



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

November 16, 2023

Called to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

A motion to approve the meeting agenda, with the corrected wording “fire and community room” to item 9E, was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: 0

Citizens: 2

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the October 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, accept the corrected August 2023 financial report, the September-November 2023 financial reports, post-approve the corrected July 2023 bills in the amount of \$71,794.58, post-approve the August 2023 bills in the amount of \$43,964.80, post-approve the September 2023 bills in the amount of \$82,162.26, post-approve the October 2023 bills in the amount of \$52,948.22, and place all communications & departmental reports on file was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business: None

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for the October streetlighting invoice in the amount of \$1,041.50 from Consumers Energy was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve payment for the 2023 township drain-at-large assessment rolls invoice in the amount of \$26,721.30 from Calhoun County Water Resources Department was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Clerk Hardish will hold onto the invoice until given approval to create a payment warrant by Treasurer Christoff, most likely in March 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for legal fees in the amount of \$1,227 from Kreis, Enderle, P.C. made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2024 local road project CSC3.5 agreement with Calhoun County Road Department for pulverizing & paving of E Drive S (between 5 & 6 Mile Roads) was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The Township's portion of the total project cost is estimated to be \$261,482.10. The Board discussed the new Matrix Program the Road Department uses to elect the local road projects they will award funding to. There was much discussion on how this program seems flawed and takes away some of the Township's voice in picking road projects, but there was also recognition by Board members that this program is helpful in making sure that all municipalities get an opportunity to receive local road repair funding matches. The Road Department as also proposed turning portions of ½ Mile Road, E Drive S, K Drive S, & Hoffman Drive back to gravel as a cost savings option (which would need Board approval). Supervisor Hardish would like to send out one more letter to the residents would be affected by this classification change in hopes to get a majority to voice their opinion one way or the other. By approving this 2024 agreement, the Board is asking the Road Department to add this project to their Matrix Program, and they will notify us in late April if it is selected. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the additions to a proposal from All-Tronics for physical telephones and phone service in the amount of \$8,188 was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. This new proposal includes a wireless bridge that will provide internet service to the Fire Department and Community Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept Resolution 2023-11-01 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee Bolton. This resolution is passed around annually by BCATS. Unanimous roll call vote by members present. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

One resident made the Board aware that there are many road signs around the area that are either missing, in need of repair or completely overgrown.

Board Comments:

Supervisor Hardish reminded Board members that long-time township assessor, Joyce Foondle, will be retiring at the end of December 2023 and she would like for us to do something to recognize her service to our community.

Supervisor Hardish also wanted to remind members that budget planning is coming up and to be thinking of anything that she may need to be aware of.

Next Board meeting is set for TUESDAY, December 19th at 6:00p.m. which will coincide with the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully, Clerk Nicole Hardish