

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Bultsma, Bonnema, Wolbrink, Fennema, Hooker
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the budget workshop minutes from January 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the January 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 58 calls in January, making it their busiest month ever. Is in beginning talks with Spencer regarding specifications for a new tender.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** Deputy Kibby reported 91 calls for January – very busy month due in part to road conditions.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Next meeting is February 14 at 7pm.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** Next meeting is February 29, 2024 at 7 p.m.
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 9 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 9; average cost: \$319,946.00.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith reported on Library activities in January. Book sale starts February 15 and will run through March 2.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Bultsma reported all is well. Green Lake Sewer Yearly meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2024 at 4:00pm.
7. **Correspondence:** n/a
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Township Paving/Additional Parking meeting was June 7:** Working with Brandon to fine tune some ideas regarding a walkway. Clerk Fennema mentioned that parking needs on Election Day may change if early voting catches on.
 - B. **Gate on 145th & Serry Dr.:** GVL has agreed to put the requested boulder in the space where people are going around the gate. Clerk Fennema heard from a resident that the illegal traffic going around the gate has gotten worse. Waiting on GVL to install rock. Trustee Bonnema says he is out of town but is planning on it.
10. **New Business:**
 - A. **Salary Resolutions for Township Board Members:**
 1. Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve Resolution No. 2024-02-08 to establish the Township Supervisor's Salary. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Fennema, Bonnema, Bultsma, Wolbrink, Hooker; nays: None. Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve Resolution No. 2024-02-09 to establish the Township Trustees' Salaries. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Fennema, Bonnema, Bultsma, Wolbrink, Hooker; nays: None. Motion Carried
 3. Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve Resolution No. 2024-02-10 to establish the Township Treasurer's Salary. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Fennema, Bonnema, Bultsma, Wolbrink, Hooker; nays: None. Motion Carried

4. Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve Resolution No. 2024-02-11 to establish the Township Supervisor's Salary. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Fennema, Bonnema, Bultsma, Wolbrink, Hooker; nays: None. Motion Carried
- B. Wayland Ambulance Subsidy 2024:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to pay the annual subsidy to WAEMS in the amount of \$31,803.16. Motion carried 4-1.
- C. Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to approve Ordinance No. 2024-02-08 renewing the franchise agreement with Consumers Energy. Roll Call Vote: ayes: Bonnema, Hooker, Wolbrink, Bultsma, Fennema; nays: none. Motion carried.
- D. Dust Control Bids:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to accept the bid from SWB Enterprises LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. MTA Annual Conference and Expo 4/22-25:** Supervisor Wolbrink mentioned that he plans to attend the conference this year. Clerk Fennema and Treasurer Bultsma are still undecided about attending. There is money in the current budget to support this.
- F. Bills:** Motion by Bultsma support by Wolbrink to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$106,271.42. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11. Public Comment:** Trustee Hooker asked if we could hang a flag at the former Moline Elementary School location; he will maintain. Fern O'beshaw mentioned the cracks in the pavement on the parking lot at the town hall/library. Supervisor Wolbrink mentioned that the generator is having a warranty covered repair scheduled.
- 12.** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk