

**CITY OF LESLIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

Present: Johnson, Beegle, Doane, Eggleston, Sharick, Hunter & Baker

Excused: None

Also Present: City Manager Bogart, City Clerk Cox, Finance Director Carrie Howe, City Attorney, LPD Chief Evan Bennehoff

**I. COUNCIL ORGANIZATION**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Clerk Cox administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials John Sharick, Brandon Hunter and Collin Baker.

A. Roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Item 1**

**Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of the agenda.

B. Approval of the minutes of orientation workshop on December 19, 2023.

C. Approval of the minutes of regular meeting on December 19, 2024.

D. Payment of Bills. Affirm check disbursements totaling \$61,121.84 for December 2023. E. Hometown Heroes-Banner request for use of light poles

F. Approval of Invoice:

a. MML Liability & Property Pool

\$51,878.00 G. Communication:

1. Manager's Report.
2. December 2023 Financials.
3. December 2023 Police Department Report.
4. Financial Statements & Independent Auditors' Report FY 2023
5. 2024 Budget Schedule

Moved by Doane, seconded by Beegle to approve consent agenda as presented.

**ALL YEAS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 2**

**Citizen Comments and Questions**

Joyce Kranz

John Marckum

Sue Collins

**Item 3****Public Hearing**

None

**Item 4****Items of Business****A. Resolution 2024-01 Payment Reduction Program**

Moved by Eggleston, seconded by Doane to approve Resolution 2024-01 Payment Reduction Program

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Johnson-Yes**

**Beegle-Yes**

**Doane-Yes**

**Eggleston-Yes**

**Sharick-Yes**

**Hunter-Yes**

**Baker-Yes**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolution 2024-02 Alternate Start Dates**

Moved by Beegle, seconded by Doane to approve Resolution 2024-02 Alternate Start Dates

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Johnson-Yes**

**Beegle-Yes**

**Doane-Yes**

**Eggleston-Yes**

**Sharick-Yes**

**Hunter-Yes**

**Baker-Yes**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Resolution 2024-03 Poverty Exemption**

Moved by Doane, seconded by Eggleston to approve Resolution 2024-03 Poverty Exemption

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Johnson-Yes**

**Beegle-Yes**

**Doane-Yes**

**Eggleston-Yes**

**Sharick-Yes**

**Hunter-Yes**

**Baker-Yes**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Item 5**

### **Items of Discussion**

#### **A. Adult-Use Marijuana Payment Distribution**

Council discussed options for distribution of pending marijuana payment. Mayor Johnson stated he would like 50% of funds to go towards fixing the streets and 50% of funds to be reserved for future property purchases. Councilmember Eggleston suggested possibly investing it. Councilmembers Doane and Baker would like to see funds go directly to water/sewer projects. Further discussion to follow at future council meetings.

#### **B. Water & Sewer Update**

City Manager Bogart updated council on current water and sewer projects.

#### **C. Goals and Objectives Meeting**

Leslie City Council will hold a goals and objectives meeting on February 20, 2024 at 6:00pm.

### **Item 6**

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Eggleston, seconded by Doane to adjourn.  
Time: 8:15 pm.

  
Clerk Chelsea Cox

## CITY OF LESLIE

### RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 01

#### A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN PAYMENT REDUCTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Ingham County Treasurer as foreclosing governmental unit under MCL 211.78g(8)(a) the Treasurer has created a Payment Reduction Program to reduce payments of delinquent taxes due from persons who have received a poverty exemption from taxes under MCL 211.7u; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has elected to use only one of three possible methods to reduce payments, as described in MCL 211.78g(8)(a)(iii):

Cancel all of the interest, penalties, and fees required to be paid under this act; and

WHEREAS, all the costs of such a cancellation will be borne by Ingham County and not by any city, township, village or other taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, parcels within Leslie City will, pursuant to MCL 211.78g(10)(b)(ii), only be eligible for this program with the participation of Leslie City through approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, any change in the terms of the Payment Reduction Program will take effect only after approval of an additional resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of City of Leslie, acting pursuant to MCL 211.78g(10)(b)(ii) elects to participate in the Payment Reduction Program for delinquent taxes adopted by the Ingham County Treasurer as described in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as provided by MCL 211.78g(10)(b) the Treasurer is authorized to provide the Ingham County Treasurer with written notice of Leslie City's participation in the Payment Reduction Program.

Moved by Eggleston, seconded by Doane to approve Resolution 2024-01 Payment Reduction Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Johnson, Beegle, Doane, Eggleston, Sharick, Hunter, Baker

NOES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

#### MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

The above Resolution is hereby certified to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Leslie City Council at a regular meeting conducted at Leslie City Hall, 602 W. Bellevue Street, Leslie, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

  
Clerk Chelsea Cox

**CITY OF LESLIE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 02**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATE START DATES FOR MARCH 2024, JULY 2024,  
AND DECEMBER 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the  
following resolution:

To adopt the alternate start dates as follows:

For the March Board of Review, first meeting in March which can be either the Tuesday or the  
Wednesday following the second Monday in March.

For the July Board of Review, an alternate date during the week of the 3rd Monday in July.

For the December Board of Review, an alternate date during the week of the 2nd Monday in  
December.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

**MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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Clerk Chelsea Cox



**CITY OF LESLIE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 03  
GUIDELINE RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council;  
and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, the City of Leslie, Ingham County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year. To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

2) File a Michigan Department of Treasury Forms 5737 & 5739 Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption (Exhibit C) with the Assessor or Board of Review. Application must be accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year or a Michigan Department of Treasury Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.

3) File a claim reporting that the assets of all persons do not exceed the current asset guidelines as established in Exhibit B. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.

4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.

5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.

6) Produce the additional following information before the Board of Review will act on a poverty exemption application:

- Federal Income Tax Return (use Form 4988 if not filing income taxes)

- State Income Tax Return (use Form 4988 if not filing income taxes)
- Full year of bank account statements
- Proof of monthly/yearly income
- Full year of electric bill copies
- Full year of heating bill copies
- Full year of garbage bill copies
- Full year of cable bill copies
- Full year of internet bill copies
- Documentation of food stamp/bridge card payments
- Any other monthly bill copies

7) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services OR by alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. Alternative guidelines are set forth in Exhibit A.

8) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. A copy of this application is set forth in Exhibit C also known as Michigan Department of Treasury Form 5737 and Form 5739.

The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. See Exhibit A for the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by \_\_\_\_\_ (City Council Member).

\_\_\_\_\_ and supported by City Council Member

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: