**WALES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 \*CORRECTIONS IN BOLD**

**Opening:**

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Kimmen, Messina, Downey, Bobcean, Masters. All members present.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes 8/1/2023 Board Meeting. Financial reports from May, June, and July. Check # 2722-2774, totaling $ 178,994.55. Motion by Kimmen, second by Messina to approve the consent agenda with additions of new business item E, adding 9644 Marquette Rd., J, retirement, L, Ravenswood ditching, M, Battery facility moratorium. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor-Masters:** Road Commission, DPW and Richmond Lenox EMS reports. Township training on AED will be September 26th at 12:30 pm. There will be a Farmers Market at the Park on September 24th.

**Clerk-Bobcean:** Fire/EMS run report.

**Treasurer, Parks Committee-Messina:** There will be a Parks Committee meeting on September 12th at 5:30 pm.

**Trustee, Assessor, Planning Commission-Kimmen:** 2 lot splits are in progress, there will be a public hearing at the hall on September 11th for a re-zoning application, Planning Commission is reviewing the Solar/Wind draft ordinances, there is a survey on the website for public input on the Township Park, website is up to date.

**Trustee, Hall Restoration Committee-Downey**: No report.

**Zoning Administrator, Building Official-Waddy:** Regarding the complaint for 2328 Cove Rd., on a accessory building on the property that a permit was not applied for. Mr. Waddy wrote a letter to the Board stating that under Michigan Residential Building Codes, a permit needs to be applied for and an inspection done for the safety of the resident. This building was constructed one year before the current owners purchased the property. After board discussion, a motion was made by Kimmen, second by Bobcean to obtain legal opinion on how to move forward with this issue. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Downey, aye; Messina, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Old Business:**

**Township Hall Renovation:** The board discussed the possibly of other options of breaking down the project into smaller sections of work instead of one contractor doing the entire job. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to hold a special board meeting soon to discuss this. Roll call: all ayes, motion approved.

**Emmett Fire Contract:** Kimmen read a timeline she composed of the communication between Wales Township and Emmett Fire Department regarding the current contract. Masters read a letter from herself regarding **~~the~~** **~~stale mate regarding~~** this matter. After Board discussion, motion by Bobcean to approve the presented Emmett fire contract. No second, motion failed. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to accept the Kimball contract to include Wales Center, Lapeer, Mayer and Yager roads. Roll call: Kimmen, aye, Messina abstain, Downey, nay, Bobcean, nay, Masters, aye. Motion failed. Motion by Bobcean to accept the Emmett contract, no second, motion failed. Motion by Kimmen, second by Downey to hold a special meeting to obtain more information. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, abstain, Masters, aye. Four ayes, motion approved.

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**New Business:**

**County Road Commission 2024 Local Road Funding grant**- postponed until October meeting.

**Park and Recreation committee appointee. Motion** by Kimmen, second by Bobcean to appoint Jessica Maynard to the Parks and Recreation committee. Roll call: all ayes, motion approved.

**Assessor training reimbursement for August 9th class-**motion by Masters, second by Bobcean to reimburse the assessor for this training of $ 40.00. Roll call, Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye, Downey, aye, Kimmen, abstain, Masters, aye. Four ayes, motion approved.

**Insurance quote for playscape**- the insurance agency has suggested that we increase the insurance on the playscape from $ 40,000.00 to $ 100,000 for an increase of $ 364.00 annually. Motion by Kimmen, second by Masters to increase the insurance coverage to $ 100,000.00 for the playscape. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Bond forfeiture for 10426 Smiths Creek Rd**.- A permit was pulled on 3/25/2021 for an addition for 10426 Smiths Creek Rd. There is no activity on the permit. Mr. Waddy and the Clerk have both called and left messages regarding any ongoing work. In July, Mr. Waddy asked them to come in and let us know their status on this project. There has been no communication. Mr. Waddy has canceled the permit. Motion by Messina, second by Kimmen to forfeit the performance bond for this permit (B-21-06). Roll call: Messina, aye; Kimmen, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Bond forfeiture for 9644 Marquette Rd**. A permit was pulled on 12/14/2021 for a new house to be built at 9644 Marquette Rd. and never started. No inspections have been done. Mr. Waddy has canceled the permit due to inactivity. I have called their number twice and left a message with no response. Motion by Messina, second by Kimmen to forfeit bond. Motion has been retracted. Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to notify the owners by certified mail and bring back to the October meeting. Roll call: all ayes, motion approved.

**Contract with Auditor-** King and King have asked if we would like to contract with their firm for next year’s audit. This would be a full audit. They also presented the option of signing a contract for more than 1 year, up to 5 years. This year’s audit went well. After board discussion, motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to accept a 1-year contract with King and King. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Approval for MTA webinar “The Art of the Agenda”.** Motion by Bobcean, second by Messina to approve up to 4 attendees to this webinar on September 13th for a cost of $ 25.00 each. Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Kimmen, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Judy Duncan resignation from Board of Review and Hall Renovation.** Motion by Messina, second by Masters to accept the resignation of Judy Duncan. Roll call: All ayes, motion approved. Judy has served the township for countless years and her hard work is appreciated.

**MTA chapter meeting 9/21.** Motion by Masters, second by Kimmen to approve the cost of any employee to attend the meeting for a cost of $ 10.00. Roll call: Kimmen, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Nancy Dudek retirement**. Motion by Masters, second by Bobcean to accept the resignation of Nancy Dudek from the position of clerical aide. Nancy has worked at the township for 5 years. Roll call: all ayes, motion approved.

**Hill Road ditching.** Motion by Bobcean, second by Masters to approve an estimate for ditching of the south side of Hill Rd. for a cost of up to $ 18,500.00 Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, abstain, Masters, aye. Four ayes, motion approved.

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**Ravenswood Rd. ditching.** Motion by Bobcean, second by Kimmen to accept an estimate of $ 7,000.00 for ditching on Ravenswood Rd. Roll call: Bobcean, aye; Kimmen, aye; Messina, aye; Downey, aye; Masters, aye. All ayes, motion approved.

**Battery Facility moratorium.** Masters has asked this to be postponed until the October meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Kimmen, second by Downey to adjourn, Roll call: all ayes. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk