodging. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to approve Jaci attending the Winter Training. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 11. Street light levy correction:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to change the approved amount of the street light levy from \$35,000 to \$32,000 to reflect the budget. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 12. Public Comment:** Steve Shoemaker asked for clarification about which boards and commissions will be receiving a pay increase.
- 13. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk