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LEONI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 11, 2014

The Leoni Township Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan.

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor Todd Brittain, Clerk Manke, Treasurer Stack and Trustees Todd Pickett, Judy Southworth and Bob Sutherby.

Members Absent: Jerry Ambs

18 People in Attendance

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 6:02 p.m.

Closed at 6:07 p.m.

Motion by Southworth, supported by Pickett to approve the agenda as presented with 4 additions.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Stack supported by Southworth to approve the Minutes of October 13, 14 & 20, 2014 for the Regular and Special Board meetings as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Stack supported by Pickett to approve the Accounts Payable of October 22, 2014 and November 4, 11 & 6, 2014 in the amounts of \$20,808.71, \$8,738.50, \$187,754.90 & \$1,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain, Sutherby and Ambs

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Sutherby to approve the Departmental reports as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

PUBLIC HEARING: Little Pleasant Lake

Opened at 6:12 p.m.

Julie Craft spoke on behalf of the assessment – stated that the Association had mailed out multiple letters inviting all the residents in the district to attend informational meetings and stated that they had also contacted DEQ & DNR to assure that the chemicals proposed to be put in the lake were safe for the residents and the wildlife. Need to clean up the lake to preserve land values. Urged the Board to pass the assessment.

James A Williams, son of James F Williams (objection letter received) stated that his father is a 40 year resident and loves that lake. Injecting poisonous chemicals is harmful. Most of the owners out there are ½ time residents but Mr. Williams is a full time resident. PA 188 requires that we have 51% of the properties signing the petition. Hinton had a condition that said if the assessment went over \$200.00 a year that her petition would be null and void. Urged the Board not to allow that signature that constituted 27% of the land area vote and that would bring it down under the 51% needed for the assessment. A true district should include the entire subdivision. Feels that the entire district can be challenges under PA 188. Feels that they should be assessed by assessed value and not per owner.

Melvin Parker- President of the Little Pleasant Lake Association spoke in support of the district. The main concern is the health of the lake and it being accessible for people to enjoy. Checked with the DEQ & environment and wildlife to ensure the safety of the people and the wildlife. – Needs to be proactive and not reactive to manage the invasive species.

Dana Cook – Lakefront owner is in support and they have done a lot of work and study to ensure safety. Stated that Mr. Williams has given lots of objections but offers no solutions to the invasive species taking over the lake.

Sherry Jarvis- Full Time resident in support of the district. Has seen other lakes go bad due to lake of maintenance and is disappointed that Mr. Williams waited to strongly object and challenge the petitions until the day before the final hearing.

Julie Craft- Her family's goal is to become a full time resident but wants to live on a lake that is nice and if they thought the chemicals would harm the lake they would not do this. Spoke to Mrs. Hinton about removing her condition from the petition and she will get us a statement that she agreed to remove her condition by Monday Nov. 17.

James A. Williams – stated that when he was a 10 year old boy (40 years ago) the lake had more weeds than it does now. Doesn't want to have a reaction to the ecosystem

Justin McDermott – Stated that the chemical treatment on Center Lake had hurt the Bass fishing.

1 letter was submitted against the district by James F. Williams

Closed at 6:41 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Gillette's Lake

Opened at 6:41 p.m.

Cathy Miller – now a full time resident of Gillette's Lake is now the new liaison for the Gillette's Lake Association. They e-mail the residents in the district and look for feedback from them – good or bad – from all the lake residents. Lake is nicer and there is more fishing going on now. They are enjoying the lake more and see's only positive things from the weed treatments. Urging the Board to pass the assessment renewal and stated that they have had no issues with chemicals in the well water.

Ron Grobaski- Been on the lake since 1965 and it's good to see the perch and perch minnows back

Nancy Dunham – wasn't sure if she was for the approval or not. Having a terrible time with muck along her shoreline. Has spoke to several neighbors and they stated that the lake had improved.

Justin McDermott – lives on Center Lake and they still have weeds and lily pads in front of their property.

John Benson – Joined the lake association. Stated that they are very thorough and everyone he has spoken to has been happy. People say it's made a huge difference. Urged the Board to continue on with the assessment.

Closed at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Stack supported by Southworth to approve the purchase of 2 new SCADA computers from Ovivo at a cost of \$19,437.50 for the WWTP.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yeas, Stack, Southworth and Manke
3 Nays, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Sutherby, seconded by Pickett to approve the resolution to adopt the final assessment roll for the Little Pleasant Lake pending the removal of Mrs. Hinton's condition from the petition.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Southworth, seconded by Manke to approve the resolution to adopt the final assessment roll for the Gillette's Lake district 5 year renewal.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Manke, seconded by Southworth, to pay the SRI interest payment due December 1, 2014 of \$77,662.50.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yeas, Stack, Southworth and Manke
3 Nays, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby **Motion Failed**

Motion by Sutherby supported by Manke to reject the 2 parcels that did not sell at the County tax sale based on PA 127 of 1999.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Sutherby supported by Pickett to approve the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2 purchase agreements (Lockwoods and Cochranes) with the amendments.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Stack to approve the renewals for the 2 assessors at \$175 each..

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Sutherby supported by Southworth to Hire Tim Cross for the DPW starting on November 18, 2014. Starting wage to be \$11.50 per hour, after 30 days he will go to \$12.00 per hour and after 90 days he will go to \$12.50 per hour. Once he obtains his CDL he will get an automatic \$1 per hour increase.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Pickett to approve the letter drafted by Township Attorney regarding the Plante Moran Audit with a dollar amount cap on it, be sent to the County for consideration.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Pickett to approve the request from Jerry Roe to increase Charles DeGroote's pay \$1.50 an hour based on his work performance and ability to utilize his CDL license.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Pickett to approve the conditional use permit for an adult foster care home at 4204 Jane Dr. with no more than 6 at one time.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Sutherby supported by Southworth to approve the resolution of appreciation for Doug Sink.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Pickett supported by Stack to approve having the Board Packets ready for members on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Stack supported by Pickett to raise the water shut off/turn on fee from \$35 to \$45.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Sutherby supported by Pickett to approve having the Fifth Street Main station property and the Viking well house property surveyed. If a Leoni Township Business comes within 5% of the lowest bid then the Leoni Business will receive the award. Sutherby to secure the bids.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Manke supported by Southworth to approve ordering the GPS system from Verizon for 9 vehicles at a cost of \$105 each for the 1st year and \$19.95 each for the 2nd year with no contract proving that the system that they are offering is adequate for the tracking needs.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Pickett supported by Sutherby to move the 2 DPW employees out of the WWTP and replace with 2 of the other DPW employees for cross training purposes.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Pickett supported by Southworth to approve the hours of the DPW and WWTP to be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. subject to change by the DPW Manager Jerry Roe.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Pickett supported by Southworth to install time clocks at the WWTP and the DPW.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Pickett, Southworth, Brittain and Sutherby
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment Opened at 7:54 p.m.

Public Comment Closed at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Southworth supported by Pickett to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Michele Manke, Clerk