

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 06, 2020

Opening

- A. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll call: Members present: Masters; Messina; Bobcean; Kimmen; Thomson. All present.  
Also present: Recording secretary and one member of the audience.

*Scheduled Public Hearing – Lighting Districts Special Assessment Adjustments*

- A. *Chair opens Public Hearing at 7:02 pm*
- B. *Chair summary of issue*
  - i. *Statement of general case. Required yearly if rates change.*
  - ii. *Explanation of Order of Business.*
  - iii. *Statement of rules for Public Hearing: Public may speak during Public Input (D). There may be a 3 minute speaking limit imposed.*
- C. *Applicant Presentation: Lighting Districts Assessment for 2021.*
- D. *Public Input (Chair may assess audience and set time limits)*
  - i. *Correspondence received pertinent to application. None.*
  - ii. *Persons speaking in support. (name, address) None.*
  - iii. *Persons speaking in opposition. (name, address). None.*
- E. *Chair closes Public Hearing at 7:04 pm*

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting 9/1/20 and Special Board Meeting 9/24/20.
- C. Financial Report (Treasurer) August 2020 Bank reconcile. (attached)
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register #1293-1322; \$56,257.86.

**Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to approve the Consent Agenda with the additions of item C. in Clerk's report; Planning Commission; Item B in Old Business, porches; and item C. in New Business, Lighting Assessment 2020-2021. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Comments from the public on Agenda items. None.

Guest Presentations: None.

Correspondence & Announcements.

- A. Richmond Lenox EMS Response Report.
- B. MTA
- C. Yale Newspaper Historical Marker for Wales Township report.

Reports.

- A. Township Supervisor (Masters)
  - 1. Lixey case update. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020, at 7:00pm at the Community Building on County Park Drive in the Goodells County Park. It was originally published as being held in the West Exhibit Barn, due to COVID restrictions, which have since been relaxed. Bobcean consulted attorney regarding if a new publication is needed for the change of buildings, he advised yes.

**B. Clerk (Bobcean)**

1. Resolution 2020-10 Investments. A new Resolution approving the institutions holding Township funds must be approved every time there is an institution change or name change. **Motion** by Messina, second by Thomson, to approve Resolution 2020-10. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
2. Bond forfeiture – Nathan Nelson. **Motion** by Messina, second by Thomson, to forfeit the Nelson pole barn bond due to long-term inactivity. Roll call vote taken; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Planning Commission. Bobcean asked if storage buildings were allowed on vacant property or not. Thomson stated they are not at this time. She asked why not, since she has a copy of Planning Commission Minutes indicating that they passed a motion to allow them. Thomson explained that is part of the Planning Commission's review of the Zoning Ordinance Book and has not been sent to the Board of Trustees yet. This was not stated in the Planning Commission minutes. Bobcean would like the Planning Commission to make this a high priority matter, since the secretaries and building inspector have to tell residents and possible new residents no to this question. Bobcean stated that we are losing new residents to this and that we are the only area township that does not allow this.

**C. Treasurer, Twp. Parks committee (Messina)**

1. Messina asked that a correction be made on the Township report to County Parks. On the SCCP&RC 2020 request for Local Millage Distribution form, line 6 should read \$1,034.58, not \$984.39. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to correct the figures on line six, as requested by the Auditors. Roll call vote taken. Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

**D. Trustee –Planning Commission (Thomson)** Planning Commission will meet for a scheduled meeting and Public Hearing on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Goodells Park Community Building.**E. Trustee (Kimmen)** The Board of Review will next meet on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Board members must be re-appointed by January.**F. Committees. None.****Old Business.**

- A. Memphis Fire Department. The Memphis Fire Chief notified Wales Township that Memphis will no longer issue fire burn permits to township residents. It is their opinion that the townships must do that. Masters has talked with the Fire Chief, to no avail, and has also spoken with officials from other townships affected by this decision. Few, if any townships have officials with credentials which qualify them to issue legal burn permits. Right now, half of our residents are being issued burn permits (the half serviced by Emmett) and half are not. After much discussion, it was agreed that Masters will attend the next Memphis Council meeting, with questions about regular meetings with the fire department, availability of budget reports, permit issuance, etc. Kimmen suggested contacting the State Fire Marshal. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to have the Supervisor contact our Township Attorney, to see if our existing Ordinance #7 is legal? Discussion. Roll call vote taken: all ayes, motion carried.
- B. Porches. Bobcean is concerned about the condition of our wooden handicap ramp, with an election coming up, and people using the ramp. It was decided to check the ramp before the election.

New Business

- A. Bernard Pearl, Cemetery book compellation re-imbursement request. Pages 2244-2458.  
Mr. Pearl has developed several record books for Wales Township before. This one is more comprehensive, dealing with a larger area, but still including Wales, and listed by "cause of death".  
**Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to purchase the book for \$100.00, payable to Mr. Pearl.  
Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye, Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- B. Village lighting assessments 2020-2021.  
**Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to approve the Special Assessment for the Lighting Districts of Goodells and Lambs. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Adjournment. Motion by Thomson, second by Kimmen, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Next meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk

