

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

November 9, 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: Bultsma, Bonnema, Hooker, Wolbrink; absent with notice: Fennema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from October 12, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve the meeting agenda as written. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 51 calls in October, 393 YTD. Training was held at Shoemaker's property for a training exercise, Thank you! Also had training inside a house owned by Moline Christian School used for a smoke house. Start putting plans for a second squad vehicle into motion for Moline station. Thanked Kelly Wolbrink for her time at selling supporter t-shirts and sweatshirts this summer.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Deputy Damveld not present but asked Chief Weston to report they ran 57 total calls 13 were accidents – nothing new to report.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Shoemaker reported 3 topics at Planning Commission:
 - Approved Verburg application
 - Galloway landings – reviewing amendments
 - Master plan – online survey coming with the tax bills for public's opinions.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** Shoemaker reported next meeting 11/20/2023 at 7 p.m. at the township.
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 5 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 43, with an average cost of \$364,065.00.
 - H. **Library Report:** n/a
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Bultsma reported that March Budget meeting date should be set at the December meeting.
7. **Correspondence:** Email: Laura Stob Township Assessor, noted the Consumer's Price index used for property taxes for 2024 will be capped at 5.0%. Email: Allegan County Drain Commission regarding information on the McConnell Drain.
8. **Public Comment:** n/a
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Township Paving/Additional Parking meeting was June 7:** See diagram: Board in agreeance with getting next steps for the parking lot additional entrance and more parking spaces. Steve to get with Brandon to see if this plan will work with setbacks and lot lines.
 - B. **Township Lakeside Park - Deers:** See short list of job description. \$600 yearly approved and paid for year. Township Clerk can buy supplies and store at Township Hall. It was mentioned that new signage and life ring be added. Wolbrink to look into insurance and what is needed for signage and life ring to stay compliant.
 - C. **Township Generator Update:** Bultsma reported that Windemuller asked library for final hookup to be Monday, November 12, 2024.
 - D. **Ball Park Survey:** Williams and works Nederveld completed ball fields survey.

10. New Business:

- A. METRO Act Application 123.net:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve Metro Act Application for 123.net. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- B. Township Lakeside Park:** Winterized and the pump is in storage shed at Fire Station 2.
- C. Special Drain Assessments 2023:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve the at large amount of \$9943.11 for the 2023 Drains. members voted yes; motion carried.
- D. Review Holiday Hours:**
 - Thanksgiving: Closed
 - Christmas & New Years: Closed Dec 25 – Jan 1
 - Spring Break: Closed *April 2, 3, 4*Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to close the office on the days listed above. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- E. Patrol hours for Township Deputy:**
No report. Wolbrink still collecting information at this time.
- F. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$82,170.50. All members voted yes; motion carried.

11. Public Comment: Heard from Scott Glupker regarding vacant Moline School building demolition – if the board wanted to get an idea of costs involved.

12. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelynn Bultsma

Leighton Township Treasurer