Wales Township Board of Trustees Meeting

and Public Hearing

November 01, 2022

**Corrections in bold**

**Opening**

A. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call: Kimmen, Messina, Downey, Masters, Bobcean; all present.

**Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Board Minutes, 10-4-22 & 10-18-22

C. Financial Report 9-30-22 (Treasurer)

D. Approval of Additional Bills and Check Register-Post Audit (Clerk)

**Motion** by Bobcean, second by Kimmen to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**Comments from the Public on Agenda Items** (3-minute time limit)

Jeff Christie said in the last meeting that us was mentioned that Justin Sears was from county Planning. Masters said that Justin is from the County Equalization Department.

Tracy asked about the upcoming election: How do they mark and count a write-in vote? Bobcean explained. She said the Board of Canvassers will make the final decisions on all the variations of the write-in names that Wales Township presents to them.

Susan Holmes asked who does the counting? Bobcean said one member from each political party.

Kevin Glass had a question about the 10-18-22 Minutes. He believes he was misquoted. Judy explained that is what she understood him to say.

~~MPSC Service Response.~~

**Guest Presentations**: none

**Correspondence & Announcements**:

A. Richmond-Lenox EMS Reports.

B. Planning Commission draft minutes 10-17

C. Road Commission/DPW Minutes 9-20, 10-10.

**Reports:**

A. Supervisor, Liz Masters

1. Comcast Survey update e-mail. MPSC service response.

2. SCCRC Local Road Funding Agreement 2023 Signed

3. MPSC survey on internet. Reply deadline is November 14, 2022.

B. Clerk Report, Cindy Bobcean

1. No fire runs for October.

2. BSA quote for auditor recommended “Cash Receipting” program. She asked the Board members to review, and it will be brought to the December agenda.

3. She received an updated quote for a new hall generator. She will request this to be put on the December agenda.

4. Pro-Tech hooked up the new camera for the election drop-box. Pro-Tech also gave a verbal quote of $780.00 for all new high-definition cameras. She asked that this item be moved to New Business.

C. Treasurer, Parks Committee Chair, Elisha Messina

1. She attended the MTA training session, and thought it was very informational.

2. Parks Committee is meeting on 11-10, and they will be working on the Parks Master Plan update.

D. Trustee, Assessor, Planning Commission, Carly Kimmen

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1. There will be a Planning meeting on Nov. 21st, 2022.
2. There will be a Planning meeting on January 17, 2023.

E. Trustee, Jason Downey, Hall Maintenance Project Committee

1. He has spoken with Jeremy Griffiths on the updating of the Hall. He believes that the handicap

ramp will be the costliest project.

F. Building Official, Zoning Administrator, Jim Waddy. Not present.

**Old Business**: None.

New Business

A. Supervisor request for reimbursement- SCC Assessors Meeting 10-20-22.

**Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to approve reimbursement to Masters for ~~MISO training~~

fees for two people. Roll call vote: four ayes; Masters abstained. Motion carried.

B. Emergency stone load for Stapleton Rd., between Sparling and Dunn Roads, estimate 54 tons of limestone, for a price of $ 1500.00. **Motion** by ~~Kimmen~~, Messina second by ~~Messina~~, Kimmen to approve. All ayes; motion carried.

C. Lawyer to attend PC November 21, 2022 meeting; and January 17th hearing. Masters would like to

have the new lawyer from Foster-Swift attend the two meetings, on 11-21-22, and 1-17-23, to help familiarize himself with our situation. ~~If not in person, then by remote connection~~. If not done remotely, then in person. **Motion** by Messina, second by Bobcean, to allow the Foster-Swift attorney to attend the above meetings.

Roll call vote taken: all ayes; motion carried.

D. Renew MTA Principals of Governance Agreement, and add to Township Policies.

**Motion** by Kimmen, second by Masters, to renew the agreement and the adoption of Policy #24 and add it to Township Policies. Roll call vote taken: all ayes, motion carried.

E. High-Definition cameras: Downey asked how many cameras would be

needed? Bobcean: 4 or 5. If needed to be removed, they can be pulled out and reinstalled by pushing them back in. Bobcean will get a written quote with all the specs for the December meeting.

**Open Public Hearing on Lighting at 7:16 p.m**. Gayle Perry said that the light on Cove Rd. near Lambs

Church is on constantly. Edison will be notified. Leonard Morton explained that the people in Lambs

and Goodells who benefit from the lights pay for them. Treasurer Messina explained how that is

mathematically done. There are 100 residences in Goodells, and 36 in Lambs, who benefit from the

lights, and there are platted maps which show the relationship between the two. With no other

questions or comments, the hearing closed at 7:24 p.m. **Motion** by Masters, second by Kimmen, to

approve Resolution 2022-15, Lighting Districts. Roll Call vote taken: all ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comments** (3-minute time limit)

~~There were several question and comments from the public regarding limestone, solar and elections. All questions were answered.~~

Jeff Christy spoke of the prices of the gravel haul. He asked the time for the Nov. 21st and Jan 17th meetings. Kimmen answered 7 pm.

Rick Semick asked if audio suffice to save money for attorney. Masters replied yes, he could phone in.

Bowersox presented a moratorium.

Larry Morden thanked the board for hiring Foster Swift and spoke of grants on interest.

Kevin Glass voiced concerns on solar.

Adam Agotesku asked how many solar companies are looking to lease land. Kimmen spoke of a company in the past that has since expired. Also asked

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what is the urgency of hiring the attorney, is the board not prepared? Masters responded we are being responsive.

Kevin Glass asked if an application has been filed by Nextera. Masters responded no.

Susan Holmes asked if the board knew of the internet grants. She wanted to know what happened to the minutes online. She felt flyer sent from Nextera was terrible. Masters responded it is a newer website but she does have the documentation.

Mr. McCullah asked the board if they apply for grants. Yes, we watch for grants.

Mr. Rosenow asked if there is a retainer. The answer was no.

Jessica Maynard wondered how may uncorporated villages are there. The answer was 2.

Jody asked how much will the Township profit?

Kevin Glass asked what does MISO do. Masters answered.

Susan Holmes responded to Jody that the leaseholders will benefit and the property owners.

Sandra Tanehill asked if current or future board members have a vote in the direct proposed project if they will benefit. Masters read the policy adopted.

Mark Trumbauer gave an update of the process of leasing land.Benefits are Tax revenue(17 million to county and community). If anyone has questions, please ask. We will have a community workshop far before an application.

Mrs. Grieb stated that people have been coming out to look at the property, wondering about a cease and desist. Trumbauer said it doesn’t cost Wales anything and I would beg to differ that it would cost me everything.

Amanda Miller talked of risks of solar.

Ernest Maynard told Mark Trumbauer our township is not for you.

Susan Holmes said you cannot rezone for financial gain and that’s all they are offering.

Anthony Theodorou is a project control engineer. He said the planning commission would change the zoning by contract zoning for a specific contract for a project. Revenue of solar panels are real property. 37 million over 35 years to the township.

***Schedule Public Hearing-Lighting Districts Special Assessment Adjustments***

*A. Chair Opens Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.*

*B. Chair Summary of Issue*

*I. Statement of General Case*

*II. Explanation of Order of Business*

*III. Statement of Rules for Public Hearing: Public may speak during Public Input (D), there may be a*

*3-minute speaking limit imposed.*

*C. Applicant Presentation: Lighting District Assessment for 2022. Supervisor Masters explained why a public Hearing is necessary, and what a Lighting District is and how residents are billed.*

*D. Public Input (Chair may assess audience and set time limits)*

*I. Correspondence Received Pertinent to Application*

*II. Persons speaking in support (name, address)*

*III. Persons speaking in opposition (name, address)*

*E. Chair closes Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.*

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Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to approve Resolution 2022-15, Lighting District. Roll call vote:

Masters, aye; Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Kimmen, second by Downey to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next Regular Meeting December 6, 2022

Cynthia Bobcean

Wales Township Clerk