

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 06, 2021

Opening

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to Order at 7:01 p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Masters, present; Bobcean, present; Messina, present; Kimmen, present; Thomson absent. Four members present.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of 3-23-21. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye, Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. Approval of the Minutes- 3-16-21 Regular Board Meeting, and 3-23-21 Special Board Meeting.
- C. Financial Report 2-28-21 (Treasurer). (attached)
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Clerk) Ck. Nos. 1533-1570. \$44,199.31.

Comments from the public on agenda items. (There may be a 3 minute time limit). Mr. Chad Budnick, member of the Memphis Fire Department, gave their most recent fire run report. In January Memphis had 26 runs, 13 in Wales; in February they had 20 runs, 4 in Wales; and in March they had 43 runs, 7 in Wales. Masters brought up the fact that Wales doesn't have a clear idea of how the charges are figured by the fire dep't. Budnick explained that several things; time, manpower, equipment, etc. go into it.

Guest presentations. None.

Correspondence & Announcements.

- A. Richmond-Lenox EMS Jan. and Feb. report.
- B. MTA: Open Meetings Act, MDHHS Covid rulings publication. By St. Clair Co. Resolution, St. Clair County is still under emergency rules until 6-30-21.
- C. MTA Publications: 3-16, 3-23.
- D. SCCRC Road Minutes.
- E. Planning Commission Lixey Public Hearing draft Minutes 3-15-21.
- F. Info from Messina (Treasurer) on marijuana vacant homes/barns with high voltage upgrades.

Reports

- A. Township Supervisor, Liz Masters
 - 1. Publications about Kenockee and Brockway on marijuana grow houses. Kimmen inquired about requirements for medical grow operations. Messina and Masters explained as well as they could. Messina brought in information on marijuana caregivers' regulations. There was discussion on per-person or per-household licensing numbers. Masters said that if we have an Ordinance, the County will enforce it. Budnick said that it is becoming a bigger problem everywhere. Messina is concerned about the power grid. Bobcean added that someone told her that limiting high voltage doesn't stop the growers. They are turning to generators and solar.
 - 2. Kimball Township inquiry on fire coverage in eastern portion of Wales. Masters stated that she did not initiate the call, they were just checking to see if there may be an interest. No comments from the Board.

B. Township Clerk Report, Cindy Bobcean

1. Resolution 2021-05; Clerk salary. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to adopt Res. 2021-05. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, abstain. Three ayes; one abstention, one absent: motion carried. Messina tried to do a study on surrounding communities, wanted to know if this subject can be revisited? Yes.
2. Resolution 2021-06; Supervisor salary. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Messina, to adopt Res. 2021-06. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, abstain. Three ayes; one abstention, one absent. Motion carried.
3. Resolution 2021-07, Treasurer salary. **Motion** by Bobcean, second by Kimmen, to adopt Res. 2021-07. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, abstain. Three ayes; one abstention; one absent. Motion carried.
4. Resolution 2021-08; Trustees salaries. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to adopt Res. 2021-08. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Kimmen, abstain. Three ayes, one abstention, one absent. Motion carried. Master would like to revisit this pay.
5. Burn permits. Bobcean is concerned about how we handle permits to burn if Memphis Fire Department or City will no longer issue them. She said Masters had told someone "We cannot bill or fine anyone." Masters said that was incorrect, it was "we cannot fine anyone". Budnick said Memphis never charged the township for illegal burns or for First Response Medical runs. There was general discussion on Ordinance #16, from 9-11-07, and Resolution 2007-12, and the need for a new Ordinance. Bobcean hopes to have several examples from other townships soon. There was agreement on bringing the issue back next month with the thought of rewriting the 2007 actions. Bobcean asked Budnick if Memphis charges other departments for Mutual Aid. He said no. She asked if the fire department or the City send bills to Collections? Yes, they do.
6. Certified Mail for rescue/fire runs on final billings, approved on 2-09-21. She is reconsidering her vote to approve that at the February meeting. She will have a spread sheet showing the expenses of certified mailings vs amounts collected at the next meeting. The problem is getting the first billings to people in a timely manner. That would require the fire departments getting their reports to us in a timely manner.
7. No first response or fire incident reports received from fire departments.
8. Birthdays: Patty, 4-04; Cindy, 4-02.

C. Township Treasurer, Elisha Messina. Taxes are done for the season, just waiting for next ones. The playground area of the Park is growing some very bad weeds. She called County Parks Manager Brochu, and he said they have some volunteers who will come out and pull them. She thinks this will not work because these are large weeds with long roots which break off and regrow. She is going to try a vinegar compound.

- D. Township Trustee, Planning Commission;** Larry Thomson. Absent, excused.
- E. Township Trustee, Township Assessor,** Carly Kimmen-Demil. We have received the new aerial database from the County. It is great!
- F. Building Official, Zoning Administrator,** Jim Waddy. Not in Attendance.
- G. Committees.** Already covered.

Old Business. None.

New Business

- A. Planning Commission re-appointments of Nicole Downey and David Jewell (three-year terms) to**

expire 4/24. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to approve the re-appointments of Downey and Jewell. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. Four ayes; one absent; motion carried.

- B. State Lottery non-profit Resolution – Adam Bergen. Legal information regarding MSLC application. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to adopt Resolution 2021-09, MSLC approval. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye. Four ayes; one absent; motion carried.
- C. Annual limestone-chloride haul Order proposal. Masters pointed out that the County has us on an 80-20 limestone Grant at this time. She is suggesting approving only one chloride spread at this time, and see what the summer brings. **Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to approve as presented: one chloride spread this year. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. Four ayes; one absent; motion carried.
- D. Playground mulch. There were two bids for playground mulch – Penchura, at \$2,350.00; and Owen Tree Service, at \$2,780.00. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to accept the \$2,350.00 bid from Penchura for playground mulch and spreading. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. Four ayes; one absent; motion carried.
- E. Electrical Moratorium Resolution. Resolution 2021-10 will mandate under what circumstances Electrical permits of more than 200 amps may be issued in Wales Township. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Masters, to adopt Resolution 2021-10 of Wales Township. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. Four ayes; one absent; motion carried.
- F. Cemetery maintenance. Messina would like to have a company come in and repair headstones and do other maintenance and repair work at our two cemeteries. Some of the old, tall ones are in great need of repair. Is the Board favorable toward looking into this further? With no objections heard, she will investigate some more options.

Public Comments. There were none.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Messina, to adjourn. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Next Meeting May 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk