

May 14, 2020

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Deer at 7 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 stay at home order by the Governor, the meeting was conducted using Microsoft Teams.
2. All members were present.
3. Joining the meeting by phone were Steve Shoemaker, Matt Weston and Brock Mellema.
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes of April 16, 2020 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Fire Chief Weston reported on the monthly activities of the Fire Department.
7. Supervisor Deer reported that the Green Lake Sewer Project of paving Glenn Drive has been delayed.
8. Public Comment – None
9. Brock Mellema of FCC questioned whether the township would be willing or able to contribute to the repaving of 147<sup>th</sup> following new sewer lines being laid there. The County Road Commission had required that the sewer lines be placed down the center of the road. They would be interested in a cash donation or a tax abatement. Bultsma will look into abatements. The matter was tabled.
10. It was reported that asphalt has been applied to 144<sup>th</sup>, east of Kalamazoo. There was some question as to whether or not the project is complete because of wide seams down the middle of the road. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to ask the Road Commission to consider a longer approach from east of 2<sup>nd</sup> street, maybe 30-50 feet. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
11. Steve Shoemaker reported that the Road Committee has not met due to the stay at home restrictions.
12. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to approve the gravel bid from R Smith and Sons for \$46,980.00. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
13. Supervisor Deer reported that our State Shared Revenue will likely be reduced substantially due to the Covid-19 stay at home order.
14. Hooker discussed some improvements at the cemetery. He will look into a couple of things that could improve service for a small amount of money.
15. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to pay the current listed bills in the amount of \$35,350.02. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma, Nieuwenhuis, Deer Nays: None Motion carried.
16. There was discussion regarding the mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications to all residents for the upcoming elections. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to leave the decision to the Election Commission. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
17. Public Comment: None
18. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to adjourn. All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

