



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING October 17, 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 Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: 3

Citizens: 1

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the September 19 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the October financial report, post-approve payments of the August bills in the amount of \$78,743.12, 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 Glenmoor Village Wastewater Special Assessment Public Hearing #1 at 9:36 a.m.

Supervisor Hardish reiterated that the purpose for today's hearing is to discuss the necessity of the project. The second public hearing will be focused on the assessment tax roll and costs. She also pointed out that the City of Battle Creek is responsible for 71% of the project cost and the contributing jurisdictions are to pay the remaining 29% (of which Leroy Township's proposed portion is 16% based on the Township's comparative 2022 water meter readings reviewed by the city of Battle Creek).

Public Comments:

- Ben Bayram of Dykema Gossett, PLLC, legal representative for Caribbean MHC Owner – stated that his client doesn't deny or object to the necessity of the project, but they do strongly disagree with the enlarged scope of the new project and find it to be unbeneficial to their

properties as they are. His clients feel that the proposed capacity of the project is exaggerated and should be altered to a smaller scope. In addition, he passed out to Board members a letter stating his clients & the firm's objections.

- Supervisor Hardish replied saying that the plans for Glenmoor Village call for the total number of trailers to double within the near future and the project's scope was taking that wear & tear on the system into consideration.
- John Kohler, Glenmoor Village manager – stated that he was concerned about the assessment cost because the community is made up largely of older individuals on fixed incomes.
- Ronald VanHouten, 3971 Capital Ave SW, Lot 381 (a Glenmoor Village resident) – asked if there was an option to consider that would allow the Township or “end payer” the ability to bond the project cost with the hope of spreading the payback payments out over a longer period instead of the 20 years set by the user agreement with the City of Battle Creek. He also asked if any Wastewater Treatment Plant costs incurred would be passed onto the special assessment properties if the costs involved the pump station in question.
- Kurt Tribbett, City of Battle Creek Utilities Dept. representative – shared that the new project expansion will increase the response time in the event of an emergency (power failure, equipment malfunction, overflow, etc.) and it takes into consideration future development along the pump's lines, The hope, he says, is to “build once” and not have a need for an expensive expansion in the next 10 to 20 years.

Special Assessment Public Hearing was closed, and the Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10-01 Determination of Wastewater Special Assessment District No. 1 Completion of Public Improvement was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to set the date & time of the second Glenmoor Village Wastewater Special Assessment Public Hearing to be Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:30 AM was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the four cemetery columbari's freight and labor invoice in the amount of \$117,120 from Nelson Granite Limited was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the four cemetery columbari's placement invoice in the amount of \$5,100 from Buck's Crane Service was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the September Streetlights invoice in the amount of \$1,142.94 from Consumers Energy was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Comments:

Supervisor Hardish: had a preliminary meeting with the County Road Department regarding possible 2025 road projects. She contacted All-Tronics to see about installing a surveillance camera in the Office Lobby.

Trustee Bolton: stated his concern for physical security on election day for polling places.

Clerk Hardish: shared the need to finalize the costs for columbarium niche sales prior to making them available for purchase by the public. She also shared that BS&A is moving to a Cloud Based platform and will be asking all their clients to make the switch in the next few years. We will want to look into it and consider costs for a future budget. Our account manager is supposed to be getting a quote to her.

Next Regular Board meeting is set for November 21st at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully,

Clerk Nicole Hardish