

WALES TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 02, 2019

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor L. Masters; Clerk C. Bobcean; Treasurer E. Messina, (arrived at 7:11);
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 the Minutes of the June 04, 2019 meeting.
- C. Financial Report (Treasurer) May 2019 Bank Reconcile
- D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register (Clerk). Checks 689 -730; \$23,340.71.

RECONCILED ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR APRIL 2019

	PRIOR MONTH BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH INCOME	CURRENT MONTH DISTRIBUTIONS	CURRENT MONTH BALANCE
4/30/19 STATEMENT				
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$45,932.68	\$42,120.00	\$65,916.25	\$22,136.43
CHASE GENERAL SAVINGS	\$190,220.68	\$29.29	\$35,000.00	\$155,249.97
CHASE TAX ACCOUNT	\$313.10		\$43.97	\$269.13
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$8,979.23	\$501.47	\$250.00	\$9,230.70
PARKS & REC FUND (designated)	\$73,692.05	\$6.06		\$73,698.11
CEMETERTY FUND (designated)	\$15,571.34	\$601.33		\$16,172.67
CEMETERY 180 DAY CD- (designated)	\$61,162.39			\$61,162.39
CEMEICAL 180 DAY CD 8521	\$103,624.17			\$103,624.17
CEMEICAL 180 DAY CD 8532	\$103,676.41			\$103,676.41
CEMEICAL 365 DAY CD 8543	\$149,409.96			\$149,409.96
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$151,033.17
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$543,596.77
TOTAL FUNDS				\$694,629.94

Motion by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to approve the Agenda with the changes of correcting the date in Item E in Reports to "meeting date 7/27", and adding Item C, Request for Resolution, to New Business. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. Four ayes; motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public on Agenda items. None.

Guest Presentation: None.

Correspondence and Announcements.

- A. Richmond/ Lenox EMS Response Report & 7/3 Blood Drive.
- B. Planning Commission Minutes 6-18-19 (draft).
- C. St. Clair County Drain Commission. REDISTRICT DAY OF REVIEW FOR #203, HOLLAND, NEATON DRAINS; JULY 9. The Supervisor explained the three drains and what the notices entailed.
- D. Brockway Survey example. Showing how other communities get opinions of their residents.
- E. LRFA 2020 Application; the gravel haul is complete, the ITC Cove Road repair is complete.

Reports

- A. Township Supervisor (Masters)
 1. Cemetery Non-spendable Perpetual Care review. The restricted and non-restricted funds distribution has been questioned. It has been reviewed by the Treasurer and Auditor a few years ago. It may need to be placed in two separate accounts.
- B. Township Clerk's agenda (Bobcean).
 1. The Audit has been completed, no problems.
 2. The election is August 06, 2019. Because of this, the next Board Meeting date is August 13.
 3. July birthday; Carly, July 4th.
- C. Township Treasurer (Messina) Township Parks Committee.

The savings Certificates were renewed for twelve months instead of six months because of the difference in interest rates. Parks reports that Shannon Excavating will start their work soon, with the construction people to follow immediately. Parks meeting schedules are to be set on confirmed dates, not "as we can". Bobcean and Masters both stressed having meetings.
- D. Township Trustee – Planning Commission (Thomson)

Thomson has invited Zoning Administrator Waddy to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on July 16.
- E. Township Trustee – ZBA; SCC Parks: Fire Authority representative. (Shannon)

The two fire departments involved seem intent on forming an Authority, with or without the involved townships joining. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to remove Wales Township from the Fire Authority meetings. Discussion followed. Masters is concerned with the possibility of monetary repercussions if we withdraw. Messina is concerned about service. She asked if the two fire departments can refuse us service? Also, can we refuse them? Neither side has any other choices than to continue service. Roll call vote was taken. Thomson, pass; Masters, yes; Shannon, yes; Messina, no; Bobcean, no; Thomson, yes. Three ayes; two nays; motion carried. Masters asked if anyone would object if she sent a letter to the departments and communities involved, requesting them to come to our Township for some answers and explanations. No objections were voiced. She explained the inequality with representation.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

- A. Eugene Haley Board of Review resignation acceptance. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to accept Mr. Haley's resignation. All ayes; motion carried.
- B. Parkland 2019-2020 farm lease donation. Masters would like to have the money from the farmer's parkland "donation" to be put toward next year's account, since he can't farm this year due to the weather conditions. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Thomson, that we refund the donated money from the farmer in lieu of his inability to use the land. After discussion, Bobcean said she would like to withdraw her motion. Thomson concurred with her decision, and withdrew his second. Motion withdrawn.

- C. Request for Resolution. Masters presented a Resolution in support of the efforts to stop the sale of Silver Trails Scout Camp. She explained the workings of the Conservancy in their efforts toward holding the land until Grant Township can obtain a grant to keep the land. It cannot be saved as a Scout Camp, but the township would like to preserve it as a park. No money comes from Wales if this Resolution passes. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to pass Resolution 2019-12. Bobcean said a Resolution is not necessary to show support, just a written letter. Others said a Resolution carries more weight. MTA is involved in this issue because of zoning issues involved. The County has agreed to help the (Grant) Township fill out grant application forms. Roll call vote was taken: Thomson, yes; Messina, yes; Shannon, yes; Bobcean, no; Masters, yes. Four ayes; one nay; motion carried.

Public Comments. When are the tax bills coming out? They went into the mail yesterday or today.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting date is August 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk