

Leighton Township Board

Budget Workshop

February 4, 2025

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Bultsma, Hooker; Bonnema, Wolbrink.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve the minutes from the 1/15/25 Budget Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Announcements:** None.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
 - A. **Review of 2022/2023 Budget:**
 1. **Fire Department:** Discussed at previous meeting
 2. **Cell Phone Policy:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to approve and adopt the Cell Phone Policy for elected officials effective April 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. **Wage Resolutions:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to increase wages for the Clerk by 5% plus an additional \$5000 annually according to her proposal due to changes in responsibilities beginning 4/1/2025. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hooker to raise the Treasurer, Supervisor and Assessor salaries by 10% did not gain support. Motion by Bultsma, support by Bonnema to increase salaries for the Treasurer, Supervisor, Sexton and Trustees by 10%, the Assessor by 5% and the deputies/assessor assistant by \$1 per hour beginning 4/1/2025. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Fennema, support by Hooker to increase the compensation for the Chairperson of the Planning Commission and the Chairperson of the ZBA to \$100 per meeting beginning 4/1/2025. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to pay the 2 Planning Commissioners that attend Site Plan Review \$50 per Site Plan Review beginning 4/1/2025. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. **Budget Review:** Supervisor Wolbrink presented the budget and the board reviewed the details. Motion by Fennema, support by Wolbrink to get bids for parking lot resurfacing and directional traffic entrance. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. **Motion by Fennema, support by Public Hearing form the Budget will be on March 13, 2025 at 6 p.m.**
7. **Public Comment:** No public Comment.
8. Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk