

Wilson Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting –June 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Clerk Marilyn Beebe, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Trustee Jeff Argetsinger and Trustee Louie Fall. Guests: Tim LaCroix, and Cheri Leach and Bryan Shumaker representing Raven Hill Discovery Center.

READING OF MINUTES: **Moved** by Jeff Argetsinger with **second** from Louie Fall to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, Discussion: None. **Voice vote: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:

1. Request for graveling the south end of Bergmann Road. An estimate for gravel projects on Bergmann Road and Jaquay Road came in at \$21,350 and \$35,070 respectively for a total of \$56,420. The 2014/2015 budget for gravel projects was approved at \$52,400. Todd recommended doing both jobs with additional monies from the general fund. Jeff commented that the ditches also need repair. The issue was tabled to the July meeting. In the meantime Todd will contact the road commission to get additional information/estimate for graveling the ditches.

PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Preliminary presentation for a proposed Raven Hill Park. Cheri Leach and Bryan Shumaker were in attendance to propose that Wilson Township work with them to construct a Wilson Township Visitor Center on Pearsall/Fuller Roads. The park's conceptual drawing included a visitor center building, picnic area, archery practice area, viewing area of Deer Creek canoe and kayak launch site. During the winter months when the "hill" makes it difficult for visitors, the visitor center could be leased to Raven Hill. Bryan Shumaker added that Raven Hill is a great area for telescopes and night sky viewing Sheri noted that other organizations have expressed an interest in helping to create the park (i.e. the Breezeway). Sheri also said that utilities are already installed on the proposed property, which will reduce some of the costs.
 - a. Phase I – purchase property
 - b. Phase II – improve the property

Funds for the property purchase and improvements would be obtained from grants. Tim LaCroix commented that he would be happy to work with the township to help secure grants. Tim noted that it's important that the relationship between the township and Raven Hill is mapped out. Todd commented that stumbling blocks could be the price of the property and that land values have dropped and grants look at current values for awards.

Moved by Jeff Argetsinger with **second by** Kerri Reinhardt to proceed with exploration to develop a Wilson Township Visitor Center. Discussion: Louie Fall questioned who would be responsible for maintenance of the park. Sheri Leach responded that there are creative ways to manage things, i.e. rent could cover some costs. Louie was also concerned about future millages being turned down because residents have indicated on surveys that they didn't want township monies spent on recreation improvements. Jeff Argetsinger added that the surveys also indicated that residents weren't opposed to recreation improvements if they were paid for by grants and other means. **Roll call:** Reinhardt –aye, Sorenson – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Fall – nay, Beebe – aye. **Motion carried.**

2. Boyne District Library Annual Report. Sharon LeBuda provided the Board with the library annual report for review. Penal fines and electronic access budget line items were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:

Treasurer –May 2014 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	346,205.70
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	-2,809.31
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	11,231.11
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	699.77
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	3,426.26
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	102,432.49
Total Checking/Savings	461,186.02

CLERK –May/June warrants for payment: checks numbering 4377 to 4401 totaling \$37,004.24 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,367.78 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$232.44 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

Moved by Louie Fall with **second** by Jeff Argetsinger to approve the treasurer's report and clerk's warrants for May/June bills totaling \$37,004.24. Discussion: Louie asked about the mowing costs for park clean up. Louie indicated that he told the contractor that the park clean up wasn't needed. Beebe noted that the bill was sent to Jeff and Louie for approval. Jeff approved the charges but heard nothing from Louie, so the total bill was paid. Todd said he would call the contractor and discuss the issue. Louie also asked what the payment to Gabridge was for –for partial audit charges. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Beebe - aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Supervisor: Todd Sorenson. Report submitted.
 - Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority. Authority is up and running. There is a meeting scheduled for the 18th. The balance of the recharter agreement with the City of East Jordan (\$15,003) is being paid to the authority for operations.
 - Broadband. More information should be forthcoming in two weeks. Connectivity for 100% coverage is a struggle. Right now Air North is at 60%. An anchor tower seems to be the issue holding up progress on the project.
- Planning Commission: Jeff Argetsinger – no meeting.
- ZBA: Marilyn Beebe – no meeting.
- MTA: Jeff Argetsinger - no meeting.
- Cemetery: Jeff Argetsinger. – Meeting with Jack Caverly about lots that need to be moved (4 ft.) to the south because of trees. Todd noted that he will contact Bryan Graham for advice. Still working with Brian Kelly to get maps through the GIS system.
- Park/hall: Louie Fall – Louie has playground equipment that he would like to sell. Todd will get pictures and try to get some prices to see what the equipment might be worth.
- Roads: Todd Sorenson – Discussed previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority – discussed in Supervisor's report.
- Broadband: Air North Communication – discussed in Supervisor's report
- .Audit – in the works. Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and possible approval of contract for legal services. Bryan Graham sent the township a contract with proposed rate increases for legal services. The proposed rates are \$150/hr. for zoning services and \$155/hr. for non-zoning services. In 2006 the rates were \$130/hr. and \$135/hr. respectfully. Current rates are \$140/hr. and \$145/hr. **Moved by** Louie Fall with **second by** Jeff Argetsinger to approve a rate increase of \$150/hr. for zoning services and \$155/hr. for non-zoning services. Discussion: none. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Beebe – aye. **Motion carried.**
2. Policy for viewing public records. Todd provided proposed language that was recommended by Bryan Graham to add to the administrative policy. The proposed language addresses public access to township information. **Moved by** Marilyn Beebe with **second by** Kerri Reinhardt to amend Section 6.9 of the Wilson Township Administrative Policy as submitted. Discussion: none. **Roll call:** Reinhardt – aye, Sorenson – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Fall – aye, Beebe – aye. **Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Board of Trustees, Louie Fall moved to adjourn, with second by Kerri Reinhardt. **Voice vote: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk