



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING September 19, 2024

Called to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

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

Guests: 0

Citizens: 0

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the August 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the September financial report, post-approve payments of the August bills in the amount of \$43,321.85, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business:

A motion to set the special assessment public hearing to share the necessity of the Edgebrook Lift Station upgrade for Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The Township is not able to move forward with a 425 agreement with the City of Battle Creek, per their legal counsel, so we need to have a public hearing on the necessity of the project, with a second hearing for the allocation & creation of the assessment to follow. The original proposed date of Oct. 15 did not work for Clerk Hardish or Trustee Bolton so the motion was amended to change the date to be the 17th in conjunction with the regularly scheduled board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Recessed Regular Board meeting and called to order the Annual Street Lighting Special Assessment Public Hearing at 9:42 a.m.

Supervisor Hardish spelled out how the past year's streetlight invoices from Sept. 2023 – Aug. 2024 were added up and then calculated out, disbursing amounts to each property owner within Leroy Township's 6 special assessment streetlight districts.

Special Assessment Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09-01 that sets Special Assessment Street Lighting costs to be levied on the 2024 Winter Tax Roll made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. The total street lighting special assessment portion for 2023 is \$10,283.61, 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 August streetlight invoice in the amount of \$1,125.02 from Consumers Energy was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the recommendation from the Leroy Planning Commission to re-zone 5753 B Drive South from Highway Commercial (HC) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. This change will correct a clerical error made in our records. Motion carried unanimously.

Reminder that the Fall Dumpster Day hosted by the Township will be held Sat., October 5th from 9 AM – Noon.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Comments:

Supervisor Hardish: Columbarium's were delivered to Morgan and Leroy Congregational Cemeteries yesterday morning and are all set. She was impressed with the efficiency that Nelson Granite representatives & Bud's demonstrated while setting the 4 units. Once the Clerk's department has the cemetery software set up to accommodate these units, the niches will be available to sale!

Trustee Bolton: would like to see if we could add American flags to each of our cemeteries, perhaps near the new columbarium, to honor our local and national Veterans and military personnel.

Clerk Hardish: shared a copy of a PSA from the FBI & CISA regarding false claims to of hacked voter registration information. We are seeing a lot of misinformation and attempts to discredit the election security and infostructure – we all need to be aware and willing to correct misinformation that is being shared.

Next Board meeting is set for October 17th at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully,

Clerk Nicole Hardish