

**WALES TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 02, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. and opened with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Elizabeth Masters; Clerk Cynthia Bobcean; Treasurer Elisha Messina; Trustee David Shannon; Trustee Larry Thomson.

Absent: None.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and Public Budget Hearing.
- C. Approval of Financial Report (Treasurer) None. Financial report approved at 3-19-19 meeting.
- D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register (Clerk). Clerk read Check Registry and amount. Checks issued ran from #559 to #603; for a total of \$41,840.82.

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

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS** from the audience on agenda items. None.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS:** Sheriff Tim Donnellon, on Recreational Marijuana. Sheriff Donnellon gave a slide presentation on the recent legislation passed concerning recreational marijuana. Local municipalities must consider whether to allow commercial operations to exist in their jurisdictions or not. Some things to consider are; because marijuana is considered illegal by the federal government, banks cannot accept cash money from known operations. Therefore, robbery of their establishments is commonplace. Their guards are not allowed to carry weapons, for. He also went into the financial aspect of allowing such activities to exist. The State collects 10% of all taxes collected from them up front. No portion of that money is allocated to Law Enforcement. Local entities have three choices of action on the new laws. They can opt in, opt out, or wait to see if they want such establishments in their community. If you opt in, you cannot opt out later. That would put people in jeopardy who legally began a business. If you opt out, you can change your position later if you wish. Many of the local communities are choosing the "wait and see" attitude. Thomson asked if townships can pass moratoriums? No. Waddy asked if these regulations also pertain to commercial growers? Yes. Messina asked if the Federal government can shut things down? He doesn't know. It depends on who is in power in Washington.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Fire Authority 2<sup>nd</sup> draft. Articles of Incorporation, and email discussion.

**REPORTS**

- A. Township Supervisor (Masters)
  - 1. Road Commission Annual Road Tour, 3-21. Masters and Shannon attended.
  - 2. Board of Review and Assessor Recommendation of Appreciation letters. Masters would like Board approval to send letters of appreciation to the Board of Review members, and to the

Assessor, for outstanding work in completing the Annual Board of Review meetings with the taxpayers. The Board members approved.

3. Supervisor's Meeting. There was general discussion on the Drain Commission. Masters is working with St. Clair Township and Columbus Township concerning the Holland Drain, and the Drain Commission's plans for it.
4. Richmond-Lenox EMS tour. Masters toured the newest facility, and was very impressed with the attention paid to energy efficiency. This building will make emergency help more readily available to Wales residents.
5. Township park. The Township Hall and the Township Park parking lots are to be resurfaced later this season. Masters would like for the Parks Committee to consider including a paved handicap walkway included in the project.

B. Township Clerk (Bobcean)

1. Resolution 2019-04, Amended Budget. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to adopt Resolution 2019-04, General Appropriations Act of Wales Township (Amended). Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
2. Resolution 2019-05, salary of Wales Township Supervisor. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to adopt Resolution 2019-05, Supervisor's salary. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, abstain. Four ayes; one abstention; motion carried.
3. Resolution 2019-06, Clerk's salary. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to adopt Resolution 2019-06, Clerk's salary. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, abstain. Four ayes; one abstention; motion carried.
4. Resolution 2019-07, Treasurer's salary. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Shannon, to adopt Resolution 2019-07, Treasurer's salary. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, abstain. Four ayes, one abstention; motion carried.
5. Resolution 2019-08; Trustees salaries. **Motion** by Messina, second by Masters, to adopt Resolution 2019-08; salary of Trustee No. 1, and Trustee No. 2. Roll call vote taken: Messina, Aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, abstain; Thomson, abstain. Three ayes; two abstentions; motion carried.

C. Township Treasurer. (Messina). March Financial report was given in March, due to timing of that meeting. The township parks meeting was cancelled. There will be one scheduled soon. Masters mentioned that cement pads will be necessary for the park benches. She will be meeting with Eric Shannon on the parks groundwork.

D. Township Trustee (Planning Commission) (Thomson). Thomson thanked the Board for supplying the Planning Commission members with books and maps to work on the Zoning Ordinance review.

E. Township Trustee (Zoning Board of Appeals) (Shannon). Shannon missed the last Fire Authority Meeting. There has not been a Parks meeting recently. Masters attended the Fire Authority meeting. Jeff White from RLEMS also attended. Draft submitted under Correspondence. Sheriff Donnellon was asked if the police work under such an act such as Act 57? No. She stated that Wales needs some firm financial figures. She explained some of the questions. Who owns the equipment? Who sets millage rates, etc.? Messina asked, "If the two fire departments want to keep their own equipment, what does the Authority have?" The next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Masters will check to see if these meetings fall under the Open Meetings Act.

F. Committees. Parks. Already covered.

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Proposed Zoning Amendment for Solar Ordinance. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to adopt the proposed amendment to Ordinance #43, to add Solar Energy section. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried. The Clerk must publish notice. The Ordinance cannot be enforced until eight days after publication. Clerk will mail Metropolitan Planning the completed Ordinance amendment referral form.
- B. Metropolitan Planning Spring Workshop. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to authorize payment for attendees of the spring workshop. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Shannon, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- C. Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer salary review. Discussion began, Masters called for Board to go into workshop session. Workshop began at 8:17 p.m. discussion ran from range of pay in surrounding townships, to equality of pay between the two deputies, to changing Township Policy #3, etc. Workshop ended at 8:22 p.m. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to postpone to allow for more research. Voice vote called: four in favor; one against: motion carried.
- D. Resolution to apply to Par Plan for light pole Grant. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to adopt Resolution 2019-09; Risk Reduction Grant Application Park Safety and Security Lighting. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

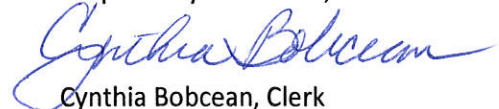
NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Road Maintenance 2019-2020 SCCRC work order schedule proposal. Presented and accepted.

COMMENTS from the public. Mr. Andy Flood, 2036 Goodells Road, asked if there is any ditching proposed? Some. He has water problems. Supervisor said she would look at it.

ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Next meeting 5-7-19.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk