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LEONI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 13, 2009

The Leoni Township Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 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 Michele Manke, Treasurer Brenda Vreeland, and Trustees Dan Hunt, Judy Southworth, Joan Spicer and Jerry Ambs.

Members Absent: None

76 People in Attendance

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:03 p.m.

Closed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Spicer, supported by Vreeland to approve the agenda with the following changes: ADD: 1.) Discussion about going to part time office help 2.) sell the mini-pumper & grass truck 3.) switching part time helpers to different offices 4.) set up a special meeting for Budget review 5.) Resignation of the Public Safety Director.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Vreeland, supported by Southworth to approve the minutes of December 10, 2008 Regular & special Board meetings as presented.

Motion Carried

Motion by Vreeland, supported by Spicer to approve the Accounts Payable of December 10, December 23, 2008 and January 12, 2009 in the amounts of \$2,303.32, \$80,889.37, \$246,666.62 and \$990.74

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Ambs to approve Building Department report as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Spicer, supported by Vreeland to approve the Board of review recommendations from the Assessor to include Stehanie Smith, Bob Eadie Jr., Robert Tavaliski and Alternate George Glinski for a 2 year term.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer, supported by Southworth to approve the DDA Board re-appointments to include Tim Wirth, Pat Burroughs, Gary Adams and Debbie Hemlinger for a 4 year term.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer, supported by Hunt to waive the open/closing fee on his grave due to mistake made in the 70's or 80's. Letter to be attached to his owner card for David Cox.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer, supported by Hunt to table the oil & gas lease & set up an advisory committee to research this further.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Vreeland, supported by Spicer to approve to budget amendments in the amount of \$211,300.00.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer, supported by Vreeland to nominate Shirley Johnson to the Sewer and Water Board.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Spicer, supported by Vreeland to recind the motion to nominate Shirley Johnson to the Sewer and Water Board and advertise the opening for the 1 Sewer & water Board and the 2 Planning Commission openings.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Manke, supported by Spicer to approve the sale of the Grass Rig the Mini-pumper rescue trucks from the Fire Department to the Water & Sewer Departments at Blue book value.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

SEWER & WATER BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Vreeland, supported by Hunt reduce the Public Safety Officers hourly wages of \$20.43 an hour, back to \$16.00 an hour, unless they are geared up and actually fighting the fire. At which time, their pay would revert back to the \$20.43 for the time actually fighting the fire and not directing traffic.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth, supported by Vreeland to table the adoption of the Public Safety policy manual.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Southworth, supported by Spicer to approve effective January 27th 2009, there will no longer be take home vehicles provided for the Public Safety Department.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Hunt, supported by Brittain to layoff Public Safety Officer Jim Meyers from the Public Safety Department effective January 14, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, and Brittain
1 Nay, Vreeland **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth, supported by Hunt to layoff Public Safety Officer Mark Farhat from the Public Safety Department effective January 14, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, and Brittain
1 Nay, Vreeland **Motion Carried**

Motion by Hunt, supported by Ambs to layoff Firefighter John Lutz from the Fire Department effective January 27th 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Yeas, Southworth and Brittain

5 Nays, Vreeland, Manke, Ambs, Hunt and Spicer

Motion Failed

Motion by Manke, supported by Hunt to accept the resignation of the Public Safety Director effective January 17th 2009.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Southworth, supported by Hunt to approve the placement of a millage on the May ballot.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland and Ambs

1 Nay, Brittain **Motion Carried**

Special Public Hearing meeting set for Monday May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, Manke, Hunt, Southworth, Spicer, Vreeland, Ambs, and Brittain

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Vreeland supported by Manke to set a special meeting on January 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. for budget discussion.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment Opened at 9:03 p.m.

Public Comment Closed at 9:33 p.m.

Motion by Southworth supported Hunt to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Michele Manke, Clerk