

Wales Township 2022-2023 Budget Hearing &  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 22, 2022

Opening

- A. Call to Order. Meeting was called to Order at 7:00p.m.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call. All Present: L. Masters; C. Bobcean; E. Messina; C. Kimmen; J. Downey.

*Schedule: Public Hearing-FY 2022-2023 Budget*

- A. *Chair opens Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.*
- B. *Chair summary of Issue*
  - 1. *Statement of General Case*
  - 2. *Explanation of Order of Business*
  - 3. *Statement of Rules for Public Hearing*
- C. *Topic/ Applicant Presentation-Budget 2022-2023*
- D. *Public Input (Chair may assess audience and set time limits)*
  - 1. *Correspondence Received Pertinent to Application. (none)*
  - 2. *Persons speaking in support (name, address). (none)*
  - 3. *Persons speaking in opposition (name, address). (none)*
  - \* *Mr. Kevin Glass asked if the Budget has been available to the public? Masters said that it has been and is.*
  - \* *Mr. Adam Agotesku asked if there is a Plan for improving the roads included in the budget.*
- E. *Chair Closes Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.*

Regular Board meeting opened at 7:09 pm.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda.
  - B. Approval of Minutes 2-1-22 Regular Minutes, revised; 3-1-22 Special Meeting Minutes, 2-1-22 closed session minutes.
  - C. Financial Report (Treasurer) Feb. 2022 Bank reconciled.
  - D. Approval of post audit Check Register (Clerk) checks #1983-2012. \$19,491.86.
- Before approving the Consent Agenda, the Board recessed at 7:13 to privately read the Minutes of the Closed Session of the February 01, 2022 Board Meeting. Board came back from recess at 7:16 p.m.

**Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to approve agenda with amendments. Roll call vote taken: all ayes: motion carried.

Comments from the public on Agenda items.

Mr. Glass inquired as to what is a Road Tour? Supervisor explained. He said that he had thirty neighbors at a party, and they discussed road conditions.

Mr. Agotesku asked about improving a section of road at a time to make it closer to permanent. Supervisor replied that the Board has been increasing our efforts on roads, including applying for any grants possible. He started explaining "mechanical concrete", and she advised him to contact the SCC Road Commission.

Mr. Schieble asked the Board to please consider Stapleton Road north of I-69 when planning road spending, especially on ditching. He said that he has been scraping the road to keep it open.

## Correspondence & Announcements.

- A. Mr. Chris Parslow, Mayer Rd., He applied for an upgrade on the electrical power for his barn and was told there was a moratorium on higher amperage. He is requesting a waiver on the moratorium. No action taken.
- B. Road Commission/DPW reports from February.
- C. Planning Commission 2-22-22 draft Minutes submitted.

## Reports

- A. Supervisor (Masters)
  - 1. Road Tour 3/29/22, 9am-12 Noon.
  - 2. Earth Fair, Goodells 4/29; 9am-4pm, and 4/30, 10am-4pm.
  - 3. Historical Society Meeting 4/6; 4-6:30 pm, Goodells Park Community Center. They are looking for new members.
- B. Clerk's Agenda (Bobcean)
  - 1. Fire Run Report (attached)
  - 2. Building Inspector payroll (attached). Fire Millage renewal proposal: Bobcean asked if we want this on the August or November ballot, do we want it to be a 2-, 4-, or 6-year renewal and do we want it the same millage amount or different? The meeting was opened for workshop on these questions at 7:57 pm. After discussion on all aspects of the millage question, it was decided the Clerk would look into the election laws for possibly raising the mill on the proposal. She will email the board with her findings. This will be brought back to the next meeting. Workshop closed at 8:06 pm.  
Set Calendar for fiscal year 2022-2023. **Motion** by Masters, second by Messina, to adopt Board Meeting dates, with Monday, March 6, 2023, rather than Tuesday March 7, 2023. Roll call vote taken: all ayes; motion carried. Kimmen proposed to add Monday, 12-26-2022, and Monday, 1-2-23 as unpaid Holidays. There was much discussion on whether to make them paid or unpaid. Messina said that in any government office, the staff would have eight paid Holidays. Kimmen said they already have eight paid Holidays, with their paid vacation days and an additional 3 sick days per year. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean, to close on the legal Holidays as presented, and 12-26-22 and 1-2-23 as unpaid legal Holidays. Roll call vote taken: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, no; Downey, aye; Messina, no; Masters, aye. Three ayes, two nays; motion carried.  
**Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to accept amendments to the Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as presented. Roll Call vote taken: All ayes; motion carried.  
**Motion** by Messina, second by Kimmen, to accept report MPC #22-003 from Metropolitan Planning Commission and send to Planning Commission regarding Medical Marijuana. Roll call vote taken: All ayes, motion carried.
  - 4. Next Meeting: we need to decide if we would like to enter into a Charter Township Agreement.
  - 5. Birthdays for March: Nick-1<sup>st</sup>; Paul, 9<sup>th</sup>; Marie, 18<sup>th</sup>; and Gayle-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- C. Treasurer's Agenda, Township Parks Committee (Messina)

Taxes are all closed out. Our next Parks meeting will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to order the Port-a-John be brought back, and we need a contractor to set the poles to prevent lawn damage. Messina wants to talk with Planner concerning updating Parks plan.
- D. Trustee- Planning Commission and Assessing (Kimmen)

Kimmen reported on a quiet Board of Review. She presented the Planning Commission regular Calendar for the coming year. On April 18 we will set our workshops for Planning Commission. Kimmen has quotes on new phones for the Hall. The present ones are outdated, and unrepairable. Downey questioned buying everything from one source. No one else responded. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to purchase 8 telephones for \$3,490.00, from The Phone Guy.

E. Trustee (Downey). Nothing else to report at this time.

F. Committees. Moved to the April 5 meeting.

Old Business – none.

#### New Business

A. Budget Proposal 2022-23, Resolution #2022-04, County ARPA funding letter.

**Motion** by Bobcean, second by Kimmen, to accept the balance budget for 2022-2023 as presented with \$ 682,306.00 in revenues and \$ 682,306.00 in expenditures for General Fund and \$ 1,400.00 in revenues and \$ 1,400.00 in expenditures in Liquor Fund. Roll call: all ayes. Motion approved.

Motion by Kimmen, second by Messina to approve Resolution # 2022-04, the General Appropriations Act with estimated revenues of \$ 682,306.00 and estimated expenditures of \$ 682,306.00. Roll call: all ayes. Motion approved.

B. Quote on steps/railing repair for front porch. No action taken.

C. County Gypsy Moth Program Participation. **Motion** by Masters, second by Bobcean, to accept Gypsy Moth Agreement. Roll call vote. All ayes, passed.

D. County Park Drive Closure for 4H Fair July 18-23. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to allow partial closure of County Park Drive on St. Clair County Fair days of July 18 through July 23, 2022.

Voice vote; all in favor.

E. Emmett Fire Increase. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to pay the April 1<sup>st</sup> contract payment of \$36,656.10 to the Emmett Fire Department. Roll Call vote taken: all ayes, motion carried.


Public Comments (3-minute time limit). Kevin Glass stated that in 2004 he called then Supervisor Gene Jakubiak about his bad culvert and no ditch and in three days he had a new culvert and ditch. He asked what percentage of roads are unimproved (dirt or gravel). Supervisor said about 70%. He talked about the Road Commission and the Drain Commission needing to do something on conditions of roads and ditches.

Adam Agotesku reiterated that Samuel Thomson patented a procedure to make extremely durable roadbeds, called Mechanical Concrete.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Kimmen, second by Downey, to adjourn. By voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Next Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk