

Leighton Township Board
Regular Meeting – Minutes Outline
May 11, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Wolbrink, Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma; Absent with notice: Fennema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner’s Report:** n/a.
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 34 calls in April; 142 YTD. There are landscaping needs at the fire stations with a quote for \$2900 (under the policy limit of \$5000). Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve quote for services from Potts Landscaping. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - C. **Deputy’s Report:** n/a.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a.
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Shoemaker reported on the Planning Commission meeting that occurred the prior evening involving K & M Transport on Morren Court.
 - F. **Zoning Board of Appeals Report:** n/a.
 - G. **Building Inspector’s Report:** 5 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 16, with an average cost of \$386,269.00.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** n/a.
 - J. **Correspondence:** Trustee Hooker received a phone call from a resident regarding the recently installed 4’ x 8’ Green Lake Sewer sign being too large and Supervisor Wolbrink received three messages/emails regarding the same thing.
 - K. **Public Comment:**
 - May 6 Clean Up Day at the Old School property had 23 people; the curb appeal looks good.
 - John Bitely doesn’t feel safe installing required trees in a parcel on Butternut Drive in Harvest Meadows that the homeowner doesn’t want. Trees were not installed before occupancy because according to the contract, trees are only installed in Spring and Fall seasons. Lori from PCI will support Bitely with the installation and will go with to address with homeowner.
 - Ken Ritz (not present) would like a privacy fence along the north property line at the ball park. He has stated that the ball association would complete the installation. The quote for installed chain link fencing was again reviewed. The discussion was tabled.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Contract:** Library Board meets to review contract May 15
 - B. **GRI Moline rezoning recommendation from Planning Commission:** Planning Commission denied request on 3-8-2023. Board tentatively denied request on 4-13-2023. Board reviewed and discussed the request for rezoning from GRI Moline and the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve the Resolution No. 2023-05-11 denying the

rezoning request from GRI Moline. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wolbrink, Bonnema, Hooker, Bultsma; Nays: None; Absent: Fennema. Motion carried.

8. New Business:

A. Township Paving and additional parking: Set meeting with Williams and Works to establish a plan. Wolbrink will set up a time for Brandon to come and discuss with the board at a special meeting if needed.

B. Mowing Bids for old school and property: Review of bids. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to approve the bid from Woodland Lawn & Landscape for the 2023 mowing season. All members voted yes; motion carried.

C. Investment Policy Revision: Tabled.

D. June Township Board meeting moved to June 15 after Planning Commission?: Discussion regarding moving the June meeting date to a week later to follow Planning Commission that will have the Marihuana Ordinance update on their agenda. Clerk Fennema cannot be at meeting on June 15. It was decided to leave meeting on June 8 at 7 p.m.

E. Bills: Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$78,622.01. All members voted yes; motion carried.

9. Public Comment: No public comment.

10. Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelynn Bultsma

Leighton Township Treasurer