

July 14, 2011

1. The regular meeting of the Leighton Township Board was called to order by Supervisor DeKam at 7:30 p.m.
2. All members were present.
3. Motion by Hooker, support by Martin to approve the minutes of June 09, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Hooker, support by Martin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. County Commissioner, Mark DeYoung reported on activities at the county level.
6. Deputy Fire Chief Tony Banas gave the fire report. He reported the receipt of a \$3500.00 grant from Great Lakes Energy for use in the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.
7. Deputy Beute gave a short presentation regarding monthly activities.
8. The Building Inspector reported 4 new home permits in June.
9. The Library Director sent a written report about monthly activities.
10. Public Comment: Dave Gould commented on a great Farmers Market and also represented himself, Marlene Plummer and Dave Wright with a drainage issue that has become increasingly more serious over time. Martin will look into the problem. Diana Moore asked for help in getting a neighbor to remove a gate which is blocking a public access and Jack Sues asked about when S. Shore drive will be striped.
11. Judge William Baillargeon gave a presentation regarding the Drug Treatment Program.
12. Ron VanSingel & Tom Burgess made a presentation regarding the rezone request for Oetman Excavating. Motion by DeKam, support by Martin to approve the rezone request of Oetman Excavating to rezone parcels 03-13-019-012-00 and 03-13-019-011-00 from C-2 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, which includes the property at 4122 Division Avenue and a vacant parcel directly to the north. Roll call vote. Yeas: DeKam, Martin, Nieuwenhuis, Hooker, Troost Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
13. Motion by Troost, support by Hooker to give Tony Banas the authority to begin the process of obtaining a new thermal imaging camera at a cost of \$7000.00 with the township paying the balance after all grants and donations. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Martin, support by DeKam to approve the expenditure of \$1080.00 for work on truck #12. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Martin, support by DeKam to approve the expenditure of \$34.16.10 for work on truck #61. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Troost, support by Nieuwenhuis to approve the 2011 Tax Rate Request as follows: Operating - .7786 mills, Road – 1 mill, Public Safety – 1 mill, Library 1.085 mills. Roll call vote. Yeas: Troost, Nieuwenhuis, Hooker, DeKam, Martin Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
17. Troost presented the quarterly budget report.
18. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Troost to approve the format and language and begin the staff performance evaluations beginning with the fire chief. DeKam will make the presentation at the next training meeting. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by DeKam to approve the current listed bills in the amount of \$48,092.28. Roll call vote. Yeas: Nieuwenhuis, DeKam, Troost, Hooker, Martin Nays: None Absent : None Motion carried.
20. Troost gave a report from the Ambulance Board meeting.
21. Motion by Hooker, support by Troost for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis

Leighton Twp. Clerk