

**WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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 three members of the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A: Approval of Agenda.

B: Approval of Minutes – October 02, 2018; Planning Commission Minutes draft , 10-29-18.

C: Financial Report (Treasurer) September 2018 bank reconciliation.

D: Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Clerk) checks #342-387, totaled \$36,710.77.

REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL 30, 2018

4/30/18 STATEMENT	PRIOR	CURRENT	CURRENT	CURRENT			
	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	INT	RENEW	
	BALANCE	INCOME	DISTRIBUTIONS	BALANCE			
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 27,413.40	\$ -	\$	\$ 27,413.40			
CHASE GENERAL SAVINGS	\$ 52,543.76	\$ 19,100.46	\$ -	\$ 71,734.22	0.18%		
CHASE TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 787,945.56	\$ 1,159,316.36	\$ 1,941,545.57	\$ 5,716.35			
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$ 16,219.46	\$ 2,002.24	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 15,471.70	0.18%		
PARKS & REC FUND (designated)	\$ 59,387.89	\$ 4.88	\$ -	\$ 59,392.77	0.10%		
CEMETERY FUND (designated)	\$ 13,562.84	\$ 801.17	\$ -	\$ 14,364.01	0.10%		
CEMETERY 365 DAY CD-(designated)	\$ 60,567.01	\$	\$	\$ 60,567.01	1.95%	1/16/19	
CHEMICAL 183 DAY CD 8521	\$ 102,607.08	\$	\$	\$ 102,607.08	1.95%	12/29/18	
CHEMICAL 183 DAY CD 8532	\$ 102,658.80	\$	\$	\$ 102,658.80	1.95%	12/29/18	
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8543	\$ 148,158.54	\$ 607.45	\$	\$ 148,765.99	1.64%	1/3/19	
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 134,323.79			
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 474,367.54			
TOTAL FUNDS				\$ 608,691.33			

Motion by Bobcean, second by Thomson, to approve as amended by the additions of New Business 1, Commendation of Sexton; and 2, fill two Township positions. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

COMMENTS from the public on agenda items. Mr. Bill Sarwas, who attended the Public Hearing on the Solar Amendment, had some additional comments on the subject. He wishes the proposed Ordinance had more in it protecting nearby property owners. He's concerned about out-of-State operators of these projects. He feels the projects should be considered Industrial. He hopes more will be added to the Ordinance before it is finalized. His neighbor Laura Scott, in attendance, agrees with him.

GUEST presentations. Jeff White, Director of Richmond-Lenox Emergency Medical Services, is asking for a renewal of their contract with Wales Township. He said there are no changes from last year's annual contract. He also explained about the delay in proceeding with the proposed new EMS building. A different site may be available. New ambulances will have a different look; they will be built on truck chassis rather than van. EMS staff are going through "active shooter" classes now. Bobcean asked: would it be beneficial for our office staff to have that training? Yes. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters,

to approve signing of the Wales- Richmond-Lenox EMS contract. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE and announcements.

- A. Richmond-Lenox EMS response report.
- B. Solar Amendment Ordinance 43 – Public Hearing 10-29-2018.
- C. Fire Authority Supervisor's memo October 11, 2018. Next meeting Nov. 14, 6:30pm, Emmett.
- D. Township Roads and Bridges Advisory Committee Minutes. Thomson noted that there are a couple of vacancies on the committee, and thinks we should apply for one of them.

REPORTS

- A. Township Supervisor (Masters)
 - 1. Legal: El-Haddad case update. The case goes to trial in February.
 - 2. Green Drain progress meeting Oct.10 – Judy Duncan sent as observer at on-site meeting.
 - 3. Applicants for BOR and ZBA. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to appoint Phillip Pokriefka, of Emerson Road, to the open position on the Board of Review. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to appoint William Gilmer, of Yager Road, to the open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Shannon, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
 - 4. Cove Rd. resurface LRFA application. Wales application for the 50-50 grant money for road improvement projects has been approved by the Road Commission for Cove Road.
- B. Township Clerk's agenda. (Bobcean)
 - 1. Election results shown.
 - 2. Thank-you letter from Wales Historical Society. The Historical Society President sent a card thanking the Board for allowing them to hold meetings at the Hall. The group has grown and will meet at Goodells Park for future meetings.
 - 3. Birthday – Linda, Nov. 17th.
- C. Township Treasurer's agenda. (Messina)

No report but as Chair of the Parks Committee, she reported that she put together a proposal for a grant, and the Park has been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant from the St. Clair County Foundation for a multi-purpose court for our park. There is also the possibility of a matching grant from St. Clair County Parks and Recreation. There may be a December Parks meeting.
- D. Township Trustee-Planning Commission; Emergency Preparedness. (Thomson) The next Planning Commission Workshop session will be on November 19th.
- E. Township Trustee-Zoning Board of Appeals; Parks. (Shannon) He is happy to see Gilmer on the ZBA, has worked with him before. He would like to see every member of the Board go to the Park property and agree on exactly where the new multi-purpose playscape will be placed. Bobcean commended him for helping with the lighting for the parking lot on Election Day and night.
- F. Committees. Already covered.
- G. Other. None.

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. HSEM, e-mail and Larry Thomson memo. St. Clair County mutual aid forms for local entities to participate in FEMA has been discussed. Masters requested County to clarify their comments on wording of the agreement. The matter will be brought up again later.

NEW BUSINESS.

- A. SCC Parks and Rec. 2018 Grants application. Covered under Treasurer's report.
- B. Fire Authority – Wales Board. Meeting tomorrow night. Masters asked if the Board would like to consider forming a sub-committee to keep abreast of the ongoing discussion. No replies. She would also like to consider involving MTA attorneys.
- C. MTA training. Masters has MTA information on upcoming webinar training sessions for township officials and appointees at half price if bought in blocks during the month of November. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to purchase the suggested block of webinar training sessions. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- D. Commendation. A resident of Algonac, a former school Superintendent, let the Township Board and staff know how very helpful Sexton John Galbraith was in aiding him with locating the gravesite of a long-deceased ancestor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Next meeting – December 04, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk