

Wales Township Board of Trustees Meeting
September 07, 2021

1. Opening

- A. Call to order: Meeting was Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call. Members present: Masters; Bobcean; Messina; Szymanski; Downey. All members present.

2. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of agenda. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Szymanski, to approve the agenda with the movement of Old Business A, Policy #5, to Old Business E, Fire Ordinance. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Szymanski, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- B. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 8-3-21.
- C. Financial Report 7-31-21 (Treasurer). (attached)
- D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register (Clerk). Ck # 1747-1784, \$87,899.20.

3. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items. None.

4. Guest Presentations. Larry Thomson, Supervisor Retiree; Plaque Presentation. Mr. Thomson was present, and was awarded a Plaque of Appreciation for his many years of service to the community, by Supervisor Masters, representing the Board. His roles included serving as Planning Commission member, Supervisor, and Trustee.

5. Correspondence and Announcements.

- A. SCCRC Road Minutes.
- B. MFD and EFD monthly reports.
- C. Yale School Bond info (front counter) Yale is the only school district holding an election this year.

6. Report

A. Township Supervisor, Liz Masters

- 1. Gypsy Moth. The County has a website detailing the sites worst hit by the gypsy moth infestation, with information available.
- 2. County Parks Advisory Committee. Work is being done on the playscape.
- 3. Large Solar Farm inquiry. A nationwide company is looking at 60 to 80 acre parcels of agricultural land for placing large scale solar farms, including in Wales Township.

B. Township Clerk, Cynthia Bobcean

Bobcean reported that today she had a report from Zoning Enforcement Officer Nick Buffa that he had a problem with a township resident last week. On Wednesday he went to Doug Gallop's home because of an ongoing issue. He said that Mr. Gallop wants no one on his property; the only communications he will accept must come through the mail. Mr. Buffa said that Mr. Gallop threatened him. Mr. Buffa only goes out after a bond has been forfeited. He would like this case taken to the Township Attorney. Thomson said the attorney has a private investigator who can do what needs to be done without violating Mr. Gallop's order to keep Township Officials away. Bobcean asked Buffa what exactly what the threat was. He said it was "possible bodily harm and dismantling his vehicle." **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to refer the Gallop case to the attorney for a "letter of demand". Downey said there will still be no proof of threats. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Downey, aye; Messina, aye; Szymanski, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

C. Township Treasurer, Elisha Messina

She is just wrapping up summer taxes. Nothing else at this time.

D. Township Trustee Jason Downey. No report.

E. Township Trustee, Planning, Twp. Assessor, Carly Szymanski.

She has contacted Planner Chris Adkin, as requested last month. Signs, marijuana and electrical will be on her Planning Commission agenda sheet for the next regular meeting.

F. Building Official, Zoning Administrator, Jim Waddy, absent.

G. Committees

1. Park-Messina- She has ordered corn hole game sets. They are solid concrete, and very expensive to ship.
2. Fire Ordinance – Messina, Kimmen, Masters committee. Nothing at this time.

Old Business

A. Policy #3, 5, & #7 review. Board went into Workshop session at 7:47pm on Policies 3, 5, and 7. Policy #3 was last changed in March of 2020. On page 2 of Policy #3, Masters said that she feels the rates of pay for the Chair and members, currently at \$45 and \$35, respectively, should be raised to \$60 and \$50 a meeting respectively. Bobcean asked if the ZBA was included? No response. Syzmanski asked about paid sick leave -Is that only if you are sick? No response. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to amend Policy #3 to state that Planning Commission members will receive \$50.00 per meeting, and the Chair will receive \$60 per meeting, effective immediately, and for these same changes be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Syzmanski, abstain; Bobcean, aye; Downey, aye. Four ayes; one abstention; motion carried.

Policy #5. Move to E. Fire Ordinance.

Policy #7. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Masters, to change Policy #7 to read, "In the absence of the Clerk, the Treasurer will assume the responsibility of the Office. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Supervisor will assume the responsibility". Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye, Syzmanski, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Close Workshop session at 9:02.

B. Policy #23. Wales Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. **Motion** by Messina, second by Masters, to adopt Policy #23, with a value of \$50.00 inserted in the blank in Item B, Gifts.

Roll call taken: Messina, aye; Masters, aye; Downey, aye; Syzmanski, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

C. Website (STG July submittal) **Motion** by Messina, second by Masters, to accept STG as our Website Developer and Host; Gold Package with \$750.00 Annual Management price. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Downey, aye; Syzmanski, aye. All ayes, motion carried. Each Department Head should manage their own department.

D. Hall porches. Downey has a few people in mind to check on repairs to porches.

E. Fire Ordinance. Policy #5. Masters suggested having the Committee meet again. She feels we shouldn't adopt this right now so we can start burn permits on the new website right away per on the Fire Ordinance. Move to next month.

New Business.

A. Hall elm tree. (disease treatment). It would cost \$650.00 for a Certified Arborist to treat the elm tree between the Hall parking lot and the Park parking lot for Dutch Elm Disease for a three year treatment. Only a Certified Arborist is allowed to do this treatment. No action taken.

B. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery tree trimming. There has been quite a bit of wind damage to the trees at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Alex and Sons Tree Trimming has quoted a price of \$700.00 to clean it up.

Motion by Messina, second by Bobcean, to approve Alex and Sons Tree Trimmers to do the trimming and cleanup for \$700.00. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Syzmanski, second by Messina, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next Meeting October 5th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk