

November 19, 2020

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Deer. Due to the Covid-19 work from home order issued by the MDHHS, the meeting was conducted with Microsoft Teams.
2. Members present by video/teleconference: Deer, Bultsma, Hooker
3. Members Absent: Bonnema, Nieuwenhuis
4. Several interested parties joined the meeting by teleconference.
5. Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
7. Fire Chief Weston presented the monthly report which included 36 calls for the month of October. He also stated that Fire Department training is ceased until 2021 due to COVID-19. Most Firefighters will be receiving \$1000 in hazard pay due to a grant received for COVID-19.
8. Steve Shoemaker presented report for the Board of Appeals. One variance was denied due to not meeting necessary criteria.
9. Building Inspector report 8 new home permits in the month of October.
10. The Supervisor reported for the GL Sewer that 147<sup>th</sup> has been repaved, work continues on the Glen Drive project.
11. There were not reports from the County Commissioner, Deputy, Planning Commission, Drain Commission, or Library Board.
12. Public Comment: Steve Wolbrink thanked Bultsma and Fire Chief Weston for their work on the hazard pay grant.
13. Old Business: WAEMS approved rate increases, wage increases for employees. Green Lake Park toilet has been repaired. Library project set to go to Planning Commission 12/9.
14. New elected officials Steve Wolbrink and Rachel Fennema welcomed. Bultsma, Hooker and Bonnema re-appointed to their elected positions. Retiring board members Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis and Steve Deer thanked for their service.
15. Office is closed to the public through December 8 due to the "pause" order by the MDHHS. It is recommended that those who are able should pursue working from home.
16. Discussion regarding delaying Steve Wolbrink's supervisor position start date. Tabled, Bultsma researching logistics and legality.
17. Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to adopt a Resolution 2020-11-19 to adopt Master Plan. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Deer, Bultsma, Hooker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
18. Deer discussed 20-year plan revisions with budget increase for fire truck replacement, explore possibility of buying additional land for cemetery.
19. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the recommendation of the supervisor to re-appoint Harry DeHaan to the Planning Commission. All members voted yes. Motion carried. Steve Shoemaker expressed interest in Planning Commission seat.

20. Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the recommendation of the supervisor to re-appoint Dave Gould and Rod Alderink to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the recommendation of the supervisor to re-appoint Paul Hendriksma and Jennie Ringnalda to the Board of Review. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the recommendation by Deer to appoint Steve Deer as Deputy Supervisor once Steve Wolbrink takes office. All members voted yes; motion carried.
23. Steve Deer discussed possibility of purchasing backup generator for Township Offices.
24. Steve Deer gave notification of a scheduled Fly In at Galloway Landings on 6.19.21.
25. Deer discussed possibility of a Hot Air Balloon Festival fundraiser event at Galloway Landings in September 2021.
26. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the current listed bills in the amount of \$149,792.78. Roll call vote. Yeas: Hooker, Bultsma, Deer Nays: None Motion carried.
27. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to close the office on Thanksgiving Day, December 24-31 (Treasurer will be working in office Dec. 30). All members vote yes. Motion carried.
28. Public Comment: Steve Shoemaker discussed failed road millage.
29. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
30. Meeting adjourned.

Rachel Fennema, Leighton Twp. Deputy Clerk