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LEONI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 11, 2020

The Leoni Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2020 @ 6:00 PM, the meeting was held by zoom.us. Attendees participated through <http://www.zoom.us> or by telephone.

Call to Order 6:00 pm  
Members Present: Supervisor Linnabary, Clerk Pickett, Treasurer Clemente and Trustees Cole, Cox, McGee and Horning  
Members Absent: None  
Attendance Approximately: 23

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment Opened 6:00 pm  
Public Comment Closed 6:01 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Pickett support by Cox to **approve** the agenda as presented with the addition of adding the possible OMA violations of July 8, 2020 and July 15, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.*

*Roll call vote: 5 Ayes Pickett, Clemente, Cole, McGee and Cox  
2 Nays Linnabary, Horning **Motion Passed***

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Clemente to **approve** Accounts payable July 16 – August 3, 2020 for \$74,153.39 and August 11, 2020 for \$502,800.34.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Cox to **approve** the Consent Agenda 1 & 2 as presented.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Cabling proposals for Township Hall

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Clemente to **table** for further estimates.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

2. Budget considerations and amendments for Blight Ordinance 55

*Motion by Clemente, support by Linnabary to **request** that the budget adopted on June 29, 2020 be Modified as follows:*

*Increase the following line items:*

*101-301-707.000 GF-Public Safety Salary/PT by \$10,954.56*

*101-301-715.000 GF-Public Safety by \$818.02*

*101-301-919.300 GF-Blight Demo by \$26,000.00*

*Funds to come from the General Fund balance.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Progressive Design Builder for the CWSRF funded WWTP Membrane System Improvements Project.

*Discussion with David Harvey with Fleis and Vandenbrink to start the advertisement tomorrow for 30 days for design builders. To receive statement of qualifications by September 14, 2020, and to score, interview and select a firm.*

2. Agreement between buyer and seller for procurement contracts proposed by Suez for the WWTP Membrane Replacement System.

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Clemente to **accept** the agreement between buyer and seller for Suez to begin the Design Phase for the start of the membrane replacement system.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

3. Attorney Proposals for handling local prosecutions

*Motion by Pickett, support by Cole to **approve** Harkness Law Firms Proposal to handle local prosecutions. Request Attorney Bethany Smith to submit a formal contract and then to be submitted to Township Attorney Guy Conti for review.*

*Roll call vote: 3 Ayes Cole, Pickett, Clemente  
4 Nays Linnabary, Horning, McGee and Cox **Motion Failed***

*Motion by McGee, support by Horning to **approve** the Proposal from the Law Office of Bethany Smith to handle local prosecutions.*

*Roll call vote: 4 Ayes Linnabary, Horning, McGee and Cox  
3 Nays Pickett, Clemente, Cole **Motion Passed***

4. Zayo Group METRO Act Permit Application and Resolution

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Clemente to **approve** the Zayo Group METRO Act Permit application and Resolution as presented.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

5. Kelsy Cox and Melissa Martin to attend Assessing Land Division Class @\$45.00 each.

*Motion by Cole, support by McGee to **approve** Kelsy Cox and Melissa Martin to attend Assessing Land Division Class @\$45.00 each.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

6. Joe Chamber Building Inspector Course \$419.00

*Motion by Linnabary, support by Cole to **approve** Joe Chambers to complete the Building Inspector Course for \$419.00*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

7. MTA Dues Invoice for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 in the amount \$5,990.05

*Motion by Clemente, support by McGee to **approve** the MTA Dues from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,990.05*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

8. LRUA 2020 REU Dues consideration - \$2.00/REU

*Motion by Horning, support by Cox, to **approve** the LRUA 020 REU dues to \$2.00/REU for a total amount of \$7,780.04*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

9. Possible Planning Commission OMA Violations on 7/8/2020 & 7/15/2020

*Motion by Cole, support by Clemente to **approve** the Planning Commission Meetings on 7/8/2020 and 7/15/2020 to be sent to the Michigan State Police for investigation and possible charges.*

*Roll call vote: 2 Ayes Pickett, Cole,  
5 Nays Linnabary, Clemente, Horning, McGee and Cox  
**Motion Failed***

*Motion by McGee, support by Cole to direct Attorney Conti to conduct an investigation into possible OMA violations of the Planning Commission on 7/8/2020 and 7/15/2020 and have a report available one week before the September 8, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Leoni Conduct and Ethics Policy Draft One – Schedule Special Meeting August 25, 2020 @ 6PM

*Motion by Pickett, support by Horning to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday August 25, 2020 at 6PM to review and revise the Conduct and Ethics Policy*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

2. Possible Planning Commission OMA Violations on 7/8/2020 & 7/15/2020

*Motion by Cole, support by Pickett to move possible OMA Violations of the Planning Commission Meetings on 7/8/2020 and 7/15/2020 to New Business #9*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment Opened 8:31 pm

Public Comment Closed 8:39 pm

*Motion by Linnabary to adjourn, support by Clemente at 8:40 pm*

*Roll call vote: 7 Ayes Linnabary, Pickett, Clemente, Cole, Horning, McGee and Cox  
0 Nays **Motion Passed***

*Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.*

Kerry Pickett, Clerk