

WILSON TOWNSHIP
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 14, 2017
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CALL TO ORDER: Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Clerk, Marilyn Beebe, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Trustee Jeff Argetsinger, and Trustee Louie Fall. Guests: Mike Cain, City Manager, Boyne City and Bryan Graham, Attorney.
- B. **READING OF MINUTES:** **Moved** by J. Argetsinger, **second** by L. Fall to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Discussion: None. **Voice vote: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. **TREASURER’S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:**

Treasurer –May 2017 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	285,299.46
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	27,634.62
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	11,264.77
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	640.18
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	639.33
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	248,015.97
Total Checking/Savings	573,494.33

CLERK –May/June warrants for payment: checks numbering 5363 – 5386 totaling \$65,328.77 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,618.50 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$274.34 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

Moved by L. Fall, **second** by J. Argetsinger to approve the treasurer’s report and all requests for payment. Discussion: None. **Roll call: Ayes - Fall, Argetsinger, Sorenson, Beebe, Reinhardt. Nays – none. MOTION CARRIED.**

D. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

1. Add Riverside Energy Tax Tribunal - #2 under New Business
2. Move 425 District up to #1 Citizens Comments/Oaths of Office/Presentations
3. Add NLEA/Broadband - #2 Citizens Comments/Oaths of Office/Presentations

E. **CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:**

1. 425 District: Boyne City manager Mike Cain was in attendance to discuss with the board of trustees the 425 District agreement between the City of Boyne City and Wilson Township that has expired. He stated that he understands the concerns about a long-term agreement but that he would like to try to figure out an agreeable solution. The board concurred that they too want to find a plan that both sides can find benefit from. Attorney Bryan Graham suggested looking outside of a 425 agreement. Mr. Cain noted that he’s not taking anything off the table. Mr. Graham recommended that the board consider the vision of the M-75 Corridor in the decision-making process. Mr. Cain also reported that the city verified that the appropriate amounts have been paid to the township.

Mr. Cain also reported that the MEDC may be able to help fund development of the M-75 Corridor plan and that the city commission approved the Anderson Road improvement costs.

2. NLEA/Broadband: T. Sorenson reported on the recent broadband meeting and the proposal by Aspen Wireless for a beta test project and wireless internet to the Boyne Falls substation. The beta test will be connected to 8 properties. The cost of the beta test project to Wilson Township will be \$15,000 including all exterior equipment, except Wi-Fi setup. Initially, Charlevoix County will provide the bandwidth for a monthly fee. Expansion of the system will require mini towers at a cost of \$2,000 each (one can provide service to 42 properties). Individuals will need to purchase equipment that will cost between \$130 - \$200. Future bandwidth will be supplied by NLEA. The board approved moving forward with the project.

F. **PUBLIC HEARING / CORRESPONDENCE:** None

G. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Supervisor's Report (Todd Sorenson): Discussed throughout the meeting.
2. Planning Commission (Jeff Argetsinger):
 - a. M-75 Corridor Plan: Funds may be available for the plan
 - b. Discussed 425 District Agreement
3. Zoning Board of Appeals (Marilyn Beebe): No meeting
4. MTA (Jeff Argetsinger): No meeting
5. Cemetery: Jeff Argetsinger
 - a. Discovered a grave marker with no record of burial in Todd Cemetery. No record can be found of the birth either. T. Sorenson noted that he will contact the county sheriff dept. and equalization to see if they can assist in some way.
 - b. Flags were put out for Memorial Day
 - c. Found 3 tanks to hold water for use at the cemeteries. Cost is \$75 each.
6. Township Park and Hall (Louie Fall)
 - a. New picnic tables were delivered - unassembled. L. Fall was concerned about them being stolen. Sorenson noted that outside security cameras could be installed.
 - b. Fall suggested either buying or renting trash pumps to pump out marrow at the channel opening. Sorenson will check on price and contact DEQ.
7. Roads (Todd Sorenson): Discuss under unfinished business.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Anderson Road: Bid list was received with the low bidder being Tri-County Excavating. The township's portion of the project is \$164,780.15. **Moved by J. Argetsinger with second by L. Fall to award the Anderson Road Reconstruction Project to Tri-County Excavating with Wilson Township's portion being \$165,780.15. Discussion: None. Roll Call: Ayes: Reinhardt, Beebe, Sorenson, Argetsinger, Fall. Nays: none. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. 425 District: Discussed previously
3. County Parks Grant: Picnic tables were delivered and reimbursement received from the county.
4. Roll up tarp walls for pavilion: T. Sorenson provided a quote for three (3) 8 foot roll up tarps for the pavilion. He will check on the cost for additional tarps for additional coverage and report back to the board.

I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Hardship Exemption Resolution: **Moved by J. Argetsinger with second by L. Fall to adopt the Wilson Township Poverty Guidelines Resolution. Discussion: None. Roll Call: Ayes: Reinhardt, Beebe, Sorenson, Argetsinger, Fall. Nays: none. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**
2. Riverside Energy Tax Tribunal: Riverside Energy contends that they are paying too much personal property taxes in the entire State of Michigan. They are appealing their case to the

Michigan Tax Tribunal. Due to the costs to townships to fight the case, Bryan Graham thought it might be possible to do a pool to defend.

J. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

K. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further items on the agenda, K Reinhardt **moved** to adjourn at 8:10 PM, **second** by T. Sorenson. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk

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