



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING September 29, 2022

Called to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

Excused: Treasurer Mark Christoff.

A motion to approve meeting agenda was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: 1

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the August 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September financial report, post-approve payments of the August 2022 bills in the amount of \$54,066.62, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business: None

New Business:

Recessed Regular Board meeting and called to order the Annual Street Lighting Special Assessment Public Hearing at 9:38 a.m.

Supervisor Hardish spelled out how the past years' streetlights invoices from Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2022 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 9:43 a.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-09-01 that sets Special Assessment Street Lighting costs to be levied on the 2022 Winter Tax Roll made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The total street lighting special assessment portion for 2021 is \$7,611.15, to be distributed in our special assessment districts with a total of 51 lights. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion to post-approve payment for the August election's coding & ballot testing invoice in the amount of \$1,160 from ElectionSource was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Supervisor Hardish. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for postage added to meter statement in the amount of \$1,900 from Quadiant Postage Agency was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. It was explained that the cost of our postage usage has risen drastically as a result in a spike of absent voter ballot requests, assessment notice mailings and tax bill mailings. Plus the cost of postage has risen in the last year. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for insurance policy renewal for fire firefighter's life/injury insurance coverage invoice in the amount of \$1,989 from VFIS was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for 4th quarter calls for service invoice in the amount of \$4,362.82 from Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The Township has not received any guarantees from CCCDA if or when the cost to us will go down with the newly passed millage. Motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed the necessity looking into updated the cemetery ordinance regarding site buy backs and if more language is needed for future clarification. This item will be added to open business to be further discussed at the October Board meeting.

Reminder that the Fall Dumpster Day hosted by the Township will be held Sat., October 1st from 9 AM – Noon.

Citizen Comments:

A report of a possible streetlight outage at the intersection of H Drive S & M-66 S.

Resident asked how long the Township has allowed non-residents to purchase burial rights in the 4 township cemeteries. To the Board's knowledge, it has always been the practice of the township to sell sites to non-residents.

Board Comments:

AT&T crews are running fiber optic wire down H Drive S and it is creating some dangerous driving situations on certain portions of the road. Supervisor Hardish said she would reach out to the Road Department and make them aware of the hazard.

We have received positive feedback regarding the new flashing lights and expanded parking area at Sonoma Elementary School. Residents and a few Board members think that the dangerous road situation has improved there.

With the recent loss of phone and internet coverage by Verizon Wireless (Office was without services for a whole week) Supervisor Hardish is considering changing internet providers and was asking for input on different companies to contact.

Next Board meeting is set for October 20th at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish