

## Leighton Township Board

### Regular Meeting

July 13, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Bultsma, Hooker; Absent with notice: Bonnema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the minutes from June 8, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Swearing in of New Firefighters:** Clerk Fennema swore in firefighters April Rogers, Thomas Himmelright and Brian Bollone who just successfully completed Fire Academy.
7. **Reports & Correspondence:**
  - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a.
  - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 49 calls in May, 234 YTD.
  - C. **Deputy's Report:** Wolbrink reported that Deputy Langlois may be leaving Leighton Township for a different position in Allegan County. There are six candidates being considered for his replacement.
  - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a.
  - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported that the site plan review for Jones Manufacturing was approved; the special use permit for Metro Airport Trucking was approved. The Galloway project was discussed and tabled; it is expected that there will be at least 1-2 more meetings with the Planning Commission before a recommendation will be made to the Township Board.
  - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a.
  - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 4 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 26, with an average cost of \$365,415.00.
  - H. **Library Report:** Clerk Fennema read the report on library activities.
  - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Bultsma reported that bills went out earlier this month at \$150 per quarter. She has received some correspondence from users.
  - J. **Correspondence:**
8. **Public Comment:** Kate Scheltema spoke in opposition to the Galloway PUD that has been Planning Commission agenda. Deb Nagel spoke in opposition to the Green Lake Sewer sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Marihuana Ordinance Amendment:** Will go to Planning Commission for the August 10 meeting.
  - B. **Township Paving/Additional Parking meeting was June 7:** Waiting to hear an update from Brandon.
  - C. **Potholes in Driveway:** Bultsma inquired about the progress in getting the cold patch to fill potholes in the driveway to the town hall/library. It was decided to call an asphalt company to get a quote to do the patch.
10. **New Business:**
  - A. **Application fee for Anna Cowdin/Deanna Sparks 459 Green View Dr:** Application was mistakenly reported as withdrawn. This will be back on the Planning Commission agenda next month.
  - B. **Library Updated Contract:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink approve the final version of the contract with the Leighton Township Library. All members voted yes; motion carried.
  - C. **Snow Plow RFP:** Motion by Fennema, support by Wolbrink to approve the new RFPs and get them on the website. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- D. Swim Buoys at Green Lake Township Park:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to pay the [up to two] individuals who put the swim buoys in, within a week of Memorial Day, and/or takes them out, within a week of Labor Day, \$150 per person, per time. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- E. Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to adopt Ordinance 2023-07-13 adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code for Leighton Township. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hooker, Bultsma, Fennema, Wolbrink. Nays: None. Absent: Bonnema. Motion carried.
- F. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$89,241.48. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**11. Public Comment:** None.

**12.** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m..**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk