

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 01, 2021

Opening

- A. Call to Order. Meeting was called to Order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call: Masters, present; Bobcean, present; Messina, present; Kimmen, present; 2nd trustee seat vacant. Four Members present; two members of the audience.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of agenda. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to approve the agenda with one correction; Item C in New Business; the last line should read as the date of "the June 1st meeting". Roll call taken: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All four ayes; motion carried
- B. Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- C. Financial Report 4-30-21 (Treasurer)
- D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register (Clerk) Ck #s 1612-1658. Totaling \$25,675.82.

Comments from the public on Agenda items. (There may be a three minute time limit.) -None.

Guest Presentations - None.

Correspondence & Announcements.

- A. SCCRC Road Minutes.
- B. Memos on Michigan Medical Marijuana Act from Supervisor May 11, and May 17th.
- C. Fire Committee draft Minutes and draft Burn Ordinance.
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals draft Organizational Meeting Minutes.

Reports

- A. Township Supervisor, Masters
 - 1. Exterior of township Hall. Masters and Bobcean both reported on the condition of the wooden porches, stairs, and ramps. There was general discussion over replacing with wood, concrete, or composite material. There was discussion on the CARES ACT money. Bobcean would like to purchase a defibrillator for the township if the CARES ACT monies would allow. The State will have further information. Masters is concerned over seeing so many cases of shipping containers in the township.
- B. Clerk's Report, Bobcean
 - 1. Fire, EMS runs June report from Memphis.
 - 2. Bond Forfeitures.
 - a. Gallop. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to forfeit Gallop's Bond. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes, bond forfeited.
 - b. Hazelman. **Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to forfeit Hazelman's bond. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; bond forfeited.
 - 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing June 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
 - 4. Porch replacement of both porches. Covered under previous report.
 - 5. Memphis Fire Contract expires June 30, 2021.
 - 6. Waddy Building Inspection payroll report presented. Waddy not in attendance.
 - 7. Clerk will purchase an audio recorder to record all meeting minutes to insure correct Minutes.
- C. Treasurer's Report – Messina. The Summer tax bills will be coming out soon.
- D. Township Trustee/Planning Commission Representative. Seat vacant.

E. Township Trustee/Assessor Kimmen. Kimmen had the Township server checked for upgrading and found it was too old for that to be done. She obtained a quote for having it replaced with upgraded equipment. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Messina, to approve the server quote #196-88, of \$5,440.00, from I. T. Right for a new upgraded server. Payment must be made before processing. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye. Four ayes; motion carried. She is processing two lot splits at this time.

F. Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Jim Waddy. Building Inspector payroll sheet presented by Clerk.

G. Committees

1. Parks – Messina. Parks Committee met on May 13. Draft Minutes were presented. Messina would like to place a flyer for upcoming Parks events in with the summer property tax bills. They are going to get bids on fencing, and try to make the area more ADA compliant. She is looking for someone to do small cement jobs. She is checking on the legalities of showing movies (at no charge).
2. Fire Ordinance – Kimmen; Messina, Masters. Masters asked that the Board postpones the Outdoor Burning Ordinance until next month's meeting. Bobcean asked if this Ordinance is adopted, will Memphis then resume issuing burn permits? Memphis Fire Chief said he would rather that Wales Township do it. Much discussion both ways followed. Kimmen asked if Wales issued the permits, how would we know if Memphis responded to a fire, if it was legal or not? The Memphis Fire Chief replied that I.T. Right handled all of their permits. Bobcean asked if Wales can't issue permits, how do we handle this? She said that on the EGLE paperwork it says that the DNR can issue permits, but if they do it, we cannot handle it locally; the DEQ would be involved. Memphis Fire Chief said that both Richmond and Riley townships have instituted Ordinances, and are issuing permits. After more discussion, Masters **moved**, and Bobcean seconded, to postpone to the July 6th meeting for a decision on Ordinance #7, and responsibility. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

A. Wales Burn Ordinance. Covered under G. Committees, item 2, above.

B. Memphis Fire Department 2021 Contract.

Masters said that in examining old fire contracts with Memphis, she found that they used to issue five year contracts. Also, such contracts are usually done on a run average basis. Our contracts have gone up 5.4% for two years in a row. She then opened for workshop discussion.

Masters said that Emmett Fire Department bills on average runs. Memphis Fire Chief said that Memphis does the same. He also said that Memphis services the same amount of area as Emmett, but charges 10% less than Emmett. They both cover the same amount of land area. Masters said Memphis is not paying its fair share'. She pointed out that last year Wales had 62 runs to Wales from Memphis, but the City of Memphis had 138 runs. The Fire Chief said that is because all of the mutual aid runs are charged to the City of Memphis. Masters also objected to the item in the proposed contract of a 15% late fee. Bobcean said this late fee has been on all previous contracts with each department and we have never had to pay a late fee to either fire department. **Motion** by Bobcean to accept the contract presented by the City of Memphis on 4-6-21. Motion failed due to the lack of a second motion. Memphis Fire Chief said that understands that the late fee and the percentages are the sticking points. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, that we send this draft contract idea, of a three year contract, for \$44,000 a year, to Memphis City Council for a response. Messina would like to include the percentages we have. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, nay; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye. Three ayes, one nay; motion carried.

- C. Medical Marijuana Caregivers Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Byron Township has an Ordinance which has already been through the Courts and has been upheld. **Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to send the Byron Township Ordinance to the Planning Commission as a model to work on our Medical Marijuana Ordinance and amend our Zoning Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Special Meeting June 15th. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to change the date of the Special Meeting from June 15th to June 14, 2021. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.
- E. ADA Front Door Resolution. **Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to pass Resolution 2021-11 to apply for a grant. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.


New Business

- A. COVID 19; request board to adopt Department of Labor MIOSHA General Rules as printed 5/21/21. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to adopt Department of Labor MIOSHA General Rules as printed on 5-21-21; Emergency Rules; Coronavirus Disease 2019. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Road closure for Fair Events. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to allow closure of County Park Drive for the days of July 22 through 28, for County Fair activities. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. Next Meeting, July 6th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk