

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

August 10, 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, Bonnema; Absent: None
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Wolbrink to approve the minutes from July 13, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Geological Survey request added to New Business. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a.
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 38 calls in July, 272 YTD. ISO recently completed and awaiting results, business inspections are occurring. Recently received equipment grant from MichCon. Working on agreement with Thornapple.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** Chris Machiela from the Drain Commission introduced himself and spoke about the maintenance that started today on 2 area drains.
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker reported that Galloway postponed pending consulting work completion; the Special Land Use for a daycare was approved as well as the Marijuana ordinance amendment.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** n/a.
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 2 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 22, with an average cost of \$360,921.00.
 - H. **Library Report:** n/a.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Green Lake Sewer board met right before regular meeting to hear from residents about the new signage at the sewer location on 5th St. A smaller sign with different wording will be ordered.
 - J. **Correspondence:**
7. **Public Comment:** None.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Marihuana Ordinance Amendment:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Hooker to approve Ordinance 2023-08-10 amending Leighton Township Marijuana Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fennema, Bonnema, Wolbrink, Bultsma, Hooker; Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - B. **Township Paving/Additional Parking meeting was June 7:** Waiting to hear an update from Brandon.
 - C. **Potholes in Driveway:** Bultsma reported that she has calls out to a few companies and is having trouble finding one to do a small job. Has one company coming out to inspect.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Verizon Metro Act:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the METRO Act Permit Application from Verizon for right of way access. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - B. **AT&T Metro Act Permit Extension:** Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve the METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension application from AT&T. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- C. Township Lakeside Park - Deers:** Steve and Becky Deer have been caring for the custodial needs at the township park on Green Lake next to their home. The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer will create a job description and agreement to ensure that they are being compensated regularly and fairly.
 - D. Casino Revenue Sharing:** The Gun Lake Casino Revenue Sharing presentation and dinner was held July 19 and Trustee Hooker and Supervisor Wolbrink were in attendance to receive a check for \$17,510.
 - E. Michigan Geological Survey:** Wolbrink presented correspondence from Michigan Geological Survey requesting to drill a well on the property of Station 2 for geological study. The board had questions as to the length of time the study will be occurring, capping off the well after the study is over and whether or not there will be a contract for us to review. Chris Machiela from the Drain Commission had some insights to share. The topic will be tabled and more information will be gathered.
 - F. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$91,981.65. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Public Comment:** Steve Shoemaker made a comment regarding last month's invitation to the board from Kate Scheltema.
- 11.** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk