

**WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 08, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Masters; Messina; Bobcean; Thomson; Shannon.

Absent: None.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Agenda:
- B. Approval of Minutes- 12-04-18 Board; Planning Commission Draft Minutes, 12-10-18.
- C. Financial Report (Treasurer) November 2018 bank reconciliation
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Clerk) Checks 432-473. \$54,748.85.

**REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 11/30/18**

	PRIOR MONTH BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH INCOME	CURRENT MONTH DISTRIBUTION	CURRENT MONTH BALANCE	INT	RENEW
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 16,472.99	74,354.95	29,672.39	61,155.55		
CHASE GENERAL SAVINGS	\$ 41,744.56	1,002.44	-	42,747.00	0.18%	
CHASE TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 10,716.84	7,865.31	8,615.09	9,967.06		
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$ 15,474.22	1,752.27	3,755.00	13,471.49	0.18%	
PARKS & REC FUND (designated)	\$ 59,379.82	14,269.81	-	73,667.63	0.10%	
CEMETERY FUND (designated)	\$ 14,564.01	201.23	-	14,766.44	0.10%	
CEMETERY 180 DAY CD (designated)	\$ 60,567.01	-	-	60,567.01	1.95%	1/16/2019
CHEMICAL 180 DAY CD 8521	\$ 102,607.08	-	-	102,607.08	1.95%	12/29/2018
CHEMICAL 180 DAY CD 8532	\$ 102,658.80	-	-	102,658.80	1.95%	12/29/2018
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8543	\$ 148,765.99	-	-	148,765.99	1.64%	1/3/2019
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				149,001.08		
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				481,372.97		
TOTAL FUNDS				630,374.05		

**Motion** by Messina, second by Shannon, to approve consent agenda with the additions of "Parks Committee Minutes" under Consent Agenda B; and "reports", under Correspondence B; and, "Director Freidland's retirement" under Correspondence C, as presented. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye, Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Supervisor allowed audience member to speak on a subject not on the agenda. Mr. Ray Sutphen pointed out an article in the Port Huron Times Herald, showing townships who have decided to "opt out" of allowing marijuana facilities in their townships. He would like to see Wales Township included in that list. His wife concurs.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. SCC Metropolitan Planning approval of Solar Ordinance.
- B. Richmond/Lenox EMS Response reports.
- C. Director Jeff Freidland's retirement.

#### REPORTS

- A. Township Supervisor. Masters.
  - 1. Legal: El-Haddad case Hearing Feb. 22, 2019. Case to be heard in Circuit Court.
  - 2. SCC Road Commission Board letter re: ITC. Masters explained problem with ITC. They promised to compensate for problems with bringing in heavy equipment over township roads. There was heavy damage to roads, and a pittance recovery check was received.
  - 3. Next Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Township Clerk's agenda. Bobcean.
  - 1. There are three birthdays this month; Messina, Duncan, and Kelly.
  - 2. The Board of Review Poverty Exemption policies are up for renewal.
    - a. 2019 Poverty Exemption Policy & Guidelines. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to adopt Resolution 2019-01, with the change of the word "may" to "shall" on the first line of page 2. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
    - b. 2019 Guidelines for Applicants Requesting Consideration for Poverty Exemptions. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to adopt Resolution 2019-02. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
    - c. 2019 Asset Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2019. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to adopt Resolution 2019-03. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- C. Treasurer's agenda, Township Parks Committee. Messina. Taxes are coming in at a steady rate. Messina presented the Parks Committee Meeting Minutes of their December 10, 2018 meeting. She also reported on some changes to the Multi-purpose courtyard, in order to comply with certain grant requirements.
- D. Township Trustee – Planning Commission. Thomson. Thomson asked if the Board wanted to review the Zoning Ordinance Book after completing their review of the Master Plan Book. Board responded yes, that is the usual procedure. Bobcean asked if there was ever any clarification on the Sign Ordinance? Yes, it had already been clarified. Shannon stated that Mr. Brochu indicated that the Parks Commission may want to relocate the site of the sign.
- E. Township Trustee – Zoning Board of Appeals. Shannon. The ZBA will meet in January.
- F. Committees. Fire Authority. Shannon attended a Fire Authority meeting, with only two townships represented. He said that if that continued to happen, where no business can be conducted, he will not attend any more meetings.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Sparling Road mobile home. Masters explained the problem of a mobile home being brought onto a property with an already existing home on it, and her attempts to have the problem rectified, without results. She's looking for Board approval to allow her to ask the Township

Attorney to send a formal letter of warning to the property owner of record. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to allow Supervisor to instruct Attorney to send letter. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.


- B. Re-appointments: BOR; Judy Duncan, alternate BOR. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to re-appoint Judy Duncan as alternate BOR member. All ayes: motion carried.
- C. Parking Lot; bids for lighting. Two bids were submitted for lighting, but Treasurer asked for more time to investigate other options. Approved.
- D. Hall parking lot asphalt 2" overlay. Two bids presented, but Messina wants time to check further. Approved.
- E. Township Park Committee re-appointments and new applicant considerations. Hold until February meeting.
- F. Construction Board of Appeals re-appointments for 3 year terms. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to re-appoint Larry Bradke, Dane Campbell, Walter Davis, and Mike Baranowski. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Bill Sarwars asked if what was presented at the Public Hearing on Solar Amendments is unchangeable? No, it is not. His concerns are with Large Solar; in Item I, height and visibility worry him. If a solar panel can extend ten feet up, why must a property owner be restricted to a six foot fence? Are there any rules on driveway placements for these projects? No, but Thomson pointed out that these projects require site-plan approvals through the Planning Commission, which has the authority to include such regulations. Mrs. Scott asked about property value changes. The Assessor would have to answer that.

Mr. Sutphen asked if there are any mentions about warranties when purchasing lights and asphalt? Mrs. Sutphen would like to have a street light at the intersection of Wales Center and Lapeer roads.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk