

October 11, 2023

Present: Wade, Gilliland, Henney, Ward and Feazel.

Guests: Steve DeKett & Matt Chalmers - Leslie Fire Department, Kyle Drake - Leslie Township Auditor, Lois Pratt, David Pratt & Beverly Pratt - Leslie Township Residents.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Leslie Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Supervisor Henney in the Leslie Township Boardroom. Henney led the Board and Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bev Pratt & David Pratt spoke in favor of expanding the number of acres to be utilized for solar panels in the proposed solar ordinance.

Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurers report shows a September 30, 2023 balance in the General Fund of \$433,063.62, balance in the Public Improvement Fund of \$191,181.01 and balance in the Millage Accounts of \$13,329.50.

Motion Ward second Gilliland to pay the following bills:

PAYROLL		15,275.21
GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT	DEP TREASURER - MEGAN CASPER	658.20
CONSUMERS ENERGY	10 00 10 5649 10	477.27
ALL AMERICAN PORTABLE TOILETS	PORTA POTTIES	345.00
WOW BUSINESS	INTERNET & TELEPHONE PROVIDER	268.84
JOHN HANCOCK	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	446.80
WOODLAWN CEMETERY - ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION - 1/4 PAYMENT	7,500.00
LAFUCU	POSTAGE	510.00
LAFUCU	TWP SUPPLIES	174.21
LAFUCU	HALL SUPPLIES	104.56
FAHEY, SCHULTZ, BURZYCH, RHODES PLC	ATTORNEY FEES	705.00
FAHEY, SCHULTZ, BURZYCH, RHODES PLC	PLANNING & ZONING EDUCATION	4,390.50
WIGHTMAN	INVOICE #83611 - TWP PARK	943.75
J. RANCK ELECTRIC, INC	CONTRACTOR JOB NUMBER 223002 LIGHTING FOR WALKING PATH	6,009.00

J. RANCK ELECTRIC, INC	CONTRACTOR JOB NUMBER 223002	111,187.04
	LIGHTING FOR WALKING PATH - BALANCE DUE	
GREAT LAKES RECREATION COMPANY	TWP PARK IMPROVEMENT - DOME LIDS FOR TRASH CANS INV #2660	368.00
LYNN LANKTON	MTA CLERKS RETREAT EXPENSES	350.84
DALLAS HENNEY	COMPUTER CORD	21.18
DALLAS HENNEY	ASSESSOR CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	428.46
MCKEE'S HEATING & COOLING LLC	AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	750.00
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSOC. ALLEGRA	TRANSFER FEE FROM WADE TO CASPER	25.00
LANSING COMMUNITY NEWS	FALL CLEAN-UP POSTCARDS	95.00
LESLIE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	NOTICES	159.95
ALERUS	OCT- DEC 2023 TWP. SHARE OF UTILITIES	870.75
MERS	PENSION	1,785.19
	PENSION	1,154.42
		<u>155,004.17</u>

**Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Wade reported at the last cemetery board meeting Ron Bogart, City of Leslie Manager, made a presentation regarding the possibility of a trail that would connect the Hull Rd. trail with the township park trail. Wade also stated all remaining seasonal items will be removed on November 1, 2023.**

**In the zoning report Henney stated the wind and solar ordinances will be on the November agenda for consideration. The ordinances have been sent the the Tri-County Planning Commission for preliminary review.**

**A written sheriff department report (filed with correspondence) was presented.**

**Kyle Drake - Drake Certified Public Accountants presented the 2022-2023 audit report for Leslie Township. Drake reported the books were in great shape and they didn't have any recommendations for changes at this time.**

**Chief DeKett reported nine runs in September. In addition, he stated a \$20,000 grant was received from the State of Michigan for radios and accessories.**

**Chief DeKett reported the under carriage of the command car is rotting out. After a lengthy discussion it was decided the fire department would work on a long term plan that would include future equipment purchases with the possibility of a first responder vehicle if needed. The command car will no longer be in service.**

**Motion Feazel, support Wade to pay Chief DeKett mileage for any fire related activities at the federal mileage rate while using his personal vehicle. Roll call vote ,all ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion Feazel, support Gilliland to purchase a new flagpole and increase the amount to \$3,500 using ARPA funds. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion Wade, support Ward to revoke the Special Use Permit for Firefly Event Barn on parcel 33-14-14-26-100-018 for inactivity as per the planning commission recommendation. Roll call vote, all ayes motion carried.**

**Motion Ward, support Ward to accept the bid from Sherrell's Excavating of \$4,340 to clean up the Fitchburg Rd. property. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Henney reported Mullins will be removing the tires from the Fitchburg Rd. property at \$5 per tire.**

**Motion Wade, support Ward to adopt Resolution 23-24-3 - Early Voting. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Correspondence was received from Wolverine Pipeline regarding pipeline safety, Rives Township Planning Commission regarding their master plan, State of Michigan with the findings of substantially compliant for the assessing audit. In addition, Henney provided a copy of a letter he wrote to Consumers Energy regarding the lack of tree trimming in Leslie Township.**

**During board comments the possibility of fencing on the north end of the township property was discussed and Wade will bring more information to the board next month. Henney stated the generator is now working and shared the MTA has requested we contact our**

**lawmakers to oppose renewable energy facilities preemption legislation.**

**Adjourned 8:01 P.M.**

**Sheryl Feazel, Leslie Township Clerk**