

Wales Township Board 2021-2022 Business Budget Hearing
& Business Meeting by Zoom.
March 16, 2021

Opening

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Masters, here; Bobcean, here; Messina, here; Thomson, here; Kimmen, here. All present.

Scheduled Public Hearing – FY 2021-22 Budget

- A. *Chair opens Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.*
- B. *Chair Summary of Issues*
 - 1. *Statement of General Case*
 - 2. *Explanation of Order of Business*
 - 3. *Statement of Rules for a Public Hearing*
- C. *Topic/Applicant Presentation-Budget 2021-2022*
- D. *Public Input (Chair may assess audience and set time limits)*
 - 1. *Correspondence Received pertinent to Application*
 - 2. *Persons speaking in support (name, address)*
 - 3. *Persons speaking in opposition (name, address)*

There being no input from the public;
- E. *Chair closes Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.*

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of the 2/02/21 and 2/09/21 Minutes.
- C. Financial Report (Treasurer) January 2021 Bank reconcile
- D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register (Clerk) checks # 1502-1532= \$19,145.50.

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

Comments from the Public on Agenda items.

Email to Board, Kathy Grieb, resident on ditching.

Kathy Grieb stated that she wrote a letter to the Township Board concerning a road ditch problem at her residence, and wondered if that will be considered during the budget discussion? Supervisor advised her that it will probably come up in April. The Clerk pointed out that the Township doesn't usually look at spot ditching, they look for long stretches but sometimes residents can contract with the Road Commission and pay for it. Grieb said that the problem stems from a Road Commission project.

Larry Morton just wanted to let the Board members know that he is present at the meeting, and if any Board members have questions for him, he is available. Supervisor pointed out that his issue is not on this agenda, but will be on the Meeting of the 23rd of March.

Dave Piontkowski asked if this time was just for agenda items. Supervisor said yes, but if he just had a few comments, and no members of the Board objected, he could have the floor briefly. No one objected. He has concerns with marijuana operations nearby. He would like to see regulations, saying there are three operations within a half-mile of him. He said he knows that Riley Township and Casco Township are both trying to limit pole barns being built on vacant

land, and high voltage wiring being allowed. Masters asked other Board members for comments; Thomson asked, "We don't allow marijuana, do we?" Masters explained we opted OUT on allowing facilities, but there have been changes in the State laws since then. We have a Regulatory Ordinance against recreational use, but Mr. Piontkowski feels that houses and barns are being used for large-scale operations. Thomson suggested that since the township has no police force of its own, that we turn this over to the County and/or the State Police. Mr. Piontkowski said he feels that we should either regulate it or profit from it.

Guest Presentations. None.

Correspondence & Announcements

- A. Email to Board, Kathy Grieg, resident on ditching. Covered on Public Comments above.
- B. Special Meeting set for 3/23/21 Rezone Application. Masters is still waiting on a report from our Planner, of Carlisle/Wortman & Associates. Our Planner and our Attorney will both be at that meeting.
- C. AGFOA Plan, American Rescue Plan.

Reports.

A. Supervisor (Masters)

- 1. Suggestion by Dave Struck, SCCMP on Rezone Application policy adoption. Mr. Struck recommended that the Township write a policy agreeing to involve the Professional Planner from the beginning of a petition. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to involve our local Planner from the beginning on a rezoning application. Thomson suggested writing the policy first. Bobcean agreed. Discussion followed. Kimmen agreed to amend her second, and Masters agreed to amend her motion, to write a Policy for the Board to review rezoning applications and recommend Planner involvement with the Planning Commission. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye, Kimmen, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- 2. Request by residents (3) to consider Yale Expositor for publishing legal notices. Masters has found that the Yale Expositor charges \$32.00 a year for subscription. The North Macomb Voice has a yearly fee, but doesn't charge the Township Hall, because the Hall spends so much money with them. Masters suggested that we look into the Yale paper. Bobcean said we spend between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year on advertising with the Voice and we do not pay a yearly subscription cost. She is concerned about the other residents in the Township that don't subscribe to the Yale Expositor. She also added that the Voice is the "Township Newspaper of Record". She said she will look into the advertising costs of the Yale paper.
- 3. Road tour is on 3-17-21.

B. Clerk (Bobcean)

- 1. (withdrawn)
- 2. Memphis School election May 4th, 2021.
- 3. Budget amendments for 2020-2021 Motion by Messina, second by Masters, to approve closing the Budget for 2020-2021. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- 4. Resolution 2021-04, General Appropriations for 2021-2022. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Kimmen, to accept Resolution 2021-04, General Appropriations Act. Roll

call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Fire Run report for February attached.
6. 2021-2022 Calendar presented. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to change the meeting date of May 4, 2021 to May 11, 2021, because of the school election on the 4th. Correct typing error on July 06; add Monday, July 5, 2022, Thursday, December 23, 2022; and Thursday, December 30, 2022, to the list of closed legal Holidays and paid Holidays. Roll call vote taken; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, ay; Thomson, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Treasurer, Township Parks Committee (Messina)

Tax collection is completed. Parks Committee has not met, but is hoping to hold outdoor meetings in the spring. Bobcean would like to see a memorial for the late Trustee Dave Shannon. He was such a big part of that park, and did so much for it. Messina said she has been in contact with his family to try to co-ordinate something. They have been talking among themselves about something like a small pavilion put up in his name. A meeting may happen in the fall.

D. Trustee – Planning Commission (Thomson) The Planning Commission met last night for a Public Hearing on the Lixey Site Plan request. The Commission moved to approve Mr. Lixey's request, with the conditions listed. The Commission's next regular meeting will be on April 19th.

E. Trustee & Assessing (Kimmen-DeMil)

March Board of Review is completed, and all of her reports have been approved by the County. The Roll is good to go. BOR meetings were conducted by Zoom, except for one day when all paperwork needed signatures.

Committees – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comment. Mr. Chad Budnick, Acting Lieutenant of the Memphis Fire Department, spoke to say that he will be attending our meetings.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Kimmen, to adjourn. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:34. Next meeting, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Next regular meeting, April 06, 2021, planned to be in person.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk