



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING September 16, 2021

Called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Laveta Hardish, Treasurer Mark Christoff, Clerk Nicole Hardish, and Trustees Michael VanHouten and Jon Bolton.

A motion to approve meeting agenda made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: None

Citizens: 3

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the August 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and place all departmental reports on file made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Clerk Hardish. There was not a financial report submitted this month because the Treasurer's Office is still trying to reconcile. It will be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business:

Discussion was had regarding the different design options for the new Township logo. It was stated that this logo doesn't have to last forever and future Boards may choose to change it at any time. Each member of the Board shared their vote on a design and it was unanimous.

Item 8B was just to make the Board aware that we will have these items to review at our next meeting. With the Planning Commission's meeting being at 6 p.m. the night before this meeting the turn around window was too small and the Zoning Department needed more time to get their minutes and information presented to the Board.

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for August streetlight invoice from Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1,155.08 made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for new fire department laptop invoice from I.T. Right in the amount of \$1,045 made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for various repairs to fire truck 10-33 invoice from Dependable Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$1,000.20 made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for auditor services setting up new 216 Fund invoice from Siegfried Crandall in the amount of \$1,350 made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding the awarded amount from the federal government from the American Rescue Plan Act Application Supervisor Hardish submitted on behalf of the Township. We will be given \$391,670.00 in the near future to place in a separate, secure bank account from the rest of the Township's bank accounts. Stipulations include a 4-year period to spend these funds on the vary limited number of options available to Leroy Twp in addition to a 5-year deadline to submit itemized spending reports of these funds. The Township Board's hope if to use the funds to help with Broadband Expansion in our area (maybe partner with Calhoun County who is currently looking into a countywide broadband expansion project) or use the funds to repair or replace our outdated HVAC system in the Community Hall.

Recessed Regular Board meeting and called to order the Annual Street Lighting Special Assessment Public Hearing at 10 a.m.

Supervisor Hardish spelled out how the past years' streetlights invoices from Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2021 were added up and then calculated out, disbursing amounts to each property owner within Leroy Township's 6 special assessment districts.

Special Assessment Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09-01 that sets Special Assessment Street Lighting costs to be levied on the 2021 Winter Tax Roll made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The total street lighting special assessment portion for 2021 is \$8,751.33, to be distributed in our special assessment districts with a total of 51 lights. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reminded Fall Dumpster Day for Saturday, October 2nd from 9 a.m. - Noon

Citizen's Time:

One citizen commented on a few properties that needed to be cleaned up located near ½ Mile Road and H Drive S. He also complained about lots of dead trees along H Drive S that are dropping branches.

A second citizen mentioned that a tree that lines his property and Graham Lake Park dropped a very large limb. Supervisor Hardish assured him that the Township has hired and tree service to come in and clean it up.

Next Board meeting is set for October 21st at 9:30 a.m. Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish