

December 10, 2020

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Wolbrink. This meeting was held in person and by teleconference.
2. Members present in person: Bonnema, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; by teleconference: Bultsma.
3. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve minutes from November 19, 2020 as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. Fire Chief Weston presented the monthly fire report which included 35 calls for the month of November. Fire Department training is paused due to COVID-19.
6. John Hooker reported that the Planning Commission met Wednesday night and made a motion to approve Paris Ridge Phase 6, support by Bonnema. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink Nays: None Motion carried. John Bitely from Sable Homes was virtually in attendance and remarked that they are working with the road commission regarding road signs in Paris Ridge.
7. The Building Inspector reported 12 new home permits in November and 48 year to date.
8. Faith Miedema represented the Library and reported that the library is open for curbside service, and has remained busy during this time despite being closed.
9. Jaci Bultsma reported that the Green Lake Sewer has new clarifier up and running, and bills are set to go out January 1st.
10. Public Comment: Steve Deer thanked the Leighton Township Board.
11. Steve Deer was asked to discuss road decisions that were pending at the end of his term, and stated that due to COVID the road commission is a little behind with discussing new projects.
12. Karen McKinnon was in attendance virtually and discussed the Library Expansion project, thanked the township board for their support.
13. The topic of purchasing land to expand the Cemetery was revisited and Steve Deer was asked to discuss any progress since board last met, and there is nothing new to report.
14. Steve Deer was invited to discuss the agenda item of people and office decisions, and spoke of the difficulties of transitions due to COVID-19.
15. Discussion as to whether there is a conflict of interest for Steve Shoemaker to be on both the PC and the ZBA, decided there is no conflict of interest. Wolbrink made a motion to nominate Steve Shoemaker and Steve Deer to the Planning Commission, support by Hooker. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Hooker to accept Steve Wolbrink's nominations of Rachel Fennema, Jaci Bultsma and himself to the Dorr Leighton Wastewater Authority board. Support by Fennema. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Fennema for Leighton Township to sign the contract from Allegan County regarding the Designated Assessor. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker for Leighton Township to join the Michigan Townships Association. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the current listed bills in the amount of \$45,345.71. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Discussion questioning any needed appointments to the Green Lake Sewer board. No needed appointments.
21. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
22. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk

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