

WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 01, 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 L. Masters; Clerk C. Bobcean; Treasurer E. Messina; Trustee D. Shannon; Trustee L. 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 – April 03, 2018.

C: Approval of Financial Report (Treasurer) April 2018 Bank reconciliation

D: Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Clerk) April checks written were from #76 through 113, for a total of \$56,176.30.

RECONSILED ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MARCH 2018

3/31/18 STATEMENT	PRIOR MONTH BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH INCOME	CURRENT MONTH DISTRIBUTIONS	CURRENT MONTH BALANCE
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 44,900.68	\$ 50,374.00	\$ 29,447.68	\$ 65,827.00
CHASE GENERAL SAVINGS	\$ 117,097.77	\$ 6,973.62	\$ -	\$ 124,071.39
CHASE TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 94,267.79	\$ 21,376.42	\$ 83,621.23	\$ 32,022.98
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$ 10,207.58	\$ 1,251.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,459.09
PARKS & REC FUND (designated)	\$ 61,537.11	\$ 5.23	\$ -	\$ 61,542.34
CEMETERY FUND (designated)	\$ 10,956.59	\$ 1,200.97	\$ -	\$ 12,157.56
 CEMETERY 365 DAY CD-(designated)	 \$ 60,115.47	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ 60,115.47
CHEMICAL 183 DAY CD 8521	\$ 101,835.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,835.76
CHEMICAL 183 DAY CD 8532	\$ 101,887.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,887.09
CHEMICAL365 DAY CD 8543	\$ 146,951.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,951.07
 TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 133,815.37
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$ 583,054.38
 TOTAL FUNDS				\$ 716,869.75

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Two Perry brothers questioned on whether, or how, they can split a parcel with inadequate frontage. Their mother's intention has always been to allow them to each have land on either side of her house for houses of their own. They were advised to speak with the Assessor and the Zoning Administrator.

GUEST PRESENTER. None.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. R-LEMS Newsletter.

B. SCC Health Dep't. Septic Bill (HB 5752/5753)

C. Rep. Hornberger Legislative Update

D. Emergency Management Breakfast 5/18/18.

REPORTS

Township Supervisor. (Masters)

1. SSC Road Comm. re: Goodells Rd.

C. Township Clerk's agenda. (Bobcean)

1. DEQ notice of Pine River bridge replacement. It is their intent to replace the bridge on Wales Center Rd. over the Pine River.
2. SCC Economic Alliance Seminar.
3. Election Training and Certification. We are currently paying \$15.00 for training. Clerk would like to have it increased to \$30.00. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to pay election workers \$50.00 per training session (once every two years). Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
4. Two birthdays this month, Trustee Dave Shannon and Zoning Administrator Jim Waddy.
5. Clerk was given a note by Deputy Treasurer requesting an increase in internet speed. Frontier has upgraded its systems, and can offer higher speeds than was previously available. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to upgrade to the 15-2 program, at \$40.00 a month. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
6. Bobcean also mentioned that she will be requesting the purchase of a new laptop for elections at the next meeting.

C. Township Treasurer's agenda. (Messina) Nothing.

D. Township Trustee-Planning Commission; Emergency Preparedness. (Thomson) There was a Planning Commission meeting in April. The members would like to have more involvement by the Planner in developing charts and graphs. Masters is already working on that with SCC Metro Planning.

E. Township Trustee-Zoning Board of Appeals; Parks. (Shannon) Nothing.

F. Committees. Park Committee members are meeting with electricians for recommendations and quotes for lighting and electricity at the park.

G. Other. None.

OLD BUSINESS.

A. Adopt Amendment for Policy # 004.

It is a State requirement that the Township maintain office hours on the last date that taxes can be paid without penalty. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to amend Policy #004, by the addition of *"The Treasurer's office will be open during regular business hours to collect taxes at the end of the summer and winter tax seasons. If this falls on a day that the office is closed, the Deputy Treasurer will be paid at regular wages."* Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes; motion carried. Bobcean will check further on weekly hours for part time workers.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Seeking Metro Planning mapping services – Master Plan.

Metropolitan Planning is developing the same maps the Planner could provide to the Planning Commission. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to accept SCC Metro Planning offer of "not to exceed \$180.00" for maps needed for updated Master Plan. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Solar Zoning Ordinance MEMO, obtaining Professional Planner.

Masters is asking the Board to make developing a Solar Ordinance a priority. She has three sample Ordinances available now, and is willing to work with the Commission on the project. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Shannon, to direct Planning Commission to make work on a Solar Ordinance a priority, ahead of work on the Master Plan. All in favor; motion carried.

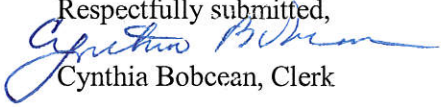
C. Planning & Zoning Essentials workshop training approval.

Fort Gratiot is offering an MTA style workshop for \$70 per person. There was discussion on the need and cost of this training. Motion by Masters, second by Bobcean to approve the Planning and

- Zoning Essentials Workshop Training, at \$70.00 per attendee. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, nay; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Thomson, nay; Masters, aye. Three ayes; two nays; motion carried.
- D. Reappoint David Basnaw Planning Commission term (3 years). **Motion** by Masters, second by Shannon, to approve reappointment of David Basnaw. All in favor; motion carried.
- E. Budget Amendment – Insurance and Bond increases.
Motion by Masters, second by Shannon, to amend the FY 2018-2019 Budget by omitting line item 295, omitting “Kimball contract” from line item 803.300, and increasing line item for Insurance and Bonds from \$15,500.00 to \$16,500.00. All in favor; motion carried.
- F. El-Haddad - request for compliance through Attorney Dubai.
Masters explained the background on the efforts to have Mr. El-Haddad comply with Township Ordinances, prior Court action, and present situation. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to have Masters instruct Dubai to proceed with issuing a “Notice of Violation and Demand for Compliance”. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye. All yes; motion carried.
- G. Request Planning Commission Public Hearing on Sign Ordinance “setbacks”.
After discussion on the request being made, the Board went into workshop session, to consider amending Section 20.27.2-A of the Township Zoning Ordinance Book, by the addition of subsection A.1. “the setbacks shall be ten feet from the road right-of-way, unless stated otherwise in this Ordinance”. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, for the Board to amend Section 20.27-2-A, by adding line A.1, as stated, and have Part B.d to read in the second column as marked on page 126, and B.h, as marked in the second column, page 127 of the Ordinance. (included in Minutes) Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.
- H. Newly added request to attend training session.
Bobcean received a request from Deputy Treasurer to attend a session in Port Huron on “Assessing and Taxing”. Treasurer spoke in favor of it, as the two departments are closely linked. The cost is \$30.00. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Bobcean, to approve the expense for the training session. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried.
Next meeting – June 05, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk