

## Leighton Township Board

### Regular Meeting

December 15, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from November 10, 2022. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema 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 44 calls in November. Thanked the GL 5K Committee, Logo Image and the A-round GL Association for their recent donations. Asked to discuss a private employee matter with the board. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to enter into closed session. All members voted yes; motion carried. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to adjourn closed session. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a.
  - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
  - E. **Planning Commission Report:** December meeting was cancelled.
  - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a.
  - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 4 new permits in November with average cost of \$431,210.00; 31 permits year to date.
  - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities. Library will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the upcoming holidays.
  - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Annual meeting will be March 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
  - J. **Correspondence:** Wolbrink reported correspondence from the John Sharpe at the Allegan County Road Commission regarding the speed limits on 144<sup>th</sup> Ave and 12<sup>th</sup> St. in Moline. The State Police completed their study and have ordered the signs to reflect speed limits of 35 mph on 144<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 40 mph on 12<sup>th</sup> St.
7. **Public Comment:** Steve Shoemaker commented on the speed limits.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Library Contract:** New contract details have been discussed and will be presented to the library board at their meeting on January 16 before having the attorney finalize the contract.
  - B. **New Fire Engine 13:** Delivery next week!
  - C. **Updated Snow removal/mowing RFP for website:** No new RFP available at this time.
  - D. **Tree Trimming:** Wolbrink and Fennema inspected the trees that were discussed in November. It was determined that the trees at the GL Park were not in need of trimming on the park side and the trees themselves are planted on the neighbor's side of the property line. The pine trees at Station 1 require trimming and we will ask the contracted lawn service to trim trees and dispose

of branches. The willow tree at Station 2 should probably come down. A tree service will need to be contacted by Wolbrink.

**E. Wellness Park Grant:** Jaci has zoom meeting on January 5.

**F. 4444 Division St:** The township closed on this property on 12/8/2022.

**G. Generator Bids:** Township generator updated quote from Windemuller. \$77,320.00

**H. 1148 144<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Walk through of property is tentatively scheduled for December 22, 2022.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Ken Ritz (Moline Softball Association):** Ken Ritz presented the board with a wish list for the ball field property. Water/electric in the old school building was also discussed.

**B. Board of Review:** Motion by Wolbrink, Support by Hooker to re-appoint Paul Hendriksma, Jennifer Ringnalda and Ken Visser to the Board of Review for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**C. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Motion by Wolbrink, Support by Bonnema to re-appoint Bob Skinner to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**D. Planning Commission:** Motion by Wolbrink, Support by Hooker to appoint Tom Snyder to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**E. Ambulance Board:** Motion by Wolbrink, Support by Fennema to re-appoint Steve Deer to the Wayland Area EMS Board for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025. All members voted yes; motion carried. Steve Wolbrink did not wish to be re-appointed to the Ambulance Board.

**F. Drains at large:** The township's financial responsibility for drains comes to \$15,803.36. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to pay the drain bill. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**G. Bills:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$193,169.09. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**10. Public Comment:** The board recognized high school seniors in the audience.

**11. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk