

May 13, 2021

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.
2. Members present in person: Bonnema, Bultsma, Hooker, Wolbrink; absent with notice: Fennema.
3. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve minutes from April 15, 2021 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. County Commissioner's Report: None
6. Fire Chief Weston presented the monthly fire report which included 44 calls for the month of April. 1 employment application was filled out with a possibility of another.
7. Deputies Report: None - comment was made by Steve Wolbrink about bus going over 140<sup>th</sup> bridge which is only a 2 ton bridge was made aware to the deputies and school.
8. Drain Commission: None
9. Planning Commission: None – Shoemaker made some commits regarding meeting.
10. Board of Appeals: None
11. The Building Inspector reported 9 new home permits in April and 18 year to date.
12. Faith Miedema represented the Library and reported that the library is open for business. The Library vacant position has been filled and the Board is full
13. Correspondence: None
14. Public Commit: Wolbrink reported that two people have a concern about the road by the Paris Ridge School. Wolbrink said we will discuss that on the agenda.
15. The Library Construction is ready to go. Wolbrink told the board he put in countless hours with the Attorney and the Library and we have a new contract ready to be signed with the library. Wolbrink had a copy of the contract for us to look at. Insurance Agent was okay with contract. Builder's risk is 120 days. Contract is an amendment to the previous contract. This contract will expire on June 5, 2023. Hooker made a motion to adopt the Library Contract, supported by Bonnema. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bultsma Nays: None. Motion Carried.
16. Wolbrink noted he talked to Atwood from the Allegan County Road Commission regarding the 140<sup>th</sup> street bridge and was told the deck is not that old. The material they used is breaking down fast; looking into a different material and costs aren't available yet.
17. On the topic of paving the cemetery, Wolbrink requested bids. The bids came in from \$47,500 to \$54,700 from Huyser, A1, and Black Gold to mill down and lay 1/5 base and 1.5 final grade. Tabled discussion due to looking at budget if there is money or not.
18. Phil from the Road Commission told Wolbrink that they were going to be skimming the crumbling road on Paris Ridge and Warbler. Wolbrink suggestion the township should do more. Hooker asked if there was any money left in roads budget. Noted: the 1 mil road millage was turned down on ballot. Road commission said it cost \$170,000 per one mile (noted stretch of road is 1 mile).
19. Fennema asked if MTA books could be purchased for the township. Set of three would be \$100. Bonnema made a motion to buy books, supported by Hooker. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Hooker, Bultsma, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the current listed bills in the amount of \$56,977.43. Roll call vote. Yeas: Bonnema, Bultsma, Hooker, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Motion carried.
21. Public Comment: Shoemaker discussed funds that may be coming in to the township through the Recovery Act. He now thinks the township should use it if needed.

22. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
23. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelynn Bultsma

Leighton Township Treasurer

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