

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 06, 2018

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. Masters; Clerk C. Bobcean; Treasurer E. Messina; Trustee D. Shannon; Trustee L. Thomson.

Absent: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A: Approval of Agenda.

B: Approval of Minutes – January 02, 2018.

C: Approval of Check Register and Financial Report (Treasurer) No Financial Report submitted this month.

D: Approval of additional bills and Check Register. (Clerk)

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

COMMENTS from the public on agenda items. None.

GUEST presentations. Assessor re: Full Quiver. Assessor has not heard back from Full Quiver, no report.

CORRESPONDENCE and announcements.

A. MTA Capital Conference-Medical Marijuana.

B. Annual County/Townships Roads and Bridges meeting 2/27/18, 1-3 p.m.

C. MTA Annual Dinner – St. Clair County Chapter 2/28/18.

D. HSEM Update.

E. SCC Drain Comm. bond.

Wales Township's share of the cost of the upcoming Green Drain project is \$202,000.00. The total cost of the project is \$1,670,000.00. Masters has spoken with the MTA, Attorney Mann, and the Drain Commission concerning payment. The Drain Commission is willing to extend the time in which to pay up front for it.

Board went into workshop session at 7:12.

Masters explained that because Wales has more than 10% interest in the project, Wales must be a party to the bond issuance. It makes Wales responsible for everything that the Drain Commission is liable for. Wales could pay a minimum of \$35,000.00, and not have to be a party to the bond, or pay the whole amount, and also avoid the interest incurred, or make yearly payments and sign into the bond agreement. Thomson asked what the interest is on the bond? Not known at this time. Bobcean asked about the interest on the \$35,000.00, to bring us below 10% liable, if we were to choose that option, to free us from signing the bond? We would pay no interest on the \$35,000, but still on the remainder. Thomson asked how much extra secretarial time all of this drainage paperwork will take? Unknown. Bobcean asked if anyone has contacted Paul Bailey, the township accountant, to ask his opinion. Not yet. Masters did contact township attorney Dubai, who suggested she contact a bond attorney, which she did. He made her aware of the fact that once signed in as a party in the bond issuance, if anything went wrong, Wales could be liable

for legal fees, which could be significant. Workshop ended at 7:26.

Motion by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to make a down payment of \$50,000.00 on Drain contract, and contact Paul Bailey. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, no; Shannon, aye; Messina, no; Masters, no. Two ayes; three nays: motion failed. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to pay the entire \$202,000.00, and be released from the Resolution and Bond. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS

A. Township Supervisor. (Masters)

1. MTA Capital Conference – Medical Marijuana

Masters reported on the MTA breakout session on the new Medical Marijuana laws, and all of the various choices to be made if you opt in. She also reported on the efforts by the MTA people in Lansing to convince the lawmakers to fund the mandate to exempt veterans from property taxes. She asked Deputy Supervisor Duncan to report on her sessions. Duncan reported on the MTA members explaining in detail just how they lobby for their members in Lansing, and also some of the grants available from State programs.

2. Par Plan Medical Marijuana opted “in or out” bulletin

3. Rep/ Paula Hornberger Hall visit of 2-5-18.

B. Township Clerk’s agenda. (Bobcean) The Clerk read the Check register report for the month. Accounts payable checks number from 8562 to 8576 for a total of \$3,326.17, and Payroll checks number from 8583 to 8599, for a total of \$15,959.63.

C. Township Treasurer’s agenda. (Messina) **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to have the Deputy Treasurer be paid to work on the last day of tax collection by the township, Wednesday, February 28th, which is not a regular work day for the township. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried. Memphis Schools has passed a Resolution to collect their school taxes in the summer. Wales Township can choose to opt-in or opt-out of collecting for the school. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to collect the Memphis school tax in the summer tax collection. Roll call vote taken; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

D. Township Trustee-Planning Commission; Emergency Preparedness. (Masters)

1. Plann. Comm. Organizational Meeting 1-15-18. The Chair’s seat is vacant, and one member’s seat is vacant. The vote for officers was to leave the Chair’s seat open until there is a full Board, keep Dave Basnaw as Vice Chair; and keep Gayle Perry as Secretary.

E. Township Trustee-Zoning Board of Appeals; Parks. (Shannon) Shannon reported on the ZBA Organizational meeting. There are two vacancies on the Board. Bobcean asked about Minutes. She will contact Mueller for minutes.

Local Parks Committee will meet in late February or early March.

F. Committees. None.

G. Other. None.

OLD BUSINESS.

A. Budget review. Anticipated Budget amounts for February 2018, as calculated 1-31-18, were presented.

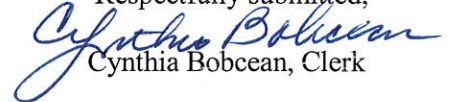
NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Appointment: Larry Thomson to the Planning Commission (Board Rep.) **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to appoint Thomson to the seat of Board Representative on the Planning Commission. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, abstain; Masters, aye. Four ayes; one abstention; motion carried.
- B. Appointment: David Jewell to Planning Commission. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to appoint David Jewell to a seat on the Planning Commission. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- C. Appointment: Nicole Downey to Planning Commission. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to appoint Nicole Downey to a seat on the Planning Commission. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- D. Appointment: Richard Perry to a seat on the Board of Review to replace Nicole Downey. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to appoint Richard Perry to a seat on the Board of Review. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Mr. Jeffries asked about the location of the Green Drain. He was shown on the map. Bobcean gave a warm welcome to Mr. Jewell, who was present.

ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried.
Next meeting, **March 20, 2018.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk