

Wales Township Board Meeting
October 04, 2022

Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call: Masters, Bobcean, Messina, Kimmen, Downey; aye. All present.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Consent Agenda: Add to Agenda: Item E in Correspondence: Announcement of MTA Luncheon. Add to New Business: Item B, invoice from Caleb's Creations; Item C, County Ambulance millage. Approval of the Minutes of the 9-6-22 meeting with correction of removing Master Plan under Trustee Kimmen and combining items 1 and 2. approval of the Additional Bills and Check Register-Post-Audit (Clerk) Checks #2270-2317; \$77,765.40; report as presented. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Messina, to accept the Agenda as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Comments from the public on Agenda items. (3-minute time limit). Mr. John Peters spoke on the amount of tax money a proposed solar farm could potentially bring to the Memphis School District.

Mr. Kevin Glass lives near the proposed solar farm and is not in favor of the idea.

Mr. Mark Trembar, Nextera Energy Representative, introduced Chris Rose an assistant to the company. He briefly explained the plans they have for the Township solar program. He said they may be at upcoming meetings here.

Mr. Adam Agotesku of Palms Rd. wants to look at Solar Farm Plan and asked for more information.

Supervisor Masters said there will be information upcoming, and all information is public record.

Susan Holmes of Stapleton Road is worried about the possibility of a decommissioned solar farm in the future. She saw on the internet that they have a life expectancy of 35 years, then what? Trustee Downey explained that the websites are not from the Township Board, and when the Township has information it will be placed on the Township Website.

Mr. Agotesku would like to know how the solar panels will be decommissioned?

Mr. Kevin Glass is going under the assumption that this solar farm will never happen.

Mr. Brendan Miller introduced himself as a property rights activist. He is from Lapeer, which he says has the largest solar farm in the State. He is offering himself as a resource of information if needed.

Supervisor Masters offered the Wales Township website: walestownship.org, for information.

Guest Presentations.

Mr. Paul Bailey gave the Independent Auditor Report. Wales Township has an Unmodified Clean Report. He suggested having two persons approving Bank Actions. He says the township is in fine financial condition.

Motion by Bobcean, second by Kimmen, to accept Audit of 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Jeff White, Richmond-Lenox Emergency Medical Services. He said he had good news: RLEMS has purchased a building in Memphis on M19, to become an ambulance station. It should be completely renovated within 150 days. He thanked everyone who voted for the millage this last election. They had previously not been able to afford to keep enough employees on staff. Some EMS bills which were previously inevitable are now not required. He has received questions from Clerk Bobcean about AEDs. Your local EMS can help guide you. They are simple to use, but different machines might not be compatible. The one supplied in a building may not agree with the ones on the ambulance arriving, causing delays in care. Therefore, RLEMS would like to be involved in Wales' choices. The bad news is that they cost \$2,750, and there is a twenty month delay because of a shortage of CHIPS. After discussion on the Township Policy of requiring three bids on purchases over \$1000.00 and realizing that the AED must be compatible with our only ambulance provider's equipment, **motion** was made by Masters, second by Bobcean, to purchase a Stricker Defibrillator from Richmond -Lenox Emergency

Management Services, at a cost of about \$2,750.00. Roll call vote taken: all ayes; motion carried.
Motion by Messina, second by Masters, to order purchase of AED protective case for a price not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote taken; all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence & Announcements

- A. Richmond-Lenox EMS Reports
- B. Planning Commission draft minutes, 8-22-22 and 9-12-22.
- C. Road Commission /DPW Minutes
- D. Lighting District Public Hearing November 1st, prior to Board Meeting.

Reports

- A. Supervisor, Liz Masters. Chloride for the roads is being applied now.
- B. Clerk Report, Cindy Bobcean. Emergency stand by generator. She received 3 quotes and after having our Township Electrical Inspector review them, he would like 2 companies to requote to include the outdoor siren hook-up. This may require the hall to increase the amps to 200. Downey asked if this would include possible new electrical work with the hall upgrade. Bobcean said she has no information on hall upgrade. Masters said that Emergency Management/Homeland Security maintains the siren.
- C. Treasurer, Elisha Messina. All property taxes may be paid at the Hall through the end of February. There will be a Parks meeting on November 10th.
- D. Trustee Kimmen. The Planning Commission moved to hold a Planning Commission public participation meeting at the County Park on October 17 at 7p.m. There will be a Public Hearing on Zoning Amendments at the January 17, 2023 regular meeting. She would like to speak with the Planner to see if these text amendments need personal notifications mailings.
- E. Trustee Downey has a new picture of the plans for the Hall restoration project. Signature Homes did an inspection of the wood siding. It's not good. They offered some resolutions.
- F. Building Official, Zoning Administrator, Jim Waddy. Not in attendance.

Old Business

- A. Nothing

New Business

- A. Planning Commission Recording Secretary 9-12 meeting. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to pay Kimmen for serving as Recording Secretary for Planning Commission meeting September 12th. Roll call vote taken: Masters, Bobcean, Downey, Messina, aye; Kimmen, abstain. Motion carried.
- B. **Motion** to approve payment to Caleb's Creations for \$525.00, for overage on bid for work done on setting cornhole slabs at park. The original amount approved was for \$9,350. The overage covered hardware and sand, not included in original motion. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, nay. Four ayes, one nay, motion carried. Bobcean explained her vote that there was no breakdown on the lump sum bill. Masters would like to have contingency amounts written into all bids.
- C. County ambulance Millage. Bobcean would like to have this item moved to the November meeting. OK.

Public Comments. Agotesku wants to know how many companies that are building solar panels are also recycling them? Also, who is handling the disassembling of them? How much wattage do they create, and is there just one company or many companies doing this? He heard that Edison is required to purchase the power from these panels. Is their increase going to be passed on to the public? Brenden

Miller said he could answer some of those questions. Your Township Ordinance covers most of those questions. Many companies do have policies for recycling. Kimmen asked if their contract would supersede our Ordinances? He answered no, the Ordinance will supersede.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kimmen, seconded by Downey. All ayes by voice vote.
Meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk