

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

December 9, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to approve the minutes from November 11, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Rod Alderink to New Business #7. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 48 calls in November. Christmas parade 12/12/21 from 3 – 5 p.m.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Supervisor Wolbrink reported that the new police cruiser is in service.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported on the meeting held on 12/08/21.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** Meets on 12/16/21.
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 8 new permits in November; 43 year to date; average cost \$353,010.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Meidema reported on library activities and construction. Library is hiring new staff member to work with the youth.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Bills are set to go out this month. Budget meeting scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.
7. **Public Comment:** Rachele Smit, Martin Township Clerk, spoke to the board regarding her run for State Representative in the 80th district. Steve Shoemaker complimented the clerk on the new minutes format.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Drywall is mostly complete; sidewalks are being poured.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** New engine should be here by June 2022.
 - C. **140th Bridge Deck Replacement:** The work on this is done and due to a 50% match by the county, costs came in at \$2800 instead of the anticipated \$5600.
 - D. **Road Project Planning:** Discussed road projects that could be done with funds set aside and \$50,000 county match. Will consult with the Allegan County Road Commission.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Citizen's Road Committee:** Steve Shoemaker discussed past defeated road millages and the possibility of putting another road millage request on the ballot in 2022.
 - B. **Public Hearing for Classic Transportation:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to set a public hearing on January 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. to consider the request of an IFT abatement for Classic Transportation. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - C. **Budget Workshop:** Discussed dates between February 2-9, 2022. Tabled until next month.

- D. WAEMS Board Member Compensation:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to pay the Leighton Township Representatives on the WAEMS Board \$75 per board meeting starting in January 2022. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bonnema, Fennema, Bultsma, Hooker. Nays: None. Abstain: Wolbrink. Motion carried.
- E. Fire Department Billing:** Motion by Hooker to have Supervisor Wolbrink pursue gathering further information on what would be required regarding the possibility of billing homeowner insurance companies for fire department response. 4 members vote yes; 1 no. Motion carried.
- F. Planning Commission Member Appointments:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to re-appoint Ben Potts, Matt VanderEide, and John Hooker to the Leighton Township Planning Commission for a three year term to end 12/31/2024. 4 members vote yes; 1 abstain. Motion carried.
- G. Zoning Board of Appeals Member Appointments:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema to re-appoint Jonathan Roodvoets and to appoint Rod Alderink to the Leighton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term to end 12/31/2024. All members vote yes. Motion carried.
- H. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$106,289.17. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Public Comment:** The board recognized 5 high school students in the audience.
- 11.** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk