



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING January 20, 2022

Called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Laveta Hardish, Treasurer Mark Christoff, Clerk Nicole Hardish, and Trustee Michael VanHouten

Absent: Trustee Jon Bolton

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

Guests: None

Citizens: 1

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the December 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, January financial report, post-approve payment of December 2021 bills in the amount of \$202,335.25, and place all departmental reports on file made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business: None

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for the December streetlight invoice from Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1,140.82 made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for 1st quarter calls for service invoice from Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority in the amount of \$4,656.15 made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve payment of the 2022 workers compensation renewal quote invoice from Liberty Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$3,974 made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the new cemetery caretaker & cemetery sexton agreements, effective April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2025, made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the school district 2022 summer tax collection costs made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Clerk Hardish. Approval allows Supervisor Hardish to mail out agreement letters to Harper Creek School district & Calhoun County Intermediate School District. When those agreements are returned, Clerk Hardish will prep invoices to be mailed out in June. This collection cost helps offset the cost to collect taxes in the summer and pays a portion of the deputy treasurer's wages. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2021 Calhoun County Parks Millage allocation report made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Calhoun County's 2022 Parks Millage request and millage allocation overview made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Leroy Township's reimbursement balance due to itself from the 2021 Park Millage allocation after repaving the parking lot at the Boat Ramp came to \$30,021.78. If the Board chooses to accept the 2022 allocation amount (\$10,725) we can apply that amount to our reimbursement balance. Possible projects discussed for the future were the repair/replacement of the boat ramp at Graham Lake as well as developing alternate kinds of parks for our community to enjoy. Supervisor Hardish will work with EGLE (regarding the boat ramp) and the Leroy Twp. Planning Commission (regarding a Parks & Recreation Plan). Here's to planning for the future! Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had to set up-coming dates for budget workshops to work on our 2022-23 budget. The Board felt that the workshop on Jan. 11th was very efficient and didn't see a need to hold another workshop. Supervisor Hardish said that if something came up she would schedule one.

Citizen's Time:

A citizen commented on the number of medical runs done by Bedford Township and the cost burden that has caused for their Township. He was wondering if there was a way for the local Fire Chiefs to have a meeting with Calhoun County Dispatch Authority to work out a way for them to dispatch fire departments less on medical runs. Supervisor Hardish mention that meetings like this have been done but CCCDA hasn't complied like local departments wish they would. Supervisor Hardish said she could look into it again.

Board Comments:

Supervisor Hardish mentioned that letters went out to residents on 4 ½ Mile Road regarding a house that was condemned by our Zoning & Building Department. One of the property owners is willing to demolish the buildings on the property. If he does not act by March 2022, the Township will move forward with a Dangerous Building Hearing and have the structures demolished at that time.

Supervisor Hardish also noted that the Planning Commission did meet on Jan. 12th to receive public comment on the re-zoning of a property located at 4050 Capital Ave SW. The owners have been trying to sell the land and felt it necessary to re-zone the property from MDR to NC. During the Public Hearing the family representative explained the desire for the property to be used for neighborhood development and discovered that he couldn't do that if the property were to be made commercial. He asked the Planning Comm. to table the request. Earlier this week he contacted the office and has asked to remove his re-zoning request, leaving the property as MDR.

Clerk Hardish shared that she has enrolled in a certification program through Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. It is a 3-year program, requiring 40 hours of training per year that is approved and monitored by Michigan State University. Her first course will be hosting in Mt. Pleasant the last week of March 2022.

Supervisor Hardish and Building Department Coordinator VanHouten wanted to bring to the Board's attention that our building inspector does not have a back-up in the event he is out of town or ill. The Office has received grievances over the last few years regarding the delay in inspections so Supervisor Hardish would like to send a letter to the inspector requiring him to find a back-up for times he is not available and provide a name to the Board before February's meeting.

Next Board meeting is set for February 17th at 9:30 a.m. Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish