

January 10, 2019

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, Bonnema, Hooker
3. Members absent: Troost (with notice)
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Fire Chief Weston reported on a busy month of December with various activities and trainings. The new paging system is working well.
7. Deer reported that Deputy Gerke was injured in a work-related accident and will be off for approximately 6 weeks. The new police vehicle is being updated and will be in service soon.
8. The Planning Commission reported work on a solar energy ordinance and their plan for an Open House on the Master Plan on February 26.
9. The Building Inspector reported 2 new home permits in December.
10. A library report was given by Faith Miedema.
11. There was no public comment.
12. Following communication with the Road a Commission, it was decided to alter the road work plans for 2019. The projects for chip, seal, and fog which were approved at the December meeting will be abandoned. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to approve a chip, seal and fog for 9<sup>th</sup> street between 140<sup>th</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> and for 2<sup>nd</sup> street between 144<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup>. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to re-approve the reconstruction of 144<sup>th</sup>, East of Kalamazoo due to the good pricing that we received. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
14. The supervisor reported receipt of Casino Revenue Distribution in the amount of \$18762.00.
15. Motion by Deer, support by Hooker to hold the Leighton Township Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
16. Due to the closing of the Advance Newspapers, the township needs to approve a new paper for publication. The Advance has offered to publish all notices in the Grand Rapids Press at Advance pricing for the year 2019. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to approve the use of the Grand Rapids Press for legal notices for 2019. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
17. Recycling Bids - A meeting has been scheduled with ArrowWaste. Motion by Deer, support by Hooker to table a recycling decision until the February meeting. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Deer to appoint Steve Wolbrink as the deputy supervisor. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
19. The budget workshop has been scheduled for Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall.
20. The public hearing on the budget will take place at the township meeting on March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

21. The annual meeting of the Green Lake Sewer Commission is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.
22. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to table a decision on a partnership/contribution to Lake Shore Advantage. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
23. There was no decision on the School of Choice proclamation.
24. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to pay the current listed bills in the amount of \$38,339.46. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Nieuwenhuis, Bonnema, Deer Nays: None Absent: Troost Motion carried.
25. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to approve the registration fee for Steve Wolbrink to attend the Michigan Townships Association Annual Conference if it works in his schedule. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
26. There was no public comment.
27. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Hooker to adjourn. All members voted yes.
28. Meeting adjourned.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis  
Leighton Twp. Clerk