**WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**JUNE 6, 2023**

**Openin**g:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Present: Kimmen, Downey, Bobcean, Masters. Absent: Messina.

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes from May 2, 2023 Board meeting with 1 grammatical error and 2 month errors. Check # 2597-2630 totaling $ 30,756.94. April 2023 financial report. Motion by Bobcean, second by Kimmen to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Downey, Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor Masters**- Kimball, Memphis, and Emmett Fire departments. Kimball chief, Mr. Ed Gratz presented an overview of Kimball township Fire department and their operations. Wales Township is looking into possibly contracting with Kimball Township to serve the eastern side of the township. Mr. George Jackson, Kimball township treasurer presented the financial aspects of the Kimball budget, including the fire department budget. Two proposals with presented. #1, $32, 941.26 annually from Mayer to Nolan Rd. Proposal #2, $ 48,395.94 annually from Mayer Rd. to Wales Center Rd. No action taken at this time. Chief Bob Miller from Emmett fire department presented a proposed budget to the board. He was not prepared, for he was told the agenda was full tonight. Wales Township has already paid $ 36,656.10 which will ensure coverage until September ¸2023. Memphis Chief, Doug Pratt stated that Wales Township has a contract in place until July 2023. MTA has requested that Wales Township adopt a resolution of support for the opposition of Camp Grayling use of state land. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to adopt Resolution 2023-06 to oppose the use of 52,000 acres of land in Camp Grayling. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Downe, aye; Bobcean, nay; Masters, aye. 3 ayes, 1 nay, motion approved. UHY will no longer be the auditor for Wales Township due to personal matters in the UHY business. The township will look into obtaining another auditing firm.

**Clerk Bobcean**- Fire runs report presented. There has been a complaint regarding very old tombstones in Lambs Cemetery that have fallen over or are leaning. She has asked the board to look into township funds to repair them. Our current cemetery contractor will give an estimate of the cost to replace them. This will be brought back to the July Board meeting.

**Treasurer Messina**- absent

**Trustee, Assessor, Planning Commission Kimmen-** July Board of Review will be July 18, 2023 at 10 am., which will include 3 veteran applicants. L-4029 has been sent to county. There is one lot split in process. The hearing for the Dog Kennel has been cancelled. The planner recommends it should go to ZBA for a variance hearing. Next planning meeting is July 10, 2023 at 7 pm at Goodells Park. The website is up to date.

**Trustee Downey, Hall Restoration**- The bidding process has started for the renovations. Bid information has been published in the Yale expositor and is on the township website.

Jim Waddy, Building Official- report presented.

**New Business;**

1. **Resignation of Zoning Enforcement** **Officer Nick Buffa**, effective July 1, 2023. Motion by Kimmen, second by Bobcean to accept resignation of Mr. Buffa. Roll call; all ayes, motion approved.

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1. **Gibbard/Tomolillo performance bond extension**. Motion by Kimmen, second by Masters to extend this bond for 6 months for $ 25.00. Payment must be completed before the July 11, 2023 board meeting.
2. **July 3, 2023 hall hours**. Masters presented the possibility of closing the hall on Monday July 3, 2023. Bobcean pointed out that if we did, we would be closed for 7 days. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to close the township on July 3, 2023. Roll call: Kimmen, aye, Downey, nay, Bobcean, nay, Masters, nay. 1 aye, 3 nat, motion failed.
3. **Goodells Mini Storage** **review to planner**. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to forward the site plan to the planner for review. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.
4. **Recreation Master** **Plan to Metro Planning.** Kimmen explained that the Recreation Master Plan could be updated with SCC Metro Planning for a fee of not exceeding $ 5,210. Updating the plan ourselves in very time consuming and if updated, grant applications may be easier to obtain. Motion by Bobcean, second by Kimmen to allow Metro Planning to update the township Recreation Master Plan for a fee of not exceeding $ 5,210, using ARPA fund. Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.
5. **County 4-H Fair** **road closure**. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to allow the road commission to close County Park drive during the 4-H fair. Roll call: all ayes. Motion approved.
6. **Park Mulch addition**. Mulch must be added every 2-3 years. Motion by Bobcean, second by Kimmen to accept a bid from Penchura to purchase additional mulch for $ 2,075.00. Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.
7. **Park Committee member resignation**. Patty Mikolajczyk has given her resignation from the Park Committee effective immediately. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to accept the resignation. Roll call: all ayes, motion approved.

**Adjourn.** Motion by Kimmen, second by Downey to adjourn. Roll call: all ayes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Cynthia Bobcean

Wales Township Clerk