

**WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 05, 2019**

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

ROLL CALL: Members present: L. Masters, C. Bobcean, E. Messina, L. Thomson.

Members absent: D. Shannon, excused.

Also present: Recording Secretary J. Duncan, six members of the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes – 1-08-19, acceptance of draft Planning Commission Minutes – 1-15-19.
- C. Financial Report (Messina) Dec. 2018 bank reconcile.
- D. Approval of additional bills and Check Register (Bobcean). Checks 474-519, \$31,297.81.

**REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 10/31/18**

	PRIOR MONTH BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH INCOME	CURRENT MONTH DISTRIBUTION	CURRENT MONTH BALANCE	INT	R D
CHASE GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 61,155.55	1,927.00	55,820.53	7,262.02		
CHASE GEN INGS	\$ 42,747.00	133.86	-	42,880.86	0.18%	
CHASE TAX ACCOUN	\$ 13,471.49	2.04	250.00	13,223.53		
CHASE BOND SAVINGS	\$ 15,474.22	1,752.27	3,755.00	13,471.49	0.18%	
PARKS & REC FUND (designated)	\$ 73,667.03	6.26	-	73,673.89	0.10%	
CEMETERY FUND (designated)	\$ 14,766.44	1.25	-	14,767.69	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	1,017.09	-	103,624.17	1.95%	12/29/2018
CHEMICAL 180 DAY CD 8532	\$ 102,658.80	1,017.61	-	103,676.41	1.95%	12/29/2018
CHEMICAL 365 DAY CD 8543	\$ 148,765.99	609.94	-	149,375.93	1.64%	1/3/2019
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				149,008.59		
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS				653,133.41		
TOTAL FUNDS				802,142.00		

**Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to approve Consent Agenda as amended by the additions of Old Business C. Solar Zoning Amendment will be on March Agenda; and Old Business D. Park bidding approval. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Thomson, aye. Four ayes; motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS (There may be a 3 minute time limit) None.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Richmond-Lenox EMS Response Report
- B. SCCRC Township Annual Meeting. Meeting is Thursday, February 21, 2019.  
St. Clair Co. EDA Dinner, February 12, 2019.

**REPORTS**

**TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**

- A. Legal: El-Haddad case hearing February 22, 2019.

- B. Email from SCCRC Board letter Re: ITC. The Road Commission says it has a purchase order for \$17,000.00 for stone on Cove Road by ITC.
- C. Drain Commission Bob Wiley letter. Letter from Township Supervisor re: Drain 203.

#### TOWNSHIP CLERK'S AGENDA

- A. Building Permit fee schedule increases. Fee increases for larger homes and larger pole buildings were presented. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to accept as presented. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to postpone this issue until the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes; motion carried.
- B. EMT Scholarship application. Richmond-Lenox EMS announced a scholarship in memory of Jim Jones, one of their own. The scholarship will pay \$2,000 tuition to attend the EMT program at Macomb Community College.
- C. MDOT sent a report on the highway improvements for FY 2018.

#### TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S AGENDA, TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE (MESSINA)

- A. Treasurer report. Taxes payment deadline is coming.
- B. Parks. They plan to review the Recreation Plan at their next meeting.

#### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-PLANNING COMMISSION (THOMSON)

- A. The Planning Commission has finished it's review of the Master Plan, and is planning on beginning on the Zoning Ordinance at the next meeting. They suggest that the Master Plan work be sent to the Planner for review before completion.

#### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; SCC PARKS; FIRE AUTHORITY COMMITTEE; (SHANNON)

- A. Fire Authority /Wales met 2-1-19, next meeting 2-13-19. Shannon is absent. Masters gave a report on the Fire Authority meeting. They were looking for signatures on a letter of intent to adopt. She said she was expecting it to be a letter of interest.

#### COMMITTEES None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hall parking lot asphalt 2" overlay Astec \$15,850.(contingent of park), Hess \$17,608. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, to accept the bid of \$15,850 from Astec for the parking lot repair and maintenance work. Roll call vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, absent. Four ayes, motion carried.
- B. Township Park Committee re-appointments and new applicant considerations. **Motion** by Masters, second by Thomson, to re-appoint Mikolajczyk, Shannon, Downey, and Messina; and the new appointment of Gordon Ruttan, to the Parks committee. Roll call vote taken; Masters, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye. All ayes; motion carried. Thomson commended Messina for all of her ongoing work. He asked her if Parks had discussed a joint meeting with Planning Commission. She said they are going to try to do that as soon as they have reviewed their Recreation Plan.
- C. Solar Zoning Amendment will be on the March Board Meeting Agenda.
- D. Park bidding approval. **Motion** Messina, second by Masters, to approve Shannon Excavating and Astec for the Multi-purpose court installation at a cost of \$ 23,800.00. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Thomson, aye. Four ayes, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Township owned property on Lambs Road. Consent by Board to sell. The parcel of land on Lambs Road which is owned by the Township, and has been offered for sale many times, has some interested parties. State Law only allows the Township to receive as much in payment as it has invested in the costs of owning it. **Motion** by Messina, second by Thomson, to grant Supervisor permission to run a bid process on the two parties interested in the purchase. The purchaser would have to assume the cost of title insurance, cash deposit, and purchase agreement. All to be done by a deadline of February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Thomson, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Shannon, absent. Four ayes; motion carried.

Public comments. Before public comments were presented, it was brought up that the SCC Road Commission is looking for input on spraying the roadsides for noxious weeds. They want to expand the spraying to the edge of the road-right-of-way in certain problem areas. The townships and the Road Commission will meet together in February, so they would like to have an idea of thoughts. There was some agreement on the idea of limited spraying.

Also, a message was received from Mr. El-Haddad's attorney, asking for a continuance on his Court date, or to have the hearing dropped, because he says he is trying to sell the property. There was no interest in complying with his request.

To the public; Mr. Bill Sarwas asked about the state of the Solar Ordinance. It will be brought to the Board at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Wales Township Zoning Administrator will be in attendance at that time. The Supervisor advised that it is always advisable to put concerns in writing.

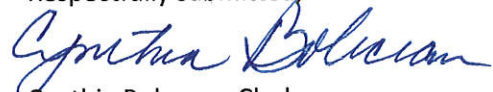
Mr. Steven Anderson would like to petition the Board to opt out of marijuana distributions at least until more information is known on the rules. He submitted a letter with detailed reasons for his request.

Thomson agreed with his ideas. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Masters, that we enact a moratorium on marijuana dispensing within the township limits, if such an action is legal. There was a great deal of discussion. Rollcall vote taken: Thomson, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, no; Bobcean, no; two ayes, two nays; motion failed. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to re-visit this item on March 19<sup>th</sup>. All ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Elliot found the County Drain Commission workers and equipment on her property without informing her first. Wales's office showed her that there is a County drain on her property. She has already spoken with the Drain Commissioner.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Messina, second by Thomson, to adjourn. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Next meeting March 19, 2019, including Budget hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk