

Leighton Township Board

Special Meeting

December 29, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 4:22 p.m. at the Old Moline School location – 1148 144th Ave. Wayland, MI 49348
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Bultsma, Hooker; Bonnema, Wolbrink
3. **Minutes:** Previous minutes to be reviewed at next meeting.
4. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** Ken Ritz made the comment that the Softball Association would like to third field to have access to water in the spring.
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Old School Property Tour:** The board toured and inspected the recently purchased building.
 - B. **Utilities:** Discussion of the various utilities in the building and if leaving on is a safety/liability issue. Most have already been put in township's name. Motion by Bonnema, support by Bultsma to shut down and winterize building with the exception of electricity for now because of the sump pump. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - C. **Utilities:** Steve Wolbrink will contact Joe Baxter about water & sewer disconnection.
 - D. **Security Gate:** Ken Ritz offered to chain and lock the entry gate, which remains closed until the ball season starts up in the spring. Township will have a key as well.
 - E. **Building Doors:** All doors will remain locked and the back door that acted as the previous owner's main point of entry will be chained and padlocked. Ken Ritz has offered to do this and the key will be the same as the entry gate key.
 - F. **Building Keys:** Keys will be kept at township offices.
 - G. **Escrow Check:** The \$50,000 will be coming to the township instead of previous owner. Will be discussed at January regular meeting.
 - H. **Insurance:** Clerk Fennema has reached out to insurance company for coverage.
 - I. **Building Future:** Discussion occurred regarding use of building or cost to tear down. Office staff (Clerk, Treasurer) will begin to find quotes for tear down just to get an idea.
 - J. **Building Maintenance:** Discussion on what, if any, maintenance is needed at this time.
 - K. **Mailbox:** Ken Ritz volunteered to remove the mailbox from the property.
8. **Public Comment:** No public Comment.
9. Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk