



## Leroy Township

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

June 16, 2022

**Called to order at 9:30 a.m.**

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

A motion to approve meeting agenda, with the addition of item 7D-vii Zoning Report, was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guests:** 2

Representatives from the Lawrence Memorial Library came and gave a presentation explaining their request to place proposal language on the November 2022 ballot to become a district library. They explained that this would alleviate a lot of their financial strain and also enable them to service the communities of Climax and Leroy better. Leroy Township does already allocate our penal fees to help support this private library. Supervisor Hardish will present the contract and ballot language presented to the Township Attorney and the Board assured Mr. William Lewis & Mr. Murat Bates that we would get back with them in July.

**Citizens:** 1

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion to approve as written, with the addition of item 7D-vii, including the approval of the May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June financial report, post-approve payment of May 2022 bills in the amount of \$167,580.80, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Business:** None

**New Business:**

A motion to approve payment for annual liability/workman's compensation insurance premiums invoice in the amount of \$18,782 from EMC Insurance was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion passed unanimously.

*A motion to approve payment for new cemetery signage at all four township cemeteries (6 signs in total) invoice in the amount of \$1,900 from Sign World Concepts was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to approve payment for annual 2022 membership dues in the amount of \$2,961.64 from Michigan Township Association was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Treasurer Christoff. The Board opted out of paying the additional \$88.85 fee for the legal defense fund. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to approve payment for annual auditing services invoice in the amount of \$6,900 from Siegfried Crandall, PC was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to approve payment for Spring 2022 Dumpster Day invoice in the amount of \$1,654.62 from Granger Waste Services was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. A reminder that the Fall 2022 Dumpster Day will be held on Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to adopt the Operating Millage Levy Resolution 2022-06-01 was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.*

*A motion to grant permission for Supervisor Hardish and Clerk Hardish to sign and return Leroy Township's Form L-4029 to Calhoun County was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to accept updated 2022 road improvement proposals was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Discussed the updated road work proposals within Leroy Township. The reason for an updated contract is the rise in cost of asphalt, causing the overall cost of the 2022 projects to be \$50,000 more than originally projected back in February. Through email communications with County Commissioner Derek King, Calhoun County Road Dept. Manager John Midgley, Mr. Steve Frisbie, and Supervisor Hardish the County Road Department has already guaranteed to match our project funding for the 2023 season. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to exercise the Board's right of refusal was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Discussion was had regarding 2 foreclosed properties on B Drive S across from Sonoma Elementary. The Board chose to not purchase either parcel. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to give the Clerk authority to replace headstones within the Township's cemeteries when they are irreparable, choosing the most economical choice as possible, was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Discussion was had explaining that the Township has an ethical responsibility to upkeep our cemeteries in a cost effective and respectful way. The hope is to pour small foundations and have small memorial plaques made for each headstone that would need to be replaced. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Discussion was had regarding a tribute certificate to be presented to long-time township attorney John Macfarlane who is retiring after serving us well for 25 years.*

*Discussion was had regarding the Graham Lake Park & Boat Ramp. The office has received several complaints this season regarding people fishing and swimming off the boat ramp, groups claiming there is a dog park there and residents (and non-residents alike) not respecting the Township Property*

*or Protected Wetlands. Supervisor Hardish presented the idea of requiring an entrance fee with a locked gate and putting up new fencing around the Township property.*

***Next Board meeting is set for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.***

***Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish***

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