

January 09, 2020

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. at the township hall.
2. Members present: Deer, Nieuwenhuis, Bultsma, Hooker
3. Members absent: Bonnema
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Norman Taylor, Wayland Union School Superintendent, addressed the board with updates on the status of the school system.
7. Fire Chief Weston gave the monthly fire department report. He stated that they responded to 12 calls in December. Total incidents for 2019 was 321.
8. The Planning Commission reported approval of a site plan review for the Dollar General Store.
9. The Building Inspector reported 6 new home permits in December and 59 year to date.
10. Faith Miedema reported on library activities. They are busy with new programs and growing numbers of patrons
11. Public comment: Dave Young asked about the approval of the Dollar General.
12. The Supervisor stated that the paving project for 2020 will be 144th Ave. between Kalamazoo and 2nd Street.
13. The consensus of the board was that there would be no other road projects funded in 2020.
14. Motion by Deer, support by Hooker to approve 140th between 9th & Kalamazoo and 146th between 2nd Street and Patterson as the gravel projects for 2020.
15. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to reapprove the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Harvest Meadows #3. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Nieuwenhuis, Bultsma, Deer Nays: None Absent: Bonnema Motion carried.
16. Motion by Bultsma, support by Nieuwenhuis to sign the letter of intent authorizing Leighton Township to place a question on the August ballot for recycling. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Bultsma, support by Nieuwenhuis to authorize the following as a ballot proposal for the August Primary.

PROPOSAL FOR THE FUNDING OF WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND SOLID WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS UNDER THE ALLEGAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

“Shall Allegan County, pursuant to 1989 P.A. 138, as amended by 2005 P.A. 69, impose an annual surcharge on all household in Leighton Township in the amount of \$50.00 per household per year for a period of ten years (2021-30, inclusive) to cover operational costs of the programs and to be distributed to Allegan County to fund the collection of materials for recycling including, but

not limited to, recyclable materials, household hazardous waste, tires, batteries, and electronics, as provided in the Allegan County Solid Waste Management Plan?" YES or NO

Roll call vote. Yeas: Bultsma, Nieuwenhuis, Hooker, Deer Nays: None Absent: Bonnema
Motion carried.

18. Deer reported from meetings with the Wayland Ambulance that they are not getting enough revenue for equipment replacement. They will likely be asking the township for a larger contribution in the future.
19. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker for all regular township meetings to be on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
20. The budget workshop was set for February 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
21. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
22. The Green Lake Sewer Annual meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 7 p.m.
23. Motion by Hooker, support by Deer to approve the listed bills in the amount of \$136,558.69.
Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Deer, Nieuwenhuis, Bultsma Nays: None Absent: Bonnema
Motion carried.
24. Public Comment: There were questions regarding gravel roads and the Dollar General being the first retail venture in Leighton Township.
25. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
26. Meeting adjourned.