



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

April 13, 2023

Called to order at 9:34 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 with the addition of item 9G was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: None

Citizens: 2

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written with the addition of item 9G, including the approval of the March 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April financial report, post-approve payments of the March bills in the amount of \$45,567.77, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business:

Supervisor Hardish and Zoning Administrator Rob Behnke attended a meeting with surrounding jurisdictions and the owners of Glenmoor Village to discuss a plan for implementing the bid costs for the Edgebrook Pump Station improvement. 20% of the project cost falls to out-of-city municipalities, with Leroy Township being a large portion of that percentage. Should the bid costs stay the same, it will be about a \$900,000 cost to Glenmoor Village, collected by the Township through a special assessment district. The City of Battle Creek offered to help Leroy finance the cost over the next 10 years, should the Board choose to do so, with interest. The project is forecast to start in late 2024.

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for the 2nd quarter calls for service invoice from Calhoun County Dispatch Authority in the amount of \$4,153.10 made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for 2021 and 2022 fire department FEMA Grant writing invoice from Cart Thompson in the amount of \$2,000 made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the Summary of Engagement with Siegfried Crandall, PC for the 2022 audit made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the upcoming Countywide Public Transit millage proposal. Currently the City of Battle Creek operates a public transit program and with this millage the County would be absorbing that program and operate under the name "Transportation Authority of Calhoun County." By resolution, the Board can opt-out which means residents of Leroy Township will not be asked to vote on the upcoming millage nor will they be assessed the 1-1.5 mils to operate the system. Should the Board choose to opt-in then the residents would have the 1-1.5 mils added to their tax bill and would have access to the 7 transit vans that the County would be using (each ride would have a fee). Supervisor Hardish is reaching out to surrounding Township Supervisors to get feed back on what their Board are planning to do. Supervisor Hardish will draft an opt-out resolution to bring before the Board next month and a decision will be made then.

Reminder that Spring Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th.

A motion to approve payment for a new office front door installation invoice from HVE, Inc. in the amount of \$2,917.52 made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The door replacement will take place simultaneously with the new window and siding replacement job. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: *Reported that there were missing and/or down road signs that needed to be fixed.*

Board Comments: *None*

Next Board meeting is set for May 25th at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish