

Wilson Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting –July 9, 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 Valerie Snyder, candidate for Circuit Court Judge.

READING OF MINUTES: **Moved** by Jeff Argetsinger with **second** from Kerri Reinhardt to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. Discussion: Jeff noted a correction to the minutes: *construct a Wilson Township Visitor Center on Pearsall/Fuller Roads*. **Voice vote: Ayes – 5, Nays - 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:

1. Valerie Snyder, candidate on the August Primary Election ballot, was in attendance to introduce herself to the board and to emphasize her background, qualifications, experience, and beliefs in her bid for Circuit Court Judge.
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1 of 2014: Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1 of 2014 amends Article 17 Signs to address LED signs. The Amendment was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Wilson Township Planning Commission and the Charlevoix County Planning Commission. **Moved by** Louie Fall with **second by** Kerri Reinhardt to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1 of 2014. Discussion: none. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Beebe – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2 of 2014: Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2 of 2014 amends Article 13 Nonconforming Uses, Lots and Structures to address restoration of nonconforming uses and structures that are removed for the purpose of environmental cleanup. The amendment was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Wilson Township Planning Commission and the Charlevoix County Planning Commission. **Moved by** Jeff Argetsinger with **second by** Marilyn Beebe to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2 of 2014. Discussion: Todd Sorenson stressed that if the cleanup isn't done, the township risks further pollution of the parcel, Deer Lake, and Deer Creek. The pollution is a health concern and the Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to allow the DEQ to remove the building and clean up the contaminated soil. The township's attorney tailored the amendment so that it could only be used in this instance. **Roll call:** Reinhardt – aye, Sorenson – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Fall – aye, Beebe – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:

Treasurer –June 2014 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	281,757.76
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	32,436.61
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	11,232.03
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	699.77
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	226.26
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	102,445.12
Total Checking/Savings	428,797.55

CLERK –June/July warrants for payment: checks numbering 4402 to 4426 totaling \$56,608.88 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,517.32 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$254.56 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

Moved by Marilyn Beebe with **second** by Louie Fall to approve the treasurer's report and clerk's warrants for June/July bills totaling \$56,608.88. Discussion: Fall asked what the two payments to Great Lakes Energy were for. Beebe said that one charge is for hall electricity and the other for outside lights. Fall reported that the charge last month by Aly's Lawncare for park clean-up was credited on this month's bill. Sorenson noted that the charge from Boyne City for ambulance services was being questioned as well as the BC fire contract charges. The check will be held until the contract terms are discussed and agreed upon. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Beebe - aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Supervisor: Todd Sorenson. Report submitted.
 - Gordon Compton is going forward on new phones for the hall, clerk and fax for supervisor and hot spot at the township hall.
2. Planning Commission: Jeff Argetsinger – Approved site plan review for Clare's Country Corner.
3. ZBA: Marilyn Beebe – no meeting.
4. MTA: Marilyn Beebe – Scheduled speaker didn't show up. Discussed upcoming MTA Events and Proposal I on the August Primary Election. The July meeting, a potluck, will be held at Wilson Township Fall Park.
5. Cemetery: Jeff Argetsinger
 - Still waiting on Brian Kelly for cemetery mapping
 - Jeff worked on leveling the entrance to Lewis Cemetery
 - Topsoil ordered for Lewis and Todd Cemeteries
 - Todd reported that there is a program called "Find a Grave" that Todd and Jeff may use whereby a search can be made on a name and a picture and information of the actual grave site will be returned.
6. Park/hall: Louie Fall –Moved a grill to front of park
7. Roads: Todd Sorenson – Discussed further under Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Broadband: Air North Communications – Sorenson reported that Air North hasn't contacted any property owners yet for tower locations.
2. Audit: in the works. Retuned release and letter of engagement to Gabridge & Co. end of June.
3. Review 2014 road improvements for Wilson Township:
 - Pleasant Valley looks good but there are still concerns. The road commission will be doing more improvements to flow reducing and retention areas
 - Anderson Road – The Township's cost share for improvements on 1,300 feet of the north end of the road would be \$70,000. The Board decided that funds weren't available this year for graveling on Anderson Road.
 - Bergmann Road – Graveling for the south end of the road that hasn't been improved for over 30 years. Due to the amount of travel on this portion of the road, the aggregate base was reduced to 4 inches. The cost for the project is \$14,210.
 - Jaquay Road – Afton stone for gravel portion. The cost is \$35,070 for about 1.2 mile of the road.
 - Healey Road – The road commission will patch the road this year. With the deterioration of the paved portion of the road, it may be best to grind the road and mix it with Afton Stone. Cost is \$36,906. The Board postponed further consideration of the project to 2015.
 - Carson Road. Cost share with South Arm Township to return the road to gravel. The cost of the project is \$25,852 to be split between South Arm and Wilson Township. The Board postponed further consideration of the project to 2015.

- Wilson Road. Cost of gravel for 2 miles from Behling to Marshall is \$81,380 and \$51,350 from Porter Creek to Marshall. The Board decided that funds weren't available this year for graveling on Wilson Road.

Moved by Jeff Argetsinger with **second by** Louie Fall to approve the gravel projects for Bergmann Road and Jaquay Road for this year. Discussion: none. **Roll call:** Reinhardt – aye, Sorenson – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Fall – aye, Beebe – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Park Playground Equipment: Louie Fall has a playground set he would like to sell. He is asking \$500. Todd noted that the structure is sound but before going ahead with the purchase he will check with the insurance company about liability and recommended ground cover. The issue was tabled to the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and update Wilson Township Administrative Policies and Procedures: Todd asked that board members review the document and provide him with updates/changes for review and discussion at the August board meeting.
2. Boyne City Ambulance: Discussed previously. Todd spoke with John Lamont and expressed concern about the number of dwellings served. Todd asked John to get back to us with clarification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Board of Trustees, **motion by** Louie Fall to adjourn, with **second by** Jeff Argetsinger. **Voice vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.** **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk