

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor L. Thomson; Clerk C. Bobcean; Treasurer E. Messina; Trustee D. Shannon; Trustee E. Masters.

Absent: None.

Also present: Recording Secretary J. Duncan and two members of the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes – October 03, 2017.
- C. Approval of Financial Report (Treasurer)
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Clerk).
Check Register read by Supervisor. Vendor checks from 10-1-17 through 10-31-17 run from check #8501 through #8514, totaling \$23,165.21.
Payroll checks from 10-1-17- through 10-31-17 run from check #3954 through Check #3970, with a gross amount of \$15,324.19.

Statement 10/31/17	Current Beginning Balance	Current Month Income	Current Month Distributions	Month Balance
Chase General Checking	\$ 29,475.41	\$ 62,618.03	\$ 60,869.61	\$ 31,223.83
Chase General Savings	\$ 236,527.22	\$ 33.82	\$ -	\$ 236,561.04
Chase Tax Account	\$ 413,933.11	\$ 799,099.86	\$ 818,884.54	\$ 394,148.43
Chase Bond Savings	\$ 9,699.71	\$ 1,501.38	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,701.09
Parks & Rec. Fund-(designated)	\$ 50,960.81	\$ 4.19	\$ -	\$ 50,965.00
Cemetery Fund-(designated)	\$ 10,751.20	\$.88	\$ -	\$ 10,752.08
Cemetery 365 Day CD 8521-(designated)	\$ 59,641.37			\$ 59,641.37
Chemical 183Day CD 8521	\$ 100,884.99			\$ 100,884.99
Chemical 183 Day CD 8532	\$ 101,269.35			\$ 100,935.84
Talmer 365 Day CD 8543	\$ 145,564.30			\$ 145,834.21
Total Funds				\$ 1,139,647.88

Motion by Messina, second by Bobcean, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Masers, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

GUEST PRESENTATION. Carly Kimmen-Wales Township Assessor. The Township has received a copy of a petition to the State Tax Tribunal from Michael Pflueger, Jr., owner of the previously named Leaning Tree Golf Course, naming Township of Wales as Respondent. He is requesting a reduction in values from \$765,795 to \$260, 000, a difference of \$505,795. The Assessor says we have until July before the Tax Tribunal meets, but it takes time to prepare if we wish to contest his petition. Messina said an appraisal takes from 3 to 5 months to complete

for commercial property. The Township must have an appraisal and a legal representative to fight this. Bobcean asked if Kimmen thought the petitioner would still be owner in a couple of years. Kimmen said "probably". Bobcean would like to have some time to think about this. Thomson is in favor of proceeding to Court. Masters said we need to be fair to all of the taxpayers. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, that, in agreement with the Assessor, we should proceed with taking this to Court, at least for now. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, nay; Thomson, aye. Four ayes; one nay; motion carried.

Kimmen then passed out a paper to Board members concerning mailing of Assessment Tax Notices. She said that many local tax assessors are using a mailing service company in Marysville to do this job. Wales currently has 1,925 records. At the mailing service company's charge of \$0.54 a card, it would cost \$1,039.50. With stamps costing \$0.49 each, plus paper, toner, closing stick-ons, three per notice, man hours, she feels it might be worth mass mailing through that company. Board members agreed with the concept, but said that there are several companies which do the same service, and asked Kimmen if she would be willing to investigate other companies for their prices, reputation, etc. Yes. With that said, **motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to hire a company of her choosing to do the mailing. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. MTA-PAC contribution requests.
- B. Township/SCCRC Advisory Committee Minutes.
- C. Green Drain project information.
- D. RLEMS Report (accolades available separately).
- E. Computer purchases – 2 @ \$750.00 (Emergency purchases) 3 more to go.
There were comments on this subject. The Treasurer's computer suddenly failed, and could not be fixed. Also, the Clerk's computer was acting up, so both were replaced rather than loose valuable information. Since all of the office computers were purchased at the same time, and two failed almost together, it was decided it would be best to also replace the other three at this time. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to purchase three additional computers, at a price range of \$650 - \$750 each. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes: motion carried.

REPORTS.

- A. Township Supervisor. (Thomson)
 - 1. Painting project ready to go – back and front porches. At the time the Agenda was printed, that was the plan. The sudden plunge in temperatures has made this questionable. It may have to wait for Spring.
- B. Township Clerk's agenda. (Bobcean)
 - 1. Swoffer Bond extension expired. Because Mr. Swoffer has already had so many extensions, the Building Inspector suggest he come to the Board for his request. There have not been any inspections for years. After discussion, **motion** by Bobcean, second by Messina, to extend the permit for six months. Masters asked for a stipulation that Building Inspector Waddy be allowed to check on the progress. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Policy # 18, Electronic Storage) was numbered wrong, should be Policy # 19. It will be corrected in the Policy Book.
 3. Birthdays – Linda, November 17th.
- C. Township Treasurer's agenda (Messina) Last week the Township received a counterfeit \$50 bill. It was discovered at the bank. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to accept Policy # 20, Counterfeit Money. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- D. Township Trustee-Planning Commission: (Masters) The Planning Commission is working on updating the Township Master Plan.
- E. Township Trustee-Zoning Board of Appeals; Parks (Shannon) The Local Parks meeting met two weeks ago. The meeting went well.
- F. Committees. None.
- G. Other. None.

OLD BUSINESS

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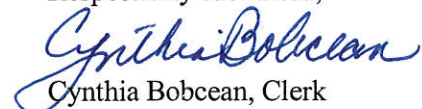
NEW BUSINESS

- A. Counterfeit Money Policy. Handled under Treasurer's Report.
- B. Local Road Funding Assistance Program. Our application was approved by the Road Commission for the 2018 year. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to go forward with the LRFAP grant, and approve \$50,000.00 toward the project. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- Bobcean mentioned that everyone seems to be having trouble with the keys for the doorlocks. After discussion on the different methods of locking and unlocking doors, and which might be best for the Hall, it was agreed that Bobcean will come back with more information.
- Thomson stated that there is a problem with the Planning Commission. It is being dealt with, but it may come to the Board at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT (Next meeting – November 14, 2017) Motion by Shannon, second by Masters, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk