

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 01, 2020
ZOOM MEETING

Opening

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll call: Members present: Masters; Bobcean; Messina; Thomson, Kimmen.
Also present: Recording secretary; no members of the audience.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 11/10/2020
- C. Financial Report 10/31 (Treasurer) included.
- D. Approval of Additional Bills & Check Register (Clerk) checks #369-1415; \$29,683.76.
Motion by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to approve the Consent Agenda with the additions of items C, D, and E in Correspondence & Announcements; and removal of item B in New Business (already in Clerk's report). Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

Comments from the Public on Agenda items. None.

Correspondence & Announcements

- A. 10/26 Testimonial Letter to Board on Fire Ordinance legality, and Attorney FAX.
- B. Discussion letters from Zoning Administrator and Supervisor, on Monthly Board Report.
Clerk said she already gets reports from the Zoning Administrator. There was discussion on the amount of content to be included in Z.A. reports. Clerk wants O.E.O. reports. So noted. Thomson stated that he had previously worked as Z.E.O, and all five townships had requested monthly reports. Kimmen suggested having the Z.A. only communicate with public by e-mail and texts. Bobcean pointed out that many people don't have Internet service. Bobcean asked Masters to a form to show what she wants completed, at the next meeting. Masters said she will do that, and copy to Zoning Administrator.
- C. Metropolitan Planning survey. Everyone was encouraged to fill out the survey for the County.
- D. Emergency siren. A proposal from the County on the Township emergency siren was presented. Thomson said that if the County will repair the siren at no expense to the Township, he is O.K. with the agreement. More information is needed.
- E. Medical marijuana facility. Masters had a call from someone seeking approval for a medical marijuana facility. He wants to approach the Board. She asked him to prepare something in writing. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to entertain his presentation, with a limit of 20 to 30 minutes, including questions and answers; no more than 15 minutes on his presentation. Voice vote taken; all ayes; motion carried.

Reports.

- A. Township Supervisor Masters
 - 1. Twp. Attorney fees through 10/23 (Lixey case). Masters presented the invoice, noting that over \$1,400 of the bill was attributable to the Lixey case. Once again Masters requested the

Board consider raising our fees for these applications. Thomson said he is proud of our low fees. Recording Secretary Duncan requested to speak. She pointed out that the Township had just received an application for the Planning Commission to hear a request to rezone property; with an additional \$150 on the fee to request a special meeting. That is the fee listed by the township for that request, but it doesn't even cover the cost of wages.

2. Blue Water Fallen Heroes project. The group is asking for information of St. Clair County military personnel who have fallen in action. Thomson asked if they were asking for donations. No replied Masters.

B. Township Clerk Bobcean

1. First Response accounts for Collections. There are ten billings from February through August which have not been paid. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to send all ten billings to Collections. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Thomson, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
2. November 3, 2020 election has been certified by county.
3. The three Resolutions required to approve Poverty Exemptions were presented. **Motion** by Messina, second by Thomson, to approve Resolution 2020-11. After discussion, and a request from Kimmen for the Board to create a formula for the Board of Review to use for partial reductions, Thomson withdrew his second, and Messina withdrew her motion, so the motion was retracted. Kimmen would like for the Board of Review to have a formula that would give the Board of Review guidance on the poverty exemptions. Messina says having a formula shows fairness for all residents. Bobcean asked if these policies could be passed tonight and a formula added later. No Kimmen replied. Bobcean asked if there still is time to pass them at the January meeting. Yes Kimmen replied. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Masters, to postpone consideration of these three Resolutions to the January meeting (as suggested by the Assessor). Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
4. Bobcean would like the board to consider designated pay for non-salaried employees for pay lost due to a death in the family, sick days, etc. She will bring it back at the January meeting. Messina asked "If one of our secretaries are off for two weeks do they get paid? No. Bobcean replied. Supervisor discussed FMLA Laws on payment.
5. Masters asked if the outdoor lockbox for voting is being checked. Yes, every day, and it is being used and checked replied the Clerk.

C. Township Treasurer Messina

Tax bills are going out in a few days.

D. Township Trustee-Planning Commission Thomson.

The Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting by ZOOM on December 07th.

E. Township Trustee-Assessor Kimmen

The Poverty Resolutions have already been covered. Taxes are up 1.4% this year.

F. Building Official, Zoning Administrator Waddy. Not present.

G. Committees. Messina said the Parks Committee will try to get back on track.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

A. St. Clair County Equalization Designated Assessor Position Agreement request.

By State Statute, counties must have Designated Assessors. The County approved an interlocal agreement to sign a contract to hire a Designated Assessor for St. Clair County. They are now requesting that each local governmental entity in the County sign on to the Agreement. Kimmen

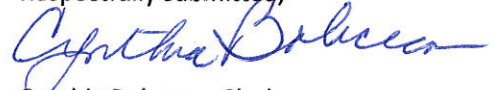
believes it is going to happen, no matter what we do. The County has no choice. Masters believes there may be choices. She thinks the MTA may challenge the State. Bobcean asked if we have to pay the designated \$250 a year for the Designated Assessor, as stated in the agreement. Kimmen said yes, and much more if she comes into our township. Masters said it is not an agreement if we never agreed to anything. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to reject the proposal. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, yes; Thomson, yes; Messina, no; Kimmen, yes; Masters, yes. Four yes votes; one no vote; motion carried.

- B. Masters doesn't want to loose track of employee requests for "direct deposit". Messina looked into it earlier but hasn't followed up, as Bobcean said there is a cost connected to the process. Messina said she will follow up. Masters said she would like to have that report appear on the January Agenda.

Public Comments: none.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Kimmen, to adjourn. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Meeting – January 05, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk

	PRIOR	CURRENT	CURRENT	CURRENT	
	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	
	BALANCE	INCOME	DISTRIBUTIONS	BALANCE	
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 57,859.75	\$ 9,786.66	\$ 25,148.45	\$ 42,497.96	
CHASE GENERAL SAVINGS	\$ 72,602.34	\$ 2.96	\$ -	\$ 72,605.30	0.16%
CHASE TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 1,250,799.05	\$ 116,296.56	\$ 1,361,766.89	\$ 5,328.72	
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$ 22,002.53	\$ 1,600.85	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 19,603.38	0.16%
PARKS & REC FUND-(designated)	\$ 69,732.57	\$ 0.59	\$ -	\$ 69,733.16	0.01%
CEMETARY FUND-(designated)	\$ 18,790.29	\$ 0.16	\$ -	\$ 18,790.45	0.01%
CEMETERY 365 DAY CD-(designated)	\$ 63,358.36	\$ 26.03	\$ -	\$ 63,384.39	0.50%
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8521	\$ 107,373.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,373.84	0.05%
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8532	\$ 107,427.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,427.97	0.05%
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8543	\$ 154,816.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,816.26	0.05%
					7/1/2021
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 151,908.00	
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 509,653.43	
TOTAL FUNDS				\$ 661,561.43	
ALL 4 CD'S HAVE BEEN RENEWED FOR A ONE YEAR TERM					