

April Leighton Township  
April Board Minutes

Date: April 16, 2009

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor DeKam.
2. Members present: DeKam, Nieuwenhuis, Troost, Hooker
3. Members absent: Martin
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Troost to accept the minutes of March 12 and March 26 as presented. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Hooker, support by Nieuwenhuis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
6. The supervisor made various announcements regarding the Sacket Drain, the restructuring of debt with Charter Cable franchise, Green Lake sewer meeting scheduled for April and street cleanup around the lake on April 27.
7. County Commissioner Mark DeYoung reported on county activities including a July 7 hearing on the parks master plan, upcoming votes on the 911 surcharge and jail millage and the application for COPS grants.
8. Fire Chief VanPutten reported on monthly department activities and asked for the approval of Kevin Schiefla as a probationary firefighter.
9. Motion by Hooker, support by DeKam to approve Kevin Schiefla as a probationary firefighter pending background check and physical. All members voted yes.
10. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Planning Commissioner Dave Wright spoke about the need to work on a survey of the residents toward a goal of establishing a parks plan for the township. To be eligible for any state or federal grant money, a plan needs to be in place. The Board has already agreed to send a survey along with the summer tax bills.
  - b. Motion by Troost, support by Nieuwenhuis to adopt resolution #2009-04-01, the Leighton Township Planning Commission Ordinance. Roll call vote. Yeas: Troost, Nieuwenhuis, Hooker, DeKam Nays: None Absent: Martin Motion carried.

- b. There was a report that the Tahoe used by Deputy Beute is in need of new tires. All season tires have been purchased at a cost of \$660.00 and the cost will be split by Dorr, Leighton & Salem townships.
  - c. DeKam reported that the culvert on 143<sup>rd</sup> has been repaired and improved. We will wait to see if the improvements hold.
  - d. DeKam reported on the process for abandonment of Green Lake Road. The process has been endorsed by the township and the Allegan County Road Commission. The next step is vacation through Circuit Court.
11. New Business:
- a. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Troost to appoint Dick Post to replace Gerrit Post on the Green Lake Sewer Board. Motion carried.
  - b. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Troost to approve the work order for gravel placement for approximately 3 miles of road and an approximate cost of \$27,000. Motion carried.
  - c. Motion by DeKam, support by Hooker to pay the current listed bills in the amount of \$36,601.15. Roll call vote. Yeas: DeKam, Hooker, Nieuwenhuis, Troost Nays: None Absent: Martin Motion carried.
12. Public comment: None
13. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Troost to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis  
Leighton Twp. Clerk