

## Leighton Township Board

### Regular Meeting

March 14, 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 February 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the meeting agenda with amendment to #9. 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 reported 78 calls for February.
  - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
  - E. **Planning Commission Report:** At the 2/14 meeting, granted SUP to Speed Republic and granted tentative approval to Laura Johnson for a dahlia farm. The Planning Commission also voted 5-2 to recommend to the Township Board tentative approval for the proposed PD amendments for Galloway Landings. At the 3/13 meeting, Site Plan Review and approval of an addition to Midwest Sign, approval of a landscaping revision for commercial building located at 4203 Morren St in Moline Industrial Park, worked on Master Plan and agreed to meet 1 hour before Planning Commission meetings for a Master Plan workshop.
  - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** The February 29, 2024 ZBA meeting upheld the Zoning Administrator's previous decision regarding the Boksa property. Next meeting scheduled for 3/28/24.
  - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 5 permits issued last month bringing the year-to-date total to 10; average cost: \$378,473.00.
  - H. **Library Report:** Faith reported on Library activities in February. Book sale brought \$482.88. Winter reading will end March 16.
  - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** Yearly meeting was March 6, 2024, annual budget meeting.
7. **Correspondence:** Request from Laura Johnson for consideration of a refund of application fees was tabled until the next meeting following her visit from the Right to Farm Act people.
8. **Public Comment:** Kenny Clevenger, Allegan County Republican Party Chair introduced himself to board and mentioned available petitions regarding alternative energy control. Also heard public comment/questions regarding Green Lake Sewer from Steve Shoemaker.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Township Paving/Additional Parking meeting was June 7:** No update.
10. **Gate on 145<sup>th</sup> & Serry Dr.:** GVL has put the requested boulder in the space where people are going around the gate. Special Thank You to GVL!
11. **New Business:**
  - A. **Lawn Care Bids:**
    1. Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to approve the bid from JJJ Turf Care for the Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.
    2. Motion by Fennema, support by Bultsma to approve the bid from JJJ Turf Care for the Moline Ball Park. Motion carried unanimously.
    3. Motion by Bultsma, support by Wolbrink to approve the bid from Potts Landscape Management, LLC for the Green Lake Park. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Bonnema, support by Hooker to approve the bid from Potts Landscape Management, LLC for Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve the bid from DH Lawn Care for the Town Hall/Library property. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. List of Banks for Leighton Township 24/25:** Motion by Fennema, support by Bonnema to approve the list of banks provided by Treasurer Bultsma for Leighton Township to do business with for the 2024/2025 year. Motion carried unanimously
- C. 2024/2025 Township Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to approve regular meeting dates for the 2024/2025 year as the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. with the exception of August 2024 and February 2025 which will be changed to August 14, 2024 and February 6, 2025 respectively. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. 2024/2025 General Fund Budget:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the General Fund Budget with Revenue of \$2,837,023 and Appropriations of \$2,834,710. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- E. 2024/2025 Roads Budget:** Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve the Roads Budget line 105 \$650,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the 2024 projects suggested by the Allegan County Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. 2024/2025 Street Light Budget:** Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve the Street Light Budget \$33,260. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- G. 2024/2025 Public Safety Budget:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to approve the Public Safety budget \$744,470. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- H. 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Budget:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the Capital Improvement Budget \$265,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- I. Amendments to the 23/24 Budget:** Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to approve amendments to the 2023/2024 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bonnema, Bultsma, Fennema, Hooker, Wolbrink; Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- J. Bills:** Motion by Hooker support by Fennema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$88,501.39. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Public Comment:** None.

**13.** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk