



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING January 16, 2025

Called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Laveta Hardish, Treasurer Mark Christoff, and Trustee Jon Bolton, Trustee Michael VanHouten, and Deputy Clerk Jeannie Burchfield. **Absent:** Clerk Nicole Hardish.

A motion to approve the meeting agenda, with the addition of the Harper Creek Summer Tax Collection Resolution to item 9i, was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: None

Citizens: 1

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the December 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes & Closed Session Minutes, the 4th Quarter budget report, the January financial report, post-approve payments of the December bills in the amount of \$250,802.93, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Business: None

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for the December Streetlights invoice in the amount of \$1,095.21 from Consumers Energy was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve payment for the 2025 Workers Compensation renewal quote in the amount of \$3,756.00 from Liberty Mutual Insurance was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for fire truck repairs invoice in the amount of \$1,852.20 from NAPA Athens Auto Parts was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the legal fees invoice in the amount of \$1,942.50 from Kreis, Enderle was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the legal fees invoice in the amount of \$2,286.00 from Kreis, Enderle was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for township well repairs invoice in the amount of \$1,054.00 from Kats Well Drilling was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve 2025 legal fee rate increase by Kreis, Enderle as \$210 per hour for Attorney Jason ter Avest and \$100 per hour for paralegal was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-pone approval of Cemetery Caretaker, Cemetery Sexton, Grounds Caretaker, and Park Caretaker agreements until the February Regular Board of Trustee meeting was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Supervisor Hardish would like to change some verbiage on the "park"/boat launch Caretaker Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the proposed 2025 summer school tax collection cost and accept the resolution from Harper Creek School Board ordering us to collect taxes on their behalf was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Since Harper Creek Schools and CISD prefer to collect their taxes in the summer months instead of the winter the incurred cost to the Township is invoiced out to their organizations. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held to set up-coming dates for budget workshops to work on our 2025-26 budget. The Board will hold its second budget workshop following the February Board of Trustees meeting in the Township Community Hall.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Michael Smith asked for some background on the GAAMPS letter and what the CISD funds pay for.

Board Comments: None

Next Regular Board meeting is set for February 20th at 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully,

Clerk Nicole Hardish