

March 14, 2019

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.
2. Members present: Deer, Troost, Bonnema, Hooker
3. Members absent: Nieuwenhuis (with notice)
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Troost, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Fire Chief Weston presented the monthly department report.
7. The Building Inspector reported 3 new home permits in February.
8. GL Sewer report: It was noted that a new generator was purchased.
9. Public comment: There was a question about the new generator for GL Sewer.
10. The Green Lake Sewer Annual meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
11. Motion by Hooker, support by Deer to adopt Ordinance #2019-03-01 – An ordinance to amend the Leighton Township Zoning Ordinance; to amend section 2.02 to add new definitions related to solar energy systems; to amend chapter 3 to add a new section 3.33 for small-scale solar energy systems; to amend 20.12 to add a new subsection (P) related to utility scale solar energy systems and to amend several other sections regarding solar energy systems. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hooker, Deer, Bonnema, Troost Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
12. Motion by Hooker, support by Troost to give final plat approval for Phase IV of Paris Ridge Estates. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Troost, Bonnema, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
13. Motion by Hooker support by Bonnema to approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented with expenditures of \$2,363,932.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Troost, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
14. Motion by Hooker support by Bonnema to approve the 2019-2020 Road budget as presented with expenditures of \$1,150,000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Troost, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
15. Motion by Troost support by Hooker to approve the 2019-2020 Public Safety Budget as presented with expenditures of \$275,000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Troost, Hooker, Bonnema, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
16. Motion by Hooker support by Bonnema to approve the 2019-2020 Street Light Budget with expenditures of \$30,000.00. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Troost, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
17. Motion by Troost support by Deer to approve the bid of Heyboer Landscaping for lawncare services at the cemetery. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Troost support by Deer to approve the bid of Green Lake Landscaping for lawncare services at the township hall. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Troost support by Deer to approve the bid of Green Lake Landscaping for lawncare services at the Moline Fire Station. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Troost support by Deer to approve the bid of Green Lake Landscaping for lawncare services at the Green Lake Fire Station. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Troost support by Deer to approve the bid of Green Lake Landscaping for lawncare services at the Green Lake Park. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
22. There has been a request from a resident about purchasing part or all of the remaining land surrounding the township hall. Following discussion, it was the concensus of the board that we are not interested in selling land at this time.
23. There was some discussion regarding setting up a Facebook page. The matter was tabled for more specific information and other possible social media options.
24. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to accept the resignation of Char Troost as Township Treasurer effective March 31, 2019. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Deer
Nays: None Abstain: Troost Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
25. Motion by Troost, support by Hooker to appoint Jaci Bultsma to fill out the remaining term of Char Troost as Township Treasurer beginning April 1, 2019. Roll call vote. Yeas: Troost, Hooker, Bonnema, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
26. Motion by Troost, support by Hooker to appoint Jaci Bultsma as the treasurer for the Green Lake Sewer effective April 1, 2019. Roll call vote. Yeas: Troost, Hooker, Bonnema, Deer
Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
27. Motion by Hooker support by Bonnema to approve the listed bills in the amount of \$99,922.35. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Troost, Deer Nays: None Absent: Nieuwenhuis
Motion carried.
28. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to have the township office open on April 2 and 4 during spring break week. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
29. Public Comment: Residents commented on roads, budget details, and the roads committee.
30. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
31. Meeting adjourned.

Diana Smith
Recording Secretary.