

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Opening

- A. Meeting called to Order at 7:01 pm.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call. Present: Masters, Bobcean; Thomson; Kimmen; all in person. Messina; by phone.
Also present: Recording secretary; no members of the audience.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. Supervisor asked to have Agenda include addition of "Judy Duncan, alternate" to Item A, and "Supervisor laptop" to Item D in New Business.
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board meeting 10/06/2020. Kimmen asked to amend the Minutes to include Item A Memphis Fire to Old Business, and to add Lighting Assessment 2021 to item B in New Business.
- C. Financial Report 09/30/2020 (Treasurer) (attached).
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register. (Clerk) checks #1325-1368. \$45,253.41. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to approve the Agenda with the addition to New Business A and addition of New Business D. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Comments from the public on Agenda items. None.

Guest Presentations. None.

Correspondence and announcements.

- A. 10/26 Supervisor memo regarding Planning Commission Recording Secretary Special Hearing pay. Clarification. Per Bobcean, there were no issues.
- B. 10/29 memo Township Park dirt spread. \$599 was spent to spread & level the dirt. Bobcean asked about the bill. Masters presented it.
- C. 10/26 memo: MI DNR fire regulations link to website provided for residents.
- D. 10/08 memo on porch decking material current costs. Supervisor suggested to hold off on extensive work at this time because of high increase in materials costs.
- E. SCC RC 10/20 Board Minutes presented.
- F. Fahey-Schultz OSHA Covid-19 rules update.

Reports

- A. Township Supervisor Masters.
 - 1. 10/26 letter to Attorney Dubay on Fire Ordinance legality. Mr. Dubay said that if the Township doesn't have the 1969 Minutes authorizing the Fire Ordinance, the Ordinance isn't legal. He said we don't have to have an Ordinance, but if we do, then someone has to enforce it. Bobcean asked when Dubay said the old Ordinance isn't legal? Masters said it was during a telephone conversation. Bobcean said she would like to have it in writing for the files. Masters said she would request it from Dubay. Thomson pointed out that would cost money, and Masters could put the telephone conversation down on paper and sign it with an affidavit. Bobcean said that would be acceptable. Thomson added to be sure to send a copy to Dubay.
 - 2. Possible future virtual meetings. The OMA has been amended to allow such meetings through December 2021, also individual members may attend virtually. The ZOOM introductory period has ended. There was discussion on continuing it or not.
 - 3. Masters would like to see the Zoning Administrator give reports on zoning issues to the Board regularly. There was general agreement.
- B. Township Clerk Bobcean.
 - 1. Election Results. (attached).
 - 2. November Birthdays – Linda Waddy.
 - 3. At the end of the meeting, Clerk would like to swear in all elected officials for their oaths of office.

- C. Township Treasurer Messina. (by telephone).
The Treasurer's Department is gearing up for the winter tax mailings.
The Parks Committee had a December meeting scheduled, which they will try to re-schedule to January.
- D. Township Trustee – Planning Commission Board Representative Thomson.
Thomson deferred his report to Supervisor Masters, as he was not at the Public Hearing, and she was. Masters reported that the scheduled Public Hearing for Lixey Storage was postponed until January by the Planning Commission Board, at Mr. Lixey's request, after seeing the Township Attorney in the audience, and not having his own attorney present.
- E. Township Trustee – Assessor Kimmen.
The December Board of Review has a light schedule at this time. They will meet on December 15th at 9:30 a.m. She asked about CARES money for people who work in harm's way. There was some talk of \$50.00 for election workers.
- F. Committees. None.
- G. Other. None.

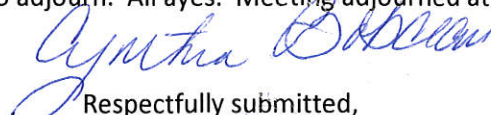
Old Business. None.

New Business.

- A. Re-appoint BOR members Barb Korotko, Rich McClelland, Phil Pokriefka and alternate Judy Duncan, for 1/1/21 to 12/31/23 term. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to re-appoint all four members. Masters asked for voice vote. All in favor, say "aye". All ayes; motion carried.
- B. Tree bids for cemeteries and Hall trimming/removal. The mowing company reported tree problems at the cemeteries and at the Hall. Four estimates were requested; two responded. Owen Tree Service and Alex & Sons Tree Service both came out and reviewed job before bidding. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Messina, to accept the lower bid of \$3,325, from Alex & Sons Tree Service. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried. The supervisor wants the Hall property work to be paid for out of the Township General Fund, and the work at Mt. Pleasant and Lambs Cemeteries will be paid out of the Cemetery Perpetual Care spendable fund. Bobcean stated that is the standard protocol.
- C. December Newsletter deadline to submit inserts or corrections 11/16. The Deputy Treasurer was asked to proof read the Newsletter before final printing.
- D. Laptop for Supervisor. Masters said her laptop is not working properly away from Hall, and with so much work being done remotely, it is unacceptable. She doesn't want a "Cadillac" version, but would like for the Board to set a cap to allow her to obtain a new one quickly. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to authorize a cap of \$1,500 for a new laptop computer for the Supervisor. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Kimmen, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk

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