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LEONI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 11, 2016

The Leoni Township Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2016 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 Michele Manke, Treasurer Lori Stack and Trustees Bob Sutherby, Judy Southworth & Todd Pickett
Members Absent: Jerry Ambs

42 People in Attendance

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 6:05 p.m.

Closed at 6:55 p.m.

Commissioner Rice gave a county update

Motion by Southworth, supported by Pickett to approve the agenda with the additions of the assessment of the kickin brass gun range and advertise for the opening on the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Sutherby supported by Pickett to approve the Minutes of September 12 & 13, 2016 for the Regular and Special meetings as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Stack supported by Southworth to approve the Accounts Payable of September 22, 2016 and October 3 & 11, 2016 in the amounts of \$39,984.54, \$44,171.43 & \$181,866.75.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Stack supported by Pickett to approve the Departmental reports as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

New Business-

Motion was made by Sutherby, seconded by Pickett to approve the request from Gerald Walz for the PA 116 Farm land preservation.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Stack, seconded by Southworth to approve the resolution for the 2016 amendment for the Jackson County solid waste management plan.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Stack, seconded by Southworth to recind the vote for an additional audit based on the attorney's recommendation due to the fact that there is no evidence of fraud.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth

3 Nays, Pickett, Brittain & Sutherby **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Brittain, seconded by Pickett to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Sutherby, seconded by Southworth to purchase 25 grinder pumps from Milan Supply for \$73,750.00.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Sutherby, seconded by Pickett to move forward with the demolition of the condemned house located at 8949 E Michigan Ave parcel #000-14-01-156-001-00 subject to verification from the Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector and notification to the owner of the property. The DPW will do the Demo work.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Manke, seconded by Pickett to schedule 2 public hearings for the planning commission to hear residents input on medical marijuana dispensaries in the township.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Attorney Eric White gave an update on where we are on the Kickin Brass gunrange issue. Mr. White, Joe Trolz, Jerry Roe, Michele Manke and Lori Stack had a meeting with Mr. Trolz to get info from him on his range and how long it had been there. Mr. White informed Mr. Trolz that the burden of proof was on him to prove that he has been a gun range and followed the DNR principals since July 5 1994. Mr. Trolz had some pictures and affidavits from people that have shot there over the years. Mr. White stated that he just doesn't think that he can prove it but he has to be given that opportunity. Mr. White stated that he has the right to apply for a conditional use permit and that the Township can't deny it but that the Township can put any conditions that they feel is in the best interest and safety for all involved.

Motion was made by Southworth, seconded by Manke to advertise for the opening on the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Pickett, seconded by Brittain to instruct the Attorney Eric White to seek an injunction against Kickin Brass gun range.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Stack, Manke, Southworth, Brittain, Pickett and Sutherby

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment Opened at 7:50 p.m.

Public Comment Closed at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Pickett supported by Manke to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Michele Manke, Clerk